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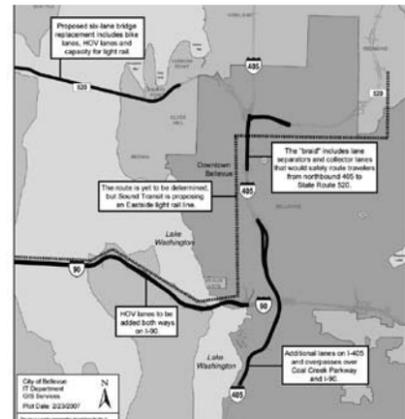


*Bellevue Utilities Conservation and Outreach program administrators Jennifer Kaufman (left) and Elaine Borjeson were "zero heroes" at the City of Bellevue's staff picnic in August, helping nearly 1,000 employees produce only a couple of small bags worth of garbage at the event.*

While the Council leads a push for greener policies, staff has been incorporating innovations that further environmental stewardship goals into the city's day-to-day operations, including:

- A revision of fleet policies to favor the purchase of hybrid vehicles;
- The greater use of environmentally-friendly components in city planning. Examples include low-impact development techniques contemplated for the Bel-Red corridor plan and the use of natural drainage practices for a new water play area being built at Crossroads Park;
- The new Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center being built to a Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification standard;
- The use of goats for natural weed control at Lewis Creek Park;
- The use of a more environmentally-friendly firefighting foam by the Fire Department;
- An increased focus on internal solid waste practices, including "zero waste" goals for certain employee events; and
- A competition within the Information Technology Department to come up with worthy green innovations.

With these and other ongoing efforts, the city hopes to continue its leadership role in environmental stewardship for current and future residents of the city.



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Building on Bellevue's long tradition of environmental stewardship, the City Council is pursuing a package of "green" measures focusing on the city's tree canopy, the expansion of recycling at parks and ball fields, natural drainage practices and buildings that conserve energy.

As a result of grassroots efforts decades ago to protect sensitive areas and open space, miles of salmon-bearing waterways and acres of parks and natural areas complement the city's booming downtown today.

Throughout the spring and summer, the City Council has adopted several measures that take the city's environmental stewardship role to a higher level, including:

- Increasing the city's recycling services at 23 community and beach parks and 24 school ball fields;

- Evaluating the city's existing tree canopy as part of a program to increase Bellevue's greenscape, especially along public rights of way;
- Rewriting stormwater regulatory standards to make it easier for residents and builders to use natural drainage practices, such as green roofs and bioswales;
- Training city staff on new energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly building practices and exploring incentives to encourage the use of these techniques and materials; and
- Signing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, which calls for the city to measure its greenhouse gas emissions and formulate a reduction strategy.



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### Environmental initiative highlight at GIS Day

In the early '60s, someone figured out how to generate a map on a computer and what is now called GIS (geographic information systems) was born.

The National Geographic Society has sponsored Geography Awareness Week since 1987 to promote geographic literacy in schools, communities and organizations, with a focus on the education of children. Associated with Geography Awareness Week, GIS Day will be Nov. 14 this year.



*Staff and visitors check out displays at the first GIS Day in the City Hall concourse in 2006.*

The celebration is coming to Bellevue City Hall, and the public is invited to a variety of geography-related festivities. Last year, the GIS Services staff demonstrated what GIS is and how it helps make Bellevue a better place to live, work and play. This year, the team will show how GIS is helping the city follow through on the environmental stewardship initiative. Come to City Hall, at 450 110th Ave. NE, and check out map displays and online interactive maps, and participate in geography activities.

Displays will include GIS maps generated to examine environmental issues from various angles, such as Clean Water Act

regulations, impervious surface analysis and pedestrian and bike friendly corridors.

GIS is much more than computer cartography; it offers a way to integrate all kinds of information about a place into an image or map of that place.

The City of Bellevue has been a leading user of GIS technology in the region since the 1980s. Many city departments rely on geographical analysis and tools in their day-to-day service to the public, from Service First answering questions using Mapster, to hiking trail maps in the Parks department, to flood control in Utilities, to sidewalk accessibility planning in Transportation.

The Information Technology Department's GIS Services division provides the public with access to a variety of maps, showing everything from weekday traffic patterns to zoning. To see the maps and other resources, go to [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/mapping\\_center.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/mapping_center.htm).



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## Council Corner

### A long-term financial plan – or a looming financial crisis

By Bellevue City Councilmember Conrad Lee

A year ago, Bellevue went through its biennial budget process. At that time, the City Council discussed at length the city's long-range financial needs, including how to fund the next generation of infrastructure improvements and keep Bellevue an excellent place to live, work and raise families. Unless we start planning for those long-range needs now, we may be looking at a looming financial crisis and a tax burden that our citizens have never faced before.

The fact is, our needs are growing exponentially. Growth in the community and business brings revenue to the city, but it also means that we will have to add staff and resources to maintain essential services.

Our region's phenomenal growth, coupled with our decision years ago to focus the lion's share of growth in our downtown to protect neighborhoods and prevent sprawl, has redefined our city and spawned new challenges.

Take downtown, for example. The downtown population is expected to grow from 5,000 to 19,000 over the next 20 years, and employment there is expected to more than double during the same period, from 36,000 to 79,000. Some people already believe our downtown is too congested. If we fail to move people through downtown, Bellevue will become a victim of its own success, ultimately losing its attractiveness due to gridlock.

Last spring, the City Council and staff began the challenging task of identifying the demographic, economic, cultural and other forces contributing to these growing needs. These needs will have to be addressed. We will need to build a comprehensive framework that is strategic, long-term, and sustainable and focuses on such areas as Bel-Red Corridor and waterfront development, downtown mobility, environmental stewardship and a new water supply.

While we build this framework, we also must continue to adequately fund our present needs, including public safety, economic development, neighborhood enhancements, parks and community services, cultural and human programs, and transportation.

- Among the questions we will surely be asking ourselves are:
- What exactly should the city's operating and capital improvement priorities be in coming years, particularly as it continues to grow into a regional urban center?
  - We obviously will fund the 'need to have' capital improvements – the basic public safety, transportation and utility improvements needed to support our community. But should we expand projects such as community centers, parks and sports and cultural facilities? They are important to our quality of life, but how will we pay for them?
  - Can we continue to provide high-quality basic services without raising taxes? If not, what should we do?
  - How should Bellevue plan for capital investments and maintain basic services when the county, school district, state and special districts are also asking you, the taxpayer, for increases in your taxes?
  - What innovative and creative approaches should we pursue to finance some of these services and improvements? Do we seek partnerships or alternative financing tools?

The stakes are high. We will be asking our citizens to invest perhaps hundreds of millions of dollars in the future of their city. If we are going to control our destiny and maintain our quality of life, we need to get answers to these questions. There will be extraordinarily heavy burdens on us unless we succeed, and the only way we can succeed is to begin planning right now.

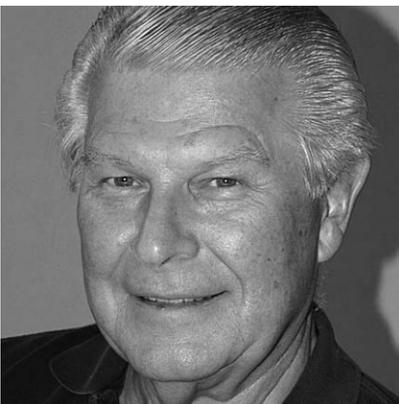
Let's get our homework done, educate and involve the public, and begin working for our future. I'd like to hear from you. I'd like to know your thoughts. The City Council needs to hear from you.

## Long-term financing workshop

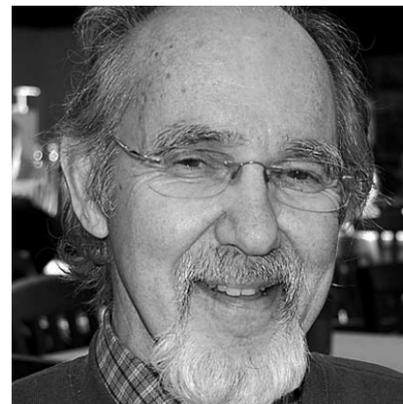
On Monday, Oct. 8, the City Council will host a four-hour workshop to discuss the city's long-term financial needs. The workshop is set for 6 p.m., at City Hall.

## Residents Talk

### What actions people can take to help the environment?



**Richard Bales:** "Fewer people. Fewer humans on earth. One live birth per woman, no more. But it shouldn't be retroactive, since my wife has three children from a previous marriage."



**Earl Glauert:** "In Bellevue, the environment has fortunately not been messed up too much. I've seen an incredible increase in traffic the five years I've lived in Bellevue. I'm concerned about the exhaust fumes as a result of the buildup of cars. Something needs to be done. We have an ideal environment here, but there's a distinct possibility it will go downhill. I hope Bill Gates uses his influence to take whatever steps are necessary to ameliorate the congestion."



**Deborah Allerdice:** "Ride the buses. You get 50 people on a bus; it's 50 less people (driving) on the road. That means fewer people trying to find a parking spot. You get rid of a parking spot and use the space to put in a tree so there's less air pollution. I love trees and I really enjoy riding the bus."



**Snehal Dedhia:** "Definitely recycling. I think for the future generation it's about recycling paper, plastics. It saves more trees."



## Council addresses the “megahouse” issue



The City Council will pursue ideas for addressing the impacts of small houses being replaced by larger ones considered by some residents to be out of scale with the existing neighborhood.

Over the next few months, the Planning Commission and Council will consider code changes to address three areas of community concern:

1. *Loss of trees and greenscape* – Residents have told the city that tree loss associated with the teardown and rebuilding of homes is harming the character of established neighborhoods. Residents also have expressed concern about the change in neighborhood appearance as hardscape replaces living vegetation in the front yards of redeveloped homes.
2. *Out-of-scale buildings* – Residents have complained about loss of light, loss of privacy and other impacts as smaller homes are torn down and replaced with homes much larger than the originals. Neighborhoods have been particularly critical of lot build-up – the practice of adding height to a lot before the new home is constructed.
3. *Construction impacts* – Complaints have centered around lack of information about building projects, and such neighborhood impacts as noise, debris build-up and interference with traffic and parking.

In response to community interest, city staff and the Planning Commission over a period of months documented problems and proposed potential solutions to the issues of neighborhood redevelopment compatibility.

Based on research and extensive community outreach, the Commission presented preliminary recommendations to the City Council at the Council’s July 16 meeting.

The City Council directed staff to prepare modifications to the city code for Planning Commission consideration in two phases – an early

implementation phase for relatively straightforward changes and a second phase to consider more complex ones.

Both the City Council and the Planning Commission emphasize that the proposed code changes aim for balance, fairness and flexibility – supporting neighborhood investment, while encouraging graceful transitions.

“We’re not trying to legislate taste,” Councilmember Claudia Balducci noted. The changes, she said, address actions that destroy the privacy, peace and enjoyment of people’s homes.

The Planning Commission was set to review the first phase of proposed code changes this fall. The proposed changes, which could be ready for implementation by January, would:

### Address size and scale concerns by:

- Modifying the way the city measures single-family building height (aimed at restricting unnecessary lot build-up);
- Eliminating the height exemption for rooftop mechanical equipment for single family homes;
- Restricting “pop-up carports” in areas visible from the street; and
- Prohibiting lot assembly beyond what is necessary to achieve minimum lot size.

### Address construction impacts by:

- Requiring regular debris removal;
- Requiring on-site informational signs; and
- Restricting “camping” at construction sites.

### Initially address loss of trees and greenscape by:

- Establishing a tree retention requirement for single-family lots undergoing redevelopment; and
- Establishing a front yard greenscape requirement for redeveloped single-family lots.

As initial changes are being considered by the Planning Commission and the public, staff will continue working on a second set of code changes to be introduced for consideration in 2008. Those potential changes would include:

- Another look at tree retention, with the possibility of expanding tree retention requirements to include lots not undergoing redevelopment;
- New requirements for placement of heating and air conditioning units;
- Special standards for homes exceeding a size threshold (could include requirements for daylight plane analysis, articulated second story and other techniques for reducing impacts on neighboring homes);
- New setback requirement for guest cottages;
- Changes in current codes or procedures that define remodels and allow for private streets to count as part of setbacks;
- Requirements for clean-up of abandoned building sites; and
- A new publication, *Guidelines for Reasonable Development*.

Public comment is invited at all stages of code discussion and adoption. News of upcoming hearings and other involvement opportunities is available on the city website at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov> or [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission\\_agendas\\_2007.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission_agendas_2007.htm).

Questions and comments on the proposed changes may be directed by e-mail to [NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov), or by telephone to Cheryl Kuhn, 425-452-4089, or Steph Hewitt, 425-452-2564.

## “E-Mail Alerts” will keep residents informed

Bellevue citizens no longer have to come to City Hall or the city’s website every time they want to learn about the latest events and services.

The city will come to them.

“E-mail Alerts” is an innovative new service that allows the public to subscribe to topics of interest and receive instant, automated e-mail or wireless notification whenever the city posts new information.

It’s easy to use. Within a few clicks residents are signed up to learn more about news releases, job openings, meeting minutes and much more.

### Improving communications

E-mail Alerts represent the latest effort by the city to enhance communications with residents and businesses. A year ago, the city unveiled a dramatically revamped website, designed to be attractive and, more importantly, easily navigable.

Spanish and Chinese versions of the site have been developed, with Russian and Vietnamese versions on the way. The site features more video, as well as online registration and feedback forms.

With news presented prominently on the home page, the website offers immediacy, but people still have had to go to the site to find out when new information is posted.

E-mail Alerts changes that by notifying people via e-mail when information on topics of their choice is posted. They can be in the loop about code revisions, City Council agendas or other city news every time they open their inbox.

### How it works

When a user is at a web page that interests him or her, they will see an E-mail Alerts logo and/or text about the service. When they click on the logo/text, they will have the opportunity to sign up for the e-mail alerts for that page as well as others if they choose. Each e-mail alert will have a link to the updated web page.

Subscribers can ask for e-mails to be consolidated into weekly or monthly digests, but city staff will ensure that people do not feel spammed. E-mails will go out only when substantive content changes. People can unsubscribe at any time.

The city has partnered with GovDelivery, Inc., to offer the service. The Minnesota-based company provides web page tracking to a growing list of government agencies, which have experienced a 20 to 40 percent increase in web page traffic while delivering better service to their citizenry.

## Fire stations open their doors

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 7 – 13), the Bellevue Fire Department will open all nine stations to the public on Saturday, Oct. 13.

The open houses will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with banners at each station advertising the annual event. The open houses give the public an opportunity to meet the firefighters who serve them, see station apparatus and trucks and pick up valuable safety information.

The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Practice your escape plan." Brochures will be available to help families develop and practice escape plans in case of a fire.

Refreshments will be served and children will receive stickers and red hats from firefighters. Residents can find the nearest station by consulting the city website at [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/fire\\_stations.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/fire_stations.htm) or calling Lt. Eric Keenan, community liaison officer, at 425-452-6995.



*Adults and children will get hands-on experience with firefighting equipment like this at the open house event.*

## Firefighters added at Factoria station

To keep up with increased demand for emergency service as well as projected population growth, the city is hiring additional firefighters at Station 4 in Factoria.

With its crew of firefighters increasing from three to five, the station is now staffed to handle both aid and fire calls at the same time from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. On Jan. 1, after more firefighters are trained, the Factoria station will become the third, along with Station 1 downtown and Station 3 at Crossroads, to have a fully staffed aid car 24 hours a day.

Until this year, Station 4, like the majority of Bellevue's nine fire stations, was "cross-staffed." All three firefighters could handle both fire and aid calls, and would arrive on the scene in a fire truck or aid car depending on which kind of call came in.

Now, if firefighters from Station 4 are out responding to a medical emergency with the aid car during the day, the station's other firefighters can still answer fire calls with the fire truck.

Although plans originally called for all of the additional firefighters to join Station 4 on Jan. 1, the two were added this summer both to meet the immediate citywide needs and to evaluate how well the new resource meets emergency needs in South Bellevue.

## New members join boards and commissions

More than 40 community-minded citizens applied this year for nine open seats on the city's volunteer boards and commissions, which each study issues important for Bellevue and make recommendations to the City Council.

In June, the City Council appointed the following:

- Jennifer Carter and David Mahon to the Environmental Services Commission;
- Deb Lazetti to the Human Services Commission;
- Keith Henrickson to the Parks & Community Services Board;
- William Lai to the Planning Commission; and
- Christina Van Valkenburgh and Tom Tanaka to the Transportation Commission.

The city's website – [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/boards\\_commissions.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/boards_commissions.htm) – offers details about all of the boards and commissions. If citizens are interested in a seat on one of these panels, look for new openings posted to the website throughout the year.

## 'Great Streets' plans go to Council



*The Great Streets project is intended to give Bellevue's downtown streets, such as 108th Avenue Northeast, more personality and make them more pedestrian-friendly.*

Design concepts that would enhance the character of downtown streets and improve their usability for pedestrians will go before the City Council in November.

Drafted after summer workshops with residents and businesses, the ideas developed for the "Great Streets" project were presented to several city boards and commissions for their review and input in September.

Once the Great Streets designs are endorsed by the City Council, the Planning Commission will review the possible land use code revisions and other boards and commissions will consider how to best target funds allocated for the project in the Capital Investment Program. The City Council will make a final decision in the spring.

Primary objectives of the Great Streets project are to improve conditions for pedestrians, introduce better landscaping and enhance the aesthetic quality of streets, using elements such as trees and public art. The project will result in plans for five major corridors downtown and a "toolkit" of pre-approved materials and designs for use along other downtown streets.

At workshops in June and July, residents and businesses suggested enhancements to their neighborhoods. At August workshops, they had opportunities to comment on the design concepts.

For more information on the Great Streets project, visit the city of Bellevue's website at [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/great\\_streets.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/great_streets.htm).

## New committee to help city guide light rail planning

In an effort to ensure that a proposed Eastside light rail line benefits Bellevue while minimizing local impacts, the City Council has appointed a new panel.

Featuring members of other city boards and commissions, the Light Rail Best Practices Project Committee is studying light rail lines in other North American cities to see what works best. That background is intended to put the city in a better position to influence Sound Transit's decision about the final alignment and design of a system in Bellevue.

An Eastside light rail line connecting Bellevue with Seattle and Redmond, to be called East Link, is a component of the Roads & Transit plan voters will consider in the general election Nov. 6. Even if that measure were to fail, an Eastside light rail line could still be in Bellevue's future.

The Committee will engage the public in a dialogue about light rail, produce a catalogue of what has worked well elsewhere and make recommendations for city policy, including potential amendments to Bellevue's comprehensive plan. The effort will run through June 2008.

Evaluation of specific route alternatives or station locations is not in the scope of the Best Practices project. Sound Transit will address those details in its draft environmental impact statement, due for completion in the fall of 2008.

The Best Practices Project page on the city website – [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light\\_rail\\_best\\_practices\\_public\\_involvement.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light_rail_best_practices_public_involvement.htm) – offers information on workshops, open houses and committee meetings.

Residents can send comments to: **Light Rail Best Practices**, P.O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009, or contact Mike Kattermann, planning project manager 425-452-2042, [mkattermann@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mkattermann@bellevuewa.gov) or Bernard Van de Kamp, transportation project manager 425-452-6459, [bvandekamp@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bvandekamp@bellevuewa.gov).



# Decision time on Roads & Transit package

Voters in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties will soon determine the direction of the region's transportation system for decades to come. A measure authorizing funding for expansion of Interstate 405, replacement of the State Route 520 bridge and construction of an Eastside light rail line will be on the ballot Nov. 6.

According to sponsors, the "Roads & Transit" package aims to reduce growing congestion on the region's highways and bridges while also making them safer. With the area population expected to grow by 40 percent over the next 25 years, supporters say the gridlock will only get worse without major fixes.

Hammered out after years of planning and debate, Roads & Transit combines the Sound Transit 2 plan focused on light rail with the Regional Transportation Improvement District's "Blueprint for Progress" plan focused on highways and bridges.

*About \$5.6 billion would go toward Eastside projects.*

The total cost of the package is estimated at \$17.8 billion for capital projects. About \$5.6 billion of that would go toward Eastside projects.

Elected leaders in all three counties approved the proposal. Bellevue City Council members on July 23 approved a resolution supporting the plan, stating that the plan "provides a comprehensive, regional transportation investment plan that includes timely multimodal transportation solutions."

## Specifically, Roads & Transit calls for:

### Transit

Sound Transit 2 builds on transit improvements currently underway that include a light rail line from downtown Seattle to Sea-Tac Airport and a segment north to the University District.

ST2 calls for 50 miles of new light rail, including up to 19 miles from Seattle, across Interstate 90, through Bellevue and on to the Overlake Transit Center in Redmond.

In addition to construction of that "East Link" line, ST2 would extend the central line north to Lynnwood and south to Tacoma. Also included are improvements to the bus rapid transit system and Sounder commuter train, additional parking and a new street car line in downtown Seattle.

Capital expenditures in East King County for East Link would include \$3.02 billion (in 2006 dollars) for light rail, \$183 million for ST Express buses and \$10 million for Sounder commuter rail studies.

The total capital costs of ST2 is estimated at \$10.9 billion in 2006 dollars and would be paid for with a regional sales tax increase of 0.5 percent, or 5 cents on a \$10 purchase.

### Roads

The RTID's board's proposed Blueprint for Progress would help finance dozens of improvements to regional highways and bridges.

Funding of \$972 million would be set aside to help pay for replacement of the often crowded, seismically vulnerable Evergreen Point Floating Bridge with a six-lane span able to accommodate HOV lanes, bike lanes and light-rail.

More than \$900 million is targeted for the addition of lanes to I-405, between Renton and Bellevue. That project is already underway.

Additionally, \$25 million would go toward HOV lanes on Interstate 90 and \$10 million would support widening 244th Avenue Northeast on the Sammamish Plateau.

The total cost of the Blueprint for Progress plan is estimated at \$6.9 billion over 20 years, beginning in July 2008. Proposed funding comes from existing taxes approved by voters in 1996, plus a new 0.1 percent sales tax and 0.8 percent motor vehicle excise tax.

### Online Information

For online information related to the Roads & Transit Plan, visit the following Web sites:

Roads & Transit Plan information: <http://www.rtid.org/rtidst.html> and <http://www.soundtransit.org/Documents/pdf/st2/TimeTackle.pdf>

RTID information: <http://www.rtid.org/>

RTID plan, "Blueprint for Progress": [http://www.rtid.org/docs/FINAL\\_RTIDBlueprint.pdf](http://www.rtid.org/docs/FINAL_RTIDBlueprint.pdf)

RTID project list by county: [http://www.rtid.org/docs/mtg06\\_08\\_07/Projects\\_by\\_county\\_June\\_8\\_2007.pdf](http://www.rtid.org/docs/mtg06_08_07/Projects_by_county_June_8_2007.pdf)

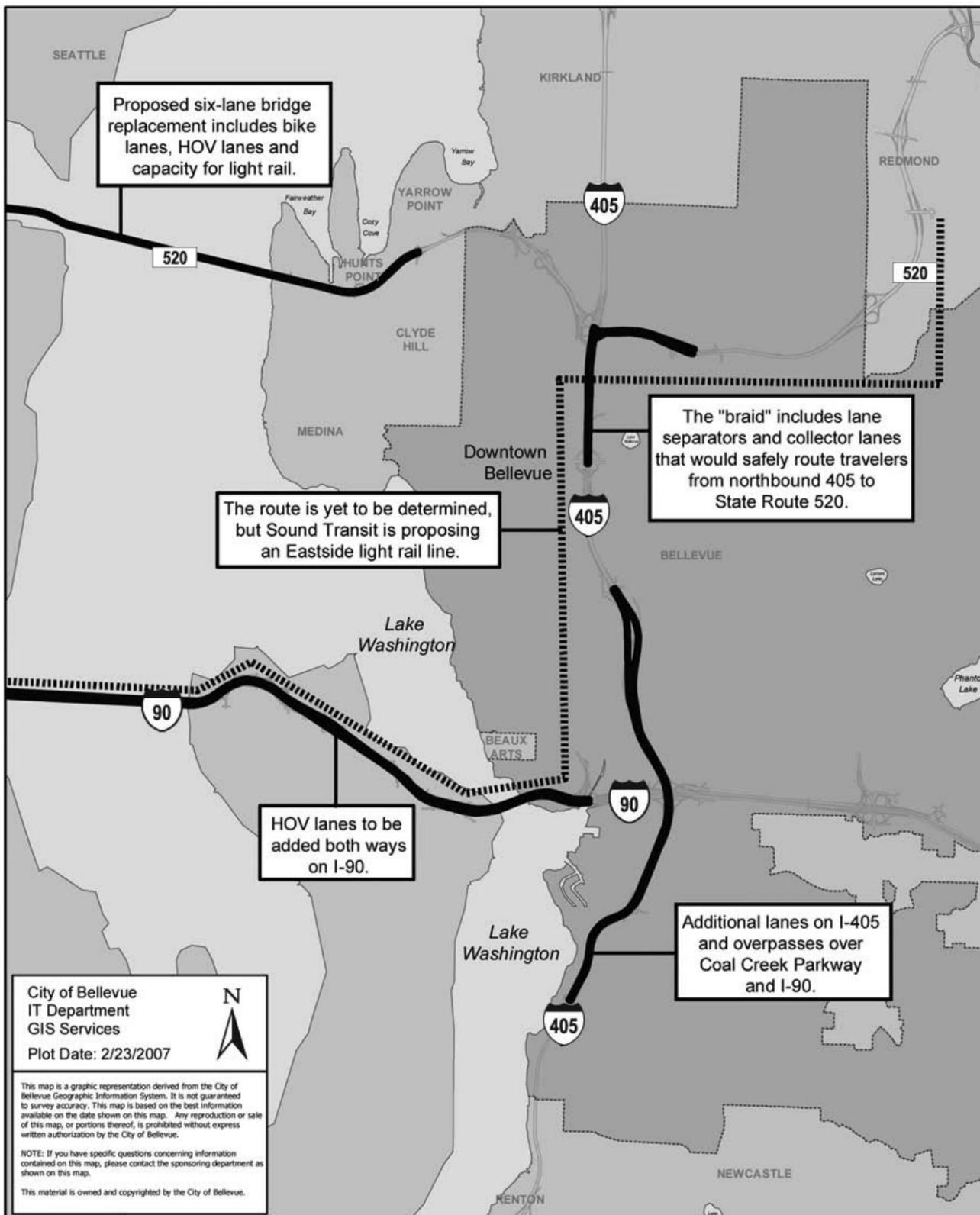
Sound Transit 2 information: <http://www.soundtransit.org/x1768.xml>

Sound Transit East King County Projects: <http://www.soundtransit.org/x1391.xml>

Sound Transit East Link Project: <http://www.soundtransit.org/x3245.xml>

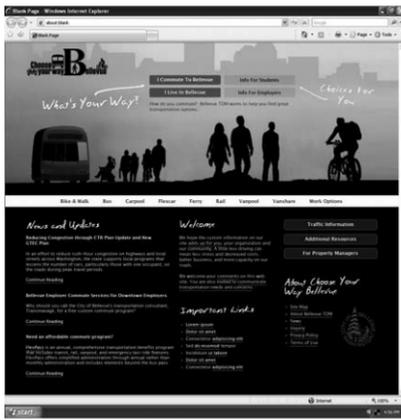
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## Regional Transportation Projects



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## 'Choose your way' will offer alternatives to traffic jams



The Choose Your Way home page portrays options for getting around downtown outside of a car.

The City of Bellevue has teamed with King County and the Bellevue Downtown Association to offer motorists commuting alternatives.

Chooseyourwaybellevue.org, a new, one-stop, online resource for commuters, residents, employers and students will offer a variety of travel options and up-to-date local traffic conditions.

Scheduled to be online Nov. 15, Chooseyourwaybellevue.org gives travelers options to driving alone and encourages them to try an alternative, even if it's just one trip a week. Making a difference doesn't mean giving up driving entirely, it

means finding new ways to match the travel mode to the trip.

Sponsors of the website believe that as the number of employees and residents in Bellevue continues to grow, the most cost effective and environmentally sound way to maintain accessibility on city streets is to promote alternatives to driving alone.

According to a 2005 survey conducted by a city-hired consulting firm, 71 percent of people commuting to downtown Bellevue drive alone to work.

The idea behind chooseyourwaybellevue.org is that small changes by individuals – such as biking, busing, carpooling or walking, rather than driving alone in a car – can have a big impact collectively. For example:

- Saving one gallon of gas by not driving alone prevents 19.4 pounds of carbon dioxide (the most prominent greenhouse gas) from going into the air;
- Every mile saved by walking, biking, or telecommuting saves about one pound of carbon dioxide;
- Reduced traffic congestion reduces the number of cars cutting through neighborhoods, decreases frustration and enhances the response time of emergency vehicles.

Among the many features of chooseyourwaybellevue.org offers: information organized both by travel option and by the type of traveler (commuter, resident or student, for example); encouragement for others to make one small change each week; and new promotions and programs to keep the website fresh.

Chooseyourwaybellevue.org is sponsored by the City of Bellevue in partnership with King County Metro Transit and TransManage, the transportation arm of the BDA.

## 'Streetwise' scooter tracks sidewalk accessibility



Riding a Segway scooter, city intern Zach Howard surveys a sidewalk for accessibility. Kids are fascinated by the device, he noted

One of those funky two-wheeled electric scooters has rolled into Bellevue with a mission – to check the city's 336 miles of sidewalks for accessibility.

A Segway Personal Transporter equipped with a videocamera and lasers that pick up small surface variations in its path, the "streetwise" scooter was developed by the Federal Highway Administration at a cost of \$120,000, and is on loan to the city as part of a pilot program.

After learning that Segways loaded with specialized hardware were used to track surface variations on airport runways, city transportation planner Franz Loewenherz came up with the idea of adapting one to survey sidewalks.

The streetwise Segway offers Bellevue an affordable way to comply with federal regulations calling for cities to assess every foot of their sidewalks for accessibility. The long-term goal is to survey all of the city's sidewalks and, eventually, make all public thoroughfares

accessible to people with disabilities. A pair of interns for the city has been operating the Segway this summer.

Zach Howard, who takes turns riding the scooter with fellow intern and University of Washington graduate student Sarah Squires, said the biggest reaction he gets to the tricked-out device comes from children.

"They really get a kick at seeing it come down the street," said Howard. Adults too notice the two-wheeled, electric scooter with its orange-vested rider. "It is a little unnerving to see drivers in their cars rubbernecking," Howard noted.

The downtown and Crossroads neighborhoods were the first areas targeted for the survey, expected to be completed next summer. (The Segway will be off the streets during the winter.)

Data collected by the Segway will be used in a "transition plan" that evaluates Bellevue's sidewalks and ramps for problems that would complicate sidewalk travel for people with a variety of disabilities. To date, few cities have completed such a plan due to the high cost and complexity of conducting a survey.

If successful, the pilot project could save Bellevue as much as \$1 million on its sidewalk evaluation.

What makes the "streetwise" Segway different from a standard model, which sells for about \$5,000, is the addition of high-tech "inertial profiling" hardware designed to survey potential obstacles such as misplaced signs and poles, buckled sidewalks and missing curb cuts.

The hardware includes a displacement measurement laser, a vertical axis accelerometer, an optical trigger and a distance measurement instrument. Together, these devices will enable the city to capture detailed information about sidewalk slope and small surface variations.

The Segway also includes a camera system that records time and location data, along with video footage that will tie into the city's computerized mapping system. Once the survey is complete, it will allow planners to zoom in on a section of sidewalk, making it easier to check on accessibility and ADA compliance.

## Comments sought on new city ped-bike plan



Cyclists sometimes have to compete with motorists on Bellevue streets.

After months of public input, including focus groups and online surveys, the city has drafted possible improvements to the network of bike- and pedestrian-friendly paths, lanes and trails in Bellevue.

Staff is recommending improvements to city pedestrian and bicycle facilities for the updated pedestrian-bicycle plan – Walk & Roll. The Transportation Commission reviewed those recommendations at its Sept. 27 meeting.

Staff will post an online map at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pedbikeplan.htm> that will make it easy for people to comment on the recommended improvements. Residents can sign up for e-mail alerts when that web page is updated, including when the Walk & Roll plan comes before the Transportation Commission or City Council.

For more information about Walk & Roll, contact the project manager, Franz Loewenherz, at 425-452-4077 or [FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov).



## Mediation training available in October

People interested in becoming volunteer conciliators, helping people resolve conflicts over the telephone, can sign up for free training in October with the Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation.

Conciliator training, a 16-hour course that covers conflict theory, communication skills building and collaborative negotiation techniques, will be presented in two four-hour Wednesday sessions, 6 to 10 p.m., Oct. 10 and 17, and an eight-hour Saturday session on Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

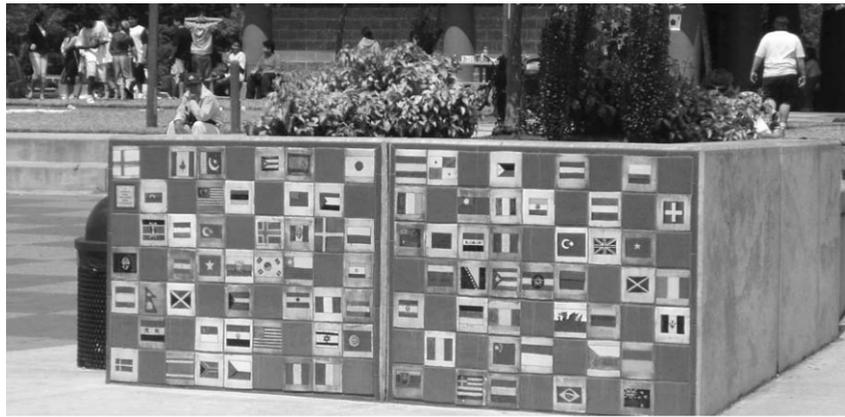
Trainees learn a variety of skills, including coaching, active listening, problem solving and convening cases for face-to-face mediation. Attendance at all sessions is required. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Conciliator training is open to people who live, work or go to school in Bellevue.

Volunteer conciliators help people in conflict over the telephone. They commit to a four-hour shift each week for six months to a year.

To sign up for conciliator training or learn more about Bellevue's mediation program, please call 425-452-5222 or e-mail [ccohen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ccohen@bellevuewa.gov).

## Neighborhoods can still get match grants



*The tile wall at Crossroads is an example of public art built with Neighborhood Match money.*

What could your neighborhood do with \$5,000?

Perhaps a handsome, new sign that announces to visitors when they have entered your part of town, or maybe landscaping along a major street. A community cluster of mailboxes could make a big difference.

The City of Bellevue offers grants of up to \$5,000 through its Neighborhood Match program for small-scale projects such as landscaping, community mailbox stand replacement or public art that fosters self-help and neighborhood pride. The community must match the money in cash, donated professional services, donated materials or volunteer labor.

Residents can apply for Neighborhood Match grants every year, from Jan. 1 to March 1. This year, there are unexpended funds, and money is still available for community projects.

To qualify for funding, projects must have the support of all affected neighbors, and the neighborhood must agree to provide 50 percent of the project cost in dollars or labor.

To apply, see the city's Match application process web page – [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/match\\_proj\\_application.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/match_proj_application.htm) – and download the Neighborhood Match application. If you have questions or need a form sent to you, contact Patricia Knight in the Bellevue Neighborhood Resource Center at 425-452-7917.

## Holiday garbage collection

Allied Waste does not collect garbage or recycling on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. If your weekly service falls on Thursday (Thanksgiving), collection will be Friday, and Friday customers will have their containers collected on Saturday.

Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Tuesday this season. If your collection day is Tuesday, it will be Wednesday this winter. Collection will be one day later for everyone else too.

## Rebates offered on water-saving washing machines

Bellevue residents who buy new, high-efficiency washing machines can get rebates of \$50 to \$100.

High-efficiency washing machines use 35 to 50 percent less water and half the energy of conventional models. Finally, high-efficiency washers use less laundry detergent, reduce drying time, get clothes cleaner and are gentler on fabrics.

Since washing machines typically last 10 or more years, the savings both in water and money can be considerable. The rebates, from Cascade Water Alliance, help make up for the sometimes higher cost of high-efficiency washers.

For a list of washing machines that qualify for the rebate and details on processing your rebate, visit [http://www.cascadewater.org/con\\_rebates.html](http://www.cascadewater.org/con_rebates.html).



## Utilities offers tax rebate

Bellevue Utilities is offering a tax rebate for all eligible low-income residents who pay utilities and live within city limits.

To qualify, total household income in 2007 must be \$25,118 or less for a single person; \$28,840 or less for married/co-tenant. The deadline for applications is Nov. 30. Those who qualify will get a rebate of up to \$96 the third week in December, right before the holidays.

This rebate is for local taxes paid on private utilities (gas, electric, telephone, garbage) and Bellevue's utilities (water, wastewater and drainage). Call 425-452-5285 for an application or for more information.

## Salmon spotted in Kelsey Creek

Salmon have been spotted in Kelsey Creek, and the number will steadily increase, peaking about the second week in October.

The city over the last few years has completed a number of projects that make salmon migration easier, including fish ladders, culvert improvements and habitat restoration.

The number of salmon returning to spawn in Bellevue streams has been increasing in recent years. Last fall, spawning surveys in Kelsey Creek recorded more than 200 chinook and more than 500 sockeye.

Salmon born in Bellevue creeks make their way to the Pacific Ocean by swimming through Mercer Slough to Lake Washington, on to Lake Union via the Lake Washington Ship Canal, through the locks into Puget



Sound, and eventually out to the ocean. They stay in the ocean for two to four years and then return in the fall months to the stream of their birth to spawn (deposit and fertilize eggs).

Many salmon sightings are on private property in Bellevue and inaccessible. The best public places to spot salmon include:

- Fish ladder at 118th Avenue Southeast, just south of Southeast Eighth Street. Look for the blue Mercer Slough signs.
- Kelsey Creek Farm - West Tributary adjacent to main parking. Fish have been seen all along the stream, from the parking lot to the pioneer cabin.
- Kelsey Creek Farm - over the hill on the east side of the farm - stand on the footbridge to view or go to a stream viewing area, down the trail to the south

Salmon Watcher volunteers working with the Utilities Department track salmon return rates and other data that reveal how salmon are using Bellevue's streams, identify possible fish passage barriers and help target professional salmon recovery work.

Salmon watchers have already been recruited for this year, but residents can contact the Stream Team at 425-452-5200 to learn about the program and find out about training for next year.

## Costco plans 2008 opening at Kelsey Creek Center

By James E. Bell, East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC) Chair

At the Aug. 7 East Bellevue Community Council meeting, Peter Kahn, Costco Director of Real Estate Development, and a team of traffic and design engineers described the project they want to build in the old K-Mart location.

About 40 people attended and got a chance to ask questions and comment on the proposed plan. During the same presentation, Nat Franklin, owner of the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center, described plans to renovate the existing center.

Costco expected to file a rezoning application later in August. With approval of the City Council and the East Bellevue Community Council by March 2008, they could be open in the late fall of next year.

The new building would be about 140,000 square feet and completely replace the existing 106,000-square-foot K-Mart facility. This retail center would not include the usual tire shop facility or a gas station, since it is smaller than the normal store of about 160,000 square feet.

The Costco official also said that there are typically 12 to 15 truck deliveries to the store each day. These are scheduled during closure hours and don't tend to add to traffic or congestion. Normal store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., which doesn't add traffic to the morning commute but will be noticed in the p.m. traffic.

Kahn said that 63 percent of the Washington households are Costco members. This will support the addition of the new store. In a parallel development, Costco is also planning to open a Redmond store in 2008.

Costco operations will decide what services and products should be available for these local stores to meet customer needs. Each Costco store employs between 100 and 200 people. About half are full-time employees. Starting wages are around \$11.50 per hour and can include high school-age workers.

Each store manager has full authority to work with the neighborhood and achieve a balance of good corporate citizenship and being part of the neighborhood. Calls to the manager about local problems/complaints such as abandoned shopping carts will be addressed.

Andy Dempsey, a CSI traffic engineer, described the traffic impacts Costco expects to the 148th Avenue corridor at Main Street. Costco is looking at another traffic signal on 148th about a block south of Main. Costco's computer models show that their proposed design would not impact the normal afternoon flow, and would facilitate the entry/egress traffic to the center.

Of course, it was recognized that the "normal" PM traffic on 148th is very heavy. A preliminary analysis by the city indicates that adding the Costco store would not exceed the concurrency capacity of the 148th-Main Street intersection. A lot of people were concerned with cut-through traffic using the local neighborhood streets to by-pass that intersection. Dempsey said that the city also asked for that analysis and they would develop the data during the application review period.

Kahn also described plans for Kelsey Creek, which crosses the site in a culvert. The existing concomitant zoning agreement (CZA) calls for "day lighting" the stream if there is any increase in building area. The City of Bellevue completed a study in 2004 to look at alternatives that would offset opening the stream.

Costco will propose to completely rebuild the streambed and covering structures to enlarge the streambed and flow capacity. The rebuild would include some windows to "daylight" the stream. The company's stream experts reported that the present retaining walls and streambed structures are at the end of their useful life and need replacing.

In addition Costco plans to collect all the runoff from the 16-acre site, filter it for contaminants and return clean effluent to the stream. The present facility has direct drains from the parking lot into the stream.

Nat Franklin answered several questions from residents. Mostly he said that the existing tenants are excited about Costco coming. They may even have some lower lease costs when Costco moves in. Their business will benefit or may be compatible with the Costco clientele. Franklin will do a concurrent "facelift" project to match his part of the facility with the Costco project.

### Rezoning process will take three hearings and six months

Before Costco can begin building, it must get a site-specific rezone for Kelsey Creek Center. This Process III Land Use Code decision is "quasi-judicial" and requires approval by both the City Council and the EBCC. Three public hearings are required.

The EBCC will hold a courtesy public hearing in October or November. At this meeting EBCC and the public get to hear specific plans for the rezone, ask questions and make comments about the proposal. City staff will use this information to develop its report and recommendations for the Hearing Examiner.

The Hearing Examiner will hold a public hearing in December or January to consider the staff report, the public comments and the application for rezone. The Hearing Examiner's findings and recommendations will go to the City Council for approval of an ordinance granting the rezone.

The EBCC will hold the final public hearing in February or March. At that meeting, EBCC will consider the staff report, the Hearing Examiner's

recommendations, the City Council ordinance and the public input to decide approval/disapproval of the rezone. The Community Council has 60 days after the City Council passes an ordinance to take action.

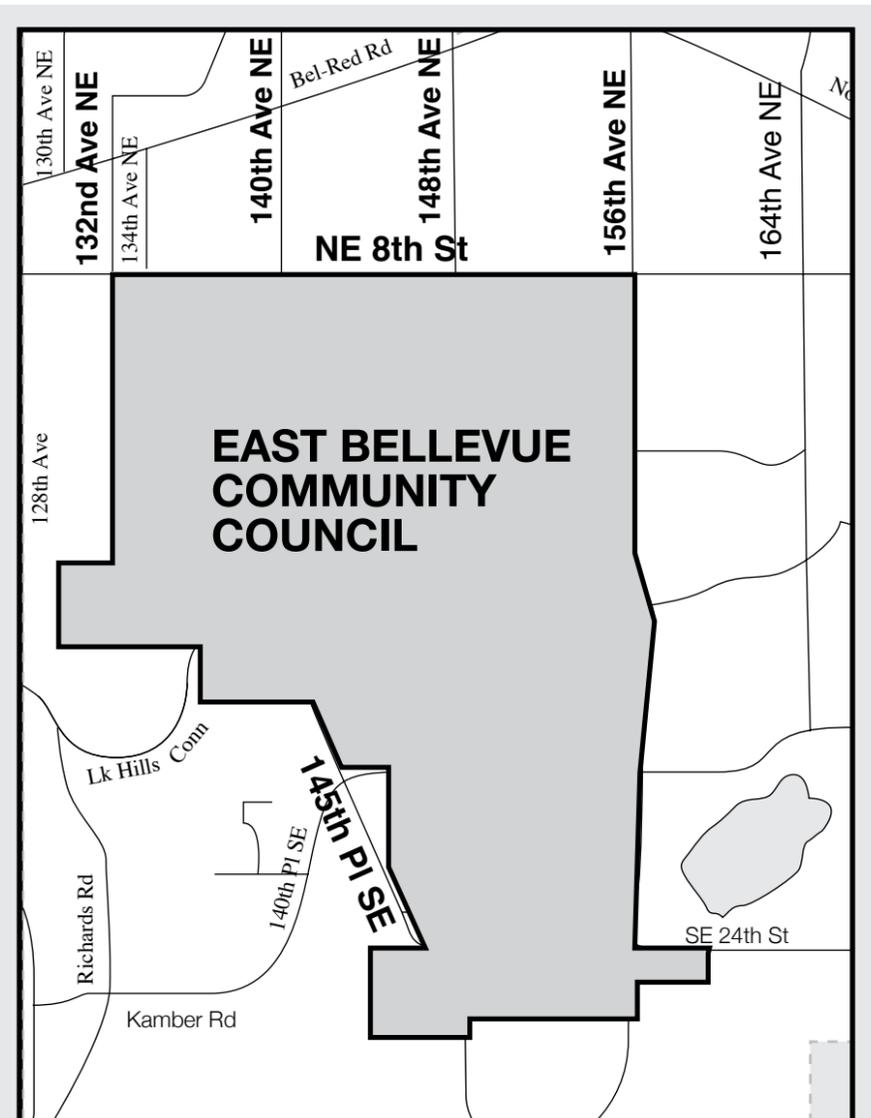
The East Bellevue Community Council welcomes comments about the East Bellevue area. You can share your views with the Community Council via e-mail at [EBCC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:EBCC@bellevuewa.gov). To find out more about the agendas and decisions of EBCC go to the website, [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm).

## Shell station at 148th and Main to be demolished

Shell Gas & Power has applied to demolish the existing gas station and convenience store adjacent to Kelsey Creek Center.

Shell would remove all the existing buildings and underground tanks. About 200 cubic yards of material will be removed and 400 cubic yards of crushed rock or gravel will be imported to backfill the excavation.

When completed, Kelsey Creek Center plans to purchase the land and add it to the proposed Costco as a parking lot.



For information about the city's Community Council, call Deputy City Clerk Michelle Murphy, 425-452-6466, or contact the East Bellevue Community Council Chairperson, James Bell.

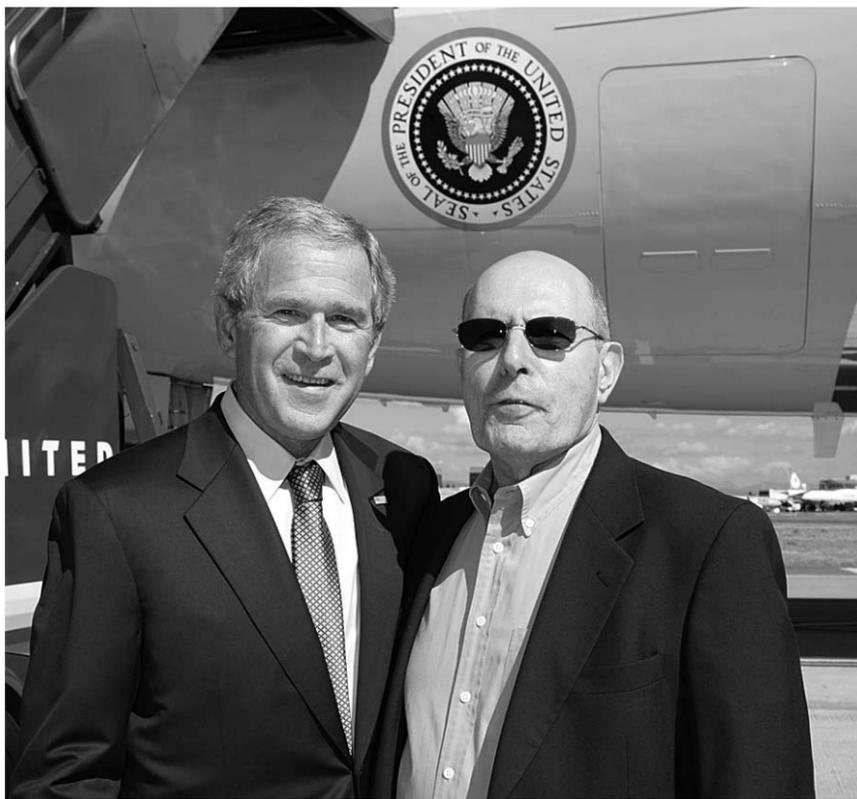
**East Bellevue Community Council** meets the first Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

### Members

James E. Bell, Jim Eder, Ross Gooding, Steven Kasner, Ken Seal



## President issues award to police volunteer



During his visit to Bellevue on Aug. 27, President Bush presented longtime Bellevue Police volunteer Bernie Krane with an award for serving close to 3,000 volunteer hours with the department since 1995.

Throughout his 12 years with the department, Krane's primary assignment has been as an assistant at one of the Police community stations. The Police manage three community stations – where residents can get information and file reports – at Factoria, Crossroads and the Bellevue Transit Center downtown.

As a community station assistant, Krane works one day a week at the Transit Center, assisting citizens who call or come into the station. Krane has helped organize and open two of the community stations and has trained many other volunteer community station assistants.

For the last eight years, Krane has taken on the added responsibility of organizing the Bellevue department's annual National Night Out Against Crime event.

Krane handles all of the arrangements up to and during this flagship community outreach event, freeing the officers to get out into the community and make personal contact with residents and businesses. In 2006 the Bellevue National Night Out event received excellence awards from both the National Association of Town Watch and the Washington State Crime Prevention Association.

In Krane's typically humble manner, he credits the supervisors and program coordinator Marji Trachtman for the volunteer program's continued success.

The city's website – [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/vol\\_opp\\_intro.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/vol_opp_intro.htm) – offers details on volunteer opportunities with the Police and other departments.

## Police volunteer program wins award

The Bellevue Police Department has received an International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) award this year for its outstanding volunteer program.

With a team of nearly 50 volunteers performing a wide range of administrative and office support duties, the Bellevue Police have been able to control costs and expand services.

The Bellevue force is one of just three in the country to earn the award, for volunteer programs that “most exemplify the goals, concepts and spirit of volunteerism in action.” Programs are judged on such criteria as innovation, sustainability and acceptance and integration of volunteers throughout the agency.

“Citizen participation is a key component of our city's overall policing efforts,” interim Bellevue Police Chief Linda Pillo said. “Having the city's program recognized by our peers in law enforcement is a huge honor, and one of which both volunteers and staff should be extremely proud.”

Bellevue City Manager Steve Sarkozy noted, “The willingness of so many of our residents to become active as volunteers is a major reason why our city works on so many levels. Our police volunteer program is a great example of residents taking the time to become engaged and, in the process, make their community a better place. We owe them a big thank-you.”

### Established in 1994

The Bellevue Police volunteer program began in 1994 and currently has 47 civilian volunteer staff. Managed by volunteer coordinator Marji Trachtman since it started and designed to provide services that would not otherwise be available due to budget and staffing restrictions, the program has expanded to cover up to 30 assignments within the department.

Since its inception, volunteers have logged more than 125,000 hours, time that would have cost the city more than \$2.25 million in estimated labor expenditures. Serving in nearly every section of the department, the volunteers have become indispensable to department operations.

In addition to performing administrative and office support services, volunteers issue handicapped parking and fire lane citations, operate community substations, track pawned property and shuttle vehicles.

Many Bellevue Police volunteers make a long-term commitment, and 17 have given more than 10 years of service. Another 11 have five to 10 years of service, and two volunteers have more than 5,000 service hours each.

The Police volunteer web page – [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/vol\\_police\\_admin.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/vol_police_admin.htm) – offers information on volunteering for the department.

The award will be presented to the department at the IACP annual meeting in New Orleans this October. This is the third award in two years the Bellevue Police Department has received from the IACP. In 2006 the department was recognized for outstanding achievement in auto crimes reduction and for having the top National Night Out Against Crime program.

## Waterwise Garden made in the shade with redesign

The Waterwise Garden at the Bellevue Botanical Garden has a new look, with sun-starved lawn replaced by an expanded garden bed featuring brightly colored shrubs that love the shade.

On the west side of the Waterwise Garden, which is sponsored by the Utilities Department, grass struggled in the shadow of apple and linden trees. Instead of trying to change the site conditions to accommodate the lawn, designer Jil Stenn expanded the nearby garden bed.

Where there was balding lawn, evergreen shrubs with light foliage, including the yellow box-leafed honeysuckle and variegated false holly, provide bright patches of color. There are old favorites, including oakleaf hydrangea and the native evergreen huckleberry, along with newcomers to the garden, such as a cultivar of Mexican orange called “Aztec Pearl,” with showy foliage and fragrant white flowers that resemble orange blossoms but smell sweetly of almonds.

Visitors relaxing on the stone bench in that area now certainly have plenty to look at.

The plan was in keeping with the Waterwise Garden's mission to demonstrate how to grow an attractive, natural landscape that conserves and protects water resources.

The problem lawn beneath the apple and linden trees was removed without pesticides with a sod cutter. The soil was then amended with several inches of a sand and compost mix to give the new plants a good start.



*Volunteers plant shrubs for expansion of one of the beds at the Waterwise Garden.*

The planting plan devised by Stenn, involved with the project since conception, includes old favorites along with a few surprises. This spring the new section was planted with the help of community volunteers and drip irrigation added to help get the plants established.

Many gardeners used to consider shade a problem, but more and more are realizing that it offers ideal conditions for hundreds of wonderful plants who thrive away from the sun's glare.

For more information on the Waterwise Garden, the volunteer program or the natural yard care practices used in the garden, contact Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-4127.

## Be ready for storms this time

Last winter, record-setting rains, icy roads and a serious windstorm rocked the region. If residents prepare, they can minimize the disruption should a hard storm strike this winter.

### Who ya gonna call?

If you have a life-threatening situation, call 911. To report gas leaks, power outages or downed power lines, call Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773. To report hazardous road conditions, flooding, down or damaged stop or yield signs or water main breaks, call Bellevue Utilities 24-hour emergency number at 425-452-7840.

### Emergency Kits

Build emergency kits for your family to have at home, in the car and at school or work. Your kit should sustain you for three days or longer.

Kits should have: food, water, first aid, basic tools, seasonal clothing, eye protection, flashlight with batteries, gloves, sanitary supplies, sleeping bags, blankets and medications.

Outdoor faucets/pipes and pipes in unheated garages and crawl spaces are vulnerable to freezing. Insulate them with newspaper, rags or other insulating material. Cover with plastic and secure with string or wire. It's okay to insulate the outside of your meter box, but please don't put materials such as styrofoam peanuts inside, as this makes it difficult for city workers to access.

If a water pipe breaks in cold weather, immediately turn off the main water shut-off valve and/or water meter to control flooding and water damage. Then call a plumber. The main water shut-off valve is usually located in the basement, garage or outdoors by the foundation. If there is no main shut-off valve, there is a valve in the meter box that you can use in an emergency. Turn clockwise with an adjustable wrench.



A tree trunk that collapsed across Northrup Way last December leans on telephone wires.

### Storm Debris

Do not put storm debris in the street where it can cause accidents and make access difficult for emergency or city vehicles. Use your weekly yard debris service for storm debris.

Branches should be no larger than 4 inches in diameter and cut into 4 foot lengths. Put branches into the yard debris cart or tie into bundles less than 2 feet wide with biodegradable string or twine – no nylon, plastic or other synthetic materials. Set bundles next to your yard debris cart. For branches larger than 4 inches in diameter, call a tree company.

### Garbage Pickup

Typically, when weather is bad enough to close schools, Allied Waste's trucks do not run. They may also not be able to navigate icy streets at high elevations.

If your garbage, recycling or yard debris is missed, take it back in and set it out again the following week on your pickup day. You will be able to set out twice as much at no extra cost. Call Allied Waste at 425-452-4762 if you have questions.

## Free showerhead offer extended

Free, water-efficient showerheads will now be available through Oct. 31. Initially offered by Bellevue and Cascade Water Alliance through the summer to encourage residents to save water, the showerheads now can be ordered in the fall.

These high efficiency showerheads can cut water and energy consumption by up to 20 percent compared to regular showerheads, while providing the same level of performance.

To take advantage of the offer, residents just return the postage-paid offer they received this summer. If you have misplaced the offer, please call 206-838-5392 to order a showerhead. Visit <http://www.cascadewater.org> for more information.

## Brace for lane, ramp closures on I-405

If you're wondering when construction on Interstate 405 in South Bellevue is going to be done, don't hold your breath.

The addition of lanes on I-405 will help relieve one of the highway's worst bottlenecks, but the massive project involves building bridges and retention walls, so temporary lane, ramp and surface street closures should be expected through August 2009, when completion is anticipated.

The first stage of the project, to continue through September 2008, includes adding a northbound lane between the exit for 112th Avenue Southeast, near the Renton border, to I-90, and building a new, three-lane, southbound bridge over I-90.

A sound retention wall, also known as a "whisper wall," will be built just north of I-90, "quiet pavement" will be installed in one section and wildlife habitat at Kelsey Creek will be enhanced.

Notices were sent to residences and businesses along the construction area, informing them about the potential for increased noise from concrete grinding and equipment such as compressors and generators. Work is being done at night to minimize traffic congestion, reduce the risk of vehicle accidents and protect the safety of workers.

For noise complaints and comments during night work, call Rob Harris at 206-841-2862 or Jodie Dilbert at 425-761-1518. During business hours, call Barbara Ramey at 425-401-4143 (e-mail: [rameyb@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:rameyb@wsdot.wa.gov)) or Amy Creekmore at 425-301-2023 (e-mail: [amy.creekmore@i405.wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:amy.creekmore@i405.wsdot.wa.gov)). During construction, comments also can be made on the WSDOT Construction Hotline at 425-456-8585.

The state DOT's website – <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i405/112thAvetoSE8th/> – offers useful details about the project. To keep up with lane or street closures, watch the weekly Traffic Advisories on the city website – [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic\\_advisories.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm).

## Restoration of Kelsey Creek wetland under way



Crews working for the state Department of Transportation are close to wrapping up the restoration of 2.4 acres of wetland at Bellevue's Kelsey Creek Park. The improvements are intended to balance environmental impacts from the construction of additional traffic lanes on nearby Interstate 405.

The site – where Richards Road meets Lake Hills Connector – has contained old construction debris, including concrete and asphalt, surrounded by native wetland habitat. After removing approximately 17,000 cubic yards of fill – about 850 truck loads – from the area, crews will plant native vegetation and install logs and woody debris.

The work, scheduled for completion in late October, is part of an "environmental mitigation" effort by the state DOT. In order to address, or "mitigate" adverse environmental impacts from the I-405 construction, WSDOT is allowed to restore wildlife habitat and improve water quality at Kelsey Creek.

In addition to restoring the Kelsey Creek wetland, the I-405 South Bellevue Widening Project includes other environmental improvements:

Building ecology embankments to improve water quality. Ecology embankments are environmentally-engineered ditches along the freeway designed to remove pollutants from highway runoff.

Building a tank and ponds for flood control near Coal Creek Parkway. A large storm water detention tank and five detention ponds will slow the release of runoff and reduce pollution by allowing sediment to settle before it's released.

Planting trees and shrubs and applying aesthetic treatments. Crews will plant trees and shrubs along the corridor, build walls and bridges with architectural treatments, and construct terraced walls with planter boxes near the I-405/Southeast Eighth Street interchange.

The I-405 South Bellevue Widening Project widens four miles of I-405 in Bellevue, between the exit for 112th Avenue Southeast, near the Renton city limit, and the exit for Southeast Eighth Street. Construction began in July and will finish at the end of 2009.



# Survey

## How helpful are area project updates in *It's Your City*?

For five years, the City of Bellevue has provided regular updates about construction projects in *It's Your City*. These updates, which cover nearly all projects performed for the Parks & Community Services, Utilities and Transportation departments, offer details about schedules, scope of work, locations and staff contacts.

Converted this year from a separate insert included with the newsletter to a section of the newsletter itself, the project updates sections have appeared three times a year, with the focus rotating between three areas of Bellevue – downtown, north and south.

The project updates represented an efficient way to deliver important information to Bellevue residents and businesses. With the rise of the Internet and other forms of communication, the city is examining whether the area project updates remain the most effective way to present information about construction projects.

We would like to hear from you. Please take a moment to complete the following survey.

Do you use the information provided in the *It's Your City* project updates? If so, for what?

**Is the information we provide for each project helpful?**

- Yes  No

**How helpful are the *It's Your City* project updates?**

- Extremely Unhelpful  Unhelpful  Neutral  
 Helpful  Extremely Helpful

**How do you typically learn about the city's projects?** Please check all communication methods that apply:

- It's Your City project updates
- Bellevue Downtown Association
- Bellevue Chamber of Commerce
- Bellevue City Hall open houses
- Bellevue TV (Channel 21)
- City of Bellevue website
- City Council meetings
- City e-mails
- Neighborhood Association meetings
- Newspapers
- Project citizen advisory committees
- Project displays
- Project fact sheets
- Project flyers/newsletters
- Meetings or open houses
- Posters
- Signs at project sites
- Radio
- Television
- Commission/board meetings
- Word of mouth
- Other

**Of the forms of communication mentioned, which method is most effective for you? Why?**

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**Are there other ways you would like to receive information about city projects?**

- Yes  No

**Do you have regular access to your e-mail account?**

- Yes  No

**Would you like to receive e-mails about city projects?**

- Yes  No

**Are you particularly interested in information about certain departments? If so, which?**

- Parks & Community Services  Utilities  Transportation

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for participating in this survey.*

Please return by: MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007

Mail this survey to: Tresa Berg  
City of Bellevue  
Transportation Public Involvement Manager  
450 110th Avenue NE  
Bellevue, WA 98009

Your opinion is very much appreciated! If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Tresa Berg at 425-452-4638 or [Tberg@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Tberg@bellevuewa.gov).

**Introduction**

There are a lot of city projects underway this fall from the Parks & Community Services, Planning & Community Development, Utilities and Transportation Departments. A couple of the projects are regional and include partnerships with Sound Transit and with the state Department of Transportation.

All of the projects are identified on the map below. The Utilities Department projects are presented differently than the rest of the projects because they're smaller in size. The commercial and private development projects are not included on the map; however, the addresses are listed in a table at the end of this update.

To find projects taking place in south Bellevue, please refer to the following map. The neighborhood areas are: West Bellevue, Wilburton, Woodridge, West Lake Hills, Sammamish/East Lake Hills, Newport, Factoria/Sunset, Somerset and Eastgate/Cougar Ridge.

**West Bellevue Neighborhood**

**IN THE WORKS**

**1. Southeast 10th Street/104th Avenue Southeast Traffic Circle**

To address vehicle operations and safety at this intersection, as well as identify an entrance into the Enatai neighborhood, the city will install a traffic circle at this intersection. A new sidewalk will be built on the east side of 104th Avenue Southeast from Southeast 8th Street to Southeast 10th Street and will also include utility upgrades. This Neighborhood Traffic Calming project is in the plan design stage; construction is scheduled to begin this fall.

**2. 104th Avenue Southeast/108th Avenue Southeast Traffic Calming**

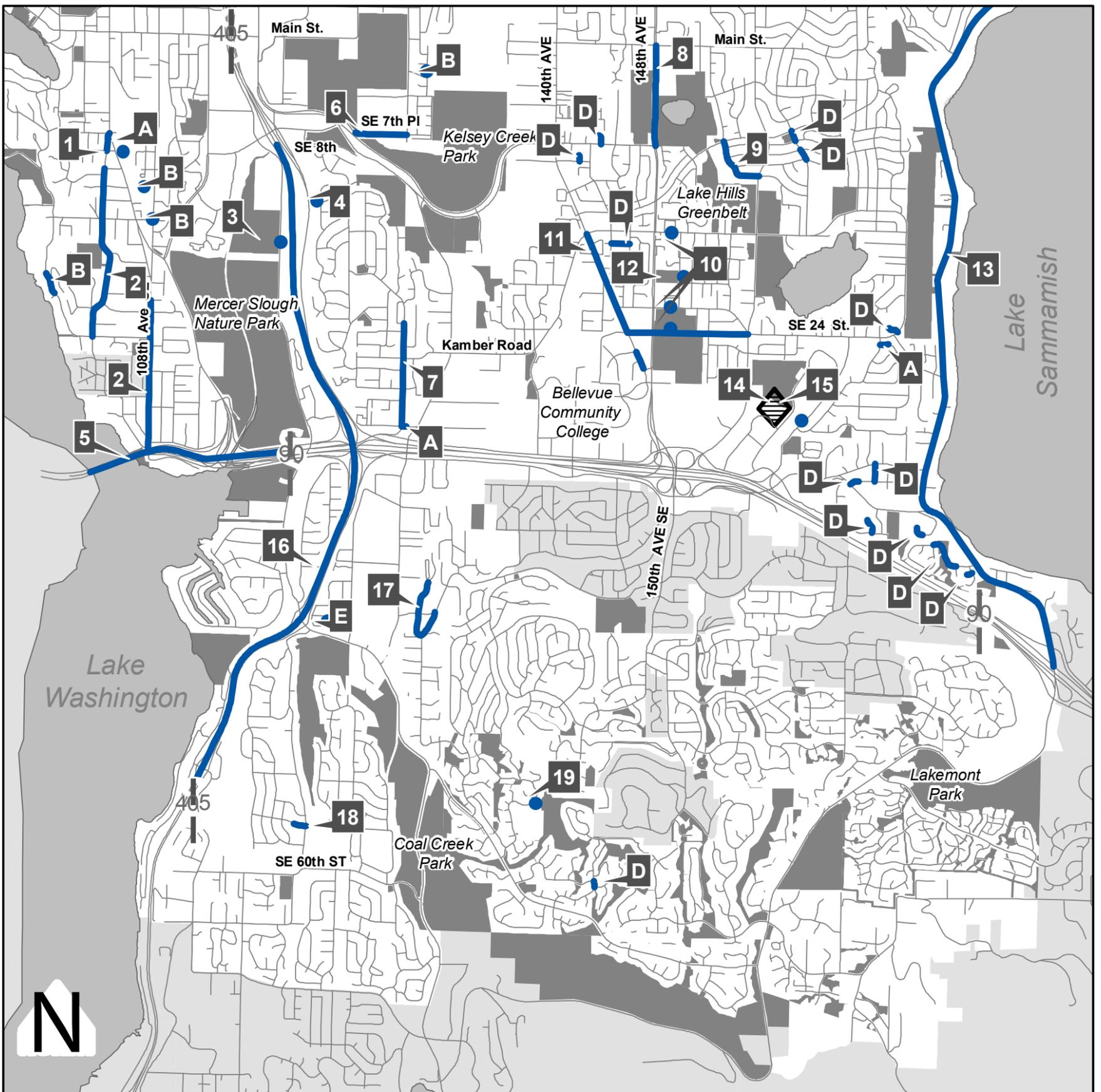
Because these two roadways attract frequent speeding and cut-through traffic, the city will install physical devices to help calm traffic along 104th Avenue Southeast from Southeast 10th Street to Southeast 25th Street, and 108th Avenue Southeast from Southeast 22nd Street to Southeast 25th Street. To determine what improvements should be made, a committee of neighborhood residents is meeting to begin developing a plan.

Examples of possible street treatments are: elongated speed humps, raised crosswalks, curb extensions and medians to narrow the roadway. This \$200,000 Neighborhood Traffic Calming/Neighborhood Enhancement Project project is being developed and will be shared with residents later this fall.

**3. Mercer Slough Nature Park Boardwalk**

To provide better access for users, the city will build 600 feet of boardwalk in the Mercer Slough Nature Park.

This summer, the city completed the Fish Ladder Trail on 118th, just south Southeast 8th Street. Also completed was the trail, benches, interpretive signage, and habitat restoration. Remaining funds will be allocated to the 112th Avenue Southeast Gateway project to complete additional trails and habitat restoration in the Mercer Slough. This \$150,000 Neighborhood Enhancement Project boardwalk project is in the planning and design stage and construction is expected to be complete fall 2008.



## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**4. Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center**

Because the current facility has reached capacity and the demand for programs exceeds availability, the city is building a new Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center. This \$7.8 million project is expected to be completed in fall 2008. Puget Sound Energy is one of the project's major financial contributors.

The new facility will expand upon the current location, situated on the eastern edge of the Mercer Slough at 1625 118th Avenue Southeast. The project includes a visitor center, two wet labs, a tree house, an elevated boardwalk system and viewing overlook, an accessibility tram, two classroom buildings, a multi-purpose building, restrooms and an administration building.

**5. I-90 Two-Way Transit/HOV Sound Transit Project**

To address increasing traffic congestion on Interstate 90 between Bellevue and Seattle, the State Department of Transportation is adding a westbound High Occupancy Vehicle lane to the outer, westbound roadway. This work will be constructed in stages.

The first stage includes widening the outer roadway through Mercer Island, constructing new ramps on Mercer Island, reconstructing the barrier between the center and westbound roadways, modifying the Bellevue Way Southeast ramp, replacing the bridge expansion joints and building detention and drainage facilities.

This \$128 million Sound Transit/WSDOT project is expected to be complete by the end of 2009. It's designed to improve speed, reliability and access for regional transit.

**Wilburton Neighborhood**

## UNDER STUDY

**6. Southeast 7th Place/Wilburton Neighborhood Traffic Calming Project**

Because of vehicle speeds in this area, city staff is working with a committee of neighborhood volunteers to develop a traffic calming plan. This summer, license plate studies were conducted to gauge the level of cut-through traffic in the area, as well as additional speed studies. This \$75,000 NTCP project includes design and construction.

**Woodridge Neighborhood**

## IN THE WORKS

**7. 128th Avenue Southeast Sidewalk**

Because sidewalks are lacking along this street section, the city will construct curb, gutter and six-foot sidewalks on one side of 128th Avenue Southwest, from Southeast 25th Street to Southeast 32nd Street. Where feasible, a planter strip will be built between the curb and sidewalk and striped shoulders on both sides will accommodate bicycles. This \$1 million Sidewalk Program project is just starting design, with construction expected in summer 2008.

**West Lake Hills Neighborhood Area**

## IN THE WORKS

**8. 148th Avenue Southeast: Main Street to Southeast 8th Street - Street Lights**

Because streetlights are missing on this section of 148th Avenue Southeast, residents selected this improvement as one of their Neighborhood Enhancement Projects. The city will install new streetlights on 148th Avenue Southeast between Main Street and Southeast 8th Street, which will match the existing type installed near the mid-block trail crossing and enhance visibility for motorists and pedestrians. This \$130,000 street light project is waiting to go out to bid for a contractor and should be complete in 2008.

**9. 154th Avenue Southeast/Southeast 11th Street Traffic Calming Plan**

To address cut-through traffic, a traffic calming plan is being developed on 154th Avenue Southeast south of Lake Hills Boulevard. A neighborhood volunteer traffic committee has been formed to discuss installing a traffic circle at Southeast 8th Street and 154th Avenue Southeast plus building an entry median Southeast 11th Street west of 156th Avenue Southeast. The majority of residents support this plan. This \$40,000 Neighborhood Traffic Calming project is in the design phase, with construction expected in spring 2008.

**10. 148th Avenue Southeast Traffic Signals: Southeast 16th Street, Southeast 22nd Street and Southeast 24th Street**

Because median traffic signal poles are being hit by drivers, and 148th Avenue experiences traffic congestion and delay, the city is improving and moving the traffic signals to the corner of the intersections of Southeast 16th Street, Southeast 22nd Street, and Southeast 24th Street to improve traffic flow and safety. This \$377,000 safety project will be advertised for construction in February 2008.

**11. 145th Place SE: SE 16th Street (Kamber Road) to SE 24th Street, and Southeast 22nd Street, from 148th Avenue Southeast to 156th Avenue Southeast, Phase 2**

Because this corridor lacks adequate bike lanes, bus shelters, and complete sidewalk connections, the city is adding 5-foot bike lanes, intersection modifications, curb, gutter, 6-foot sidewalks, and a center two-way left-turn lane and medians where needed to improve access for bicyclists and pedestrians. Improvements will also be made to the landscaping, storm water drainage/detention system, signing, striping, lighting and irrigation. This \$5.2 million project is being designed and construction is expected to begin in summer 2008 and be completed in 2009.

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**12. North Robinswood Sports Field Restroom Neighborhood Enhancement Project**

Because the sports field had only portable toilets on site, a permanent men's and women's restroom facility is being built at the southeast corner of the park. This \$150,000 Neighborhood Enhancement Program project is under construction with completion expected in mid-October.

**Sammamish/East Lake Hills Neighborhood Area**

## IN THE WORKS

**13. West Lake Sammamish Parkway: North City Limits to I-90**

Because traffic on West Lake Sammamish Parkway has grown in recent years, especially during peak periods, a reevaluation of this roadway took place in 2005 and 2006. Along with traffic, there are other issues: pedestrian and bicycle facilities, frequent speeding, noisy and rough pavement, and difficulty turning on and off the Parkway. The project will enhance system connectivity, preservation, and safety by providing:

- Consistent 4-foot-wide shoulder on the east side
- 10.5-foot wide northbound vehicle lane
- 10-foot wide southbound vehicle lane
- Repaved roadway surface
- 10-foot-wide multi-purpose trail on the west side
- New signal at Southeast 34th Street
- New pedestrian crossings at Southeast 40th Street, the Little Store, Weowna Park, Northup Way, Rosemont and Northeast 24th Street
- Storm drainage and water quality improvements

This \$6.56 million project will undergo surveying and base mapping in winter 2008, with preliminary design estimated to begin in summer 2008. The project's first phase is not expected to begin until 2009 or 2010.

**14. Park Master Plan for Eastgate Area Property (former Boeing site)**

Because the city purchased a 14.5-acre parcel in the Eastgate I-90 business park at 3004 160th Avenue Southeast from the Boeing Co. and a 10.5-acre parcel from the Bellevue School District, the city is developing a multi-use park. The property represents the only flat, vacant property of its size in the city and is strategically located near the Lake-to-Lake Trail and major transportation corridors.

In 2007, funding was approved to begin the Park Master Planning process. The city will solicit proposals and negotiate a contract for design and engineering work prior to beginning the Master Planning process.

A series of public meetings will be scheduled, beginning this fall, to capture and communicate community preferences, develop a conceptual design and come up with a name for the new park. Construction is expected to start soon with completion in summer 2008.

**15. New Park Shared Access Road at Eastgate Area Property (former Boeing site)**

Because an access road isn't available, the city will be constructing a shared access road to support future park and Boeing development. Although construction of development company Schnitzer West's office buildings will take several years to complete, this \$2.5 million project is anticipated to be complete and dedicated to the city in spring 2008.

**Factoria/Sunset Neighborhood Area**

**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

**16. I-405 South Bellevue Widening WSDOT Project (112th Avenue Southeast to Southeast 8th Street)**

This section of highway through Bellevue is one of the worst congestion bottlenecks along the I-405 corridor. To improve it, WSDOT is widening I-405 between 112th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 8th Street to improve the drive in and out of downtown Bellevue. This year, WSDOT is adding one additional northbound lane from 112th Avenue Southeast to Southeast 8th Street.

Other work that will occur as part of this project includes: a new bridge for southbound I-405 traffic over I-90, removal of the Wilburton tunnel on southbound I-405, and additional lanes on southbound I-405 between Southeast 8th Street and I-90. The \$208.3 million project is scheduled for completion in 2009.

**17. 130th Place Southeast: Newport Way Southeast to 129th Place Southeast**

**SIDEWALK**

Because this area lacks a sidewalk, the city will install one on the east side of 130th Place Southeast, from the existing sidewalk to just south of Newport Way. It will continue southward to connect to the existing sidewalk in front of St. Madeleine Sophie Church near the intersection of 129th Place Southeast/130th Avenue Southeast, to improve pedestrian access in the area.

**Newport Neighborhood Area**

**IN THE WORKS**

**18. Southeast 56th Street - Street Tree Replacement**

Because trees were damaged by pruning work, the city will plant new trees on the north side of Southeast 56th Street. The new trees will be selected in cooperation with adjacent homeowners. This \$15,000 Neighborhood Enhancement Project will start construction this fall and be complete by winter 2008.

**Somerset Neighborhood Area**

**IN THE WORKS**

**19. Highland Drive/137th Place Southeast Curb Extension**

Due to accidents along this curve, the city will construct a landscaped curb extension on the northwest corner of Highland Drive and 137th Place Southeast to better define the curve and slow vehicles. This \$40,000 Neighborhood Traffic Calming Project will start construction this fall.

**UTILITY DEPARTMENT PROJECTS**

There are several types of Utility Department projects underway this fall throughout the city. Each improvement is identified by an alphabet letter which you will find on the project map.

**A. Storm Drain Dig & Repair Projects 2007**

These projects replace broken storm pipes, and at times, update curbs, gutter, and sidewalks.

**B. Sanitary Sewer Repair Projects 2007**

These projects repair existing sanitary sewers at various locations around the city. It is part of an ongoing program to address system deficiencies as wear and tear takes its toll.

**C. AC Water Main Replacement Projects**

These projects replace deteriorated elements of the water system as well as upsize water mains to improve fire flow. Replacements will take place at various locations around the city.

**D. Wastewater Pump Station Rehabilitation Projects**

These projects rehabilitate older wastewater pump stations. Work includes structural upgrades to the pump house, replacement of pumps and electrical components, and enhancements to on-site monitoring systems.

**E. Coal Creek/I-405 Regional Detention Pond Bypass Pipe Installation**

This project will construct a new bypass pipeline around the pond's perimeter. Currently, crews need to install an in-stream bypass in Coal Creek. A permanent pipe will more effectively bypass the stream flows during annual maintenance activities.

**Commercial & Private Development Projects**

Project	Address	Description
Torrello PUD	1004 Bellevue Way SE	Ten town homes.
Bannan House	1663 Killarney Way	Conference/meditation center.
Seattle Boat Newport	3911 Lake Washington Boulevard SE	Redevelop boat repair and storage business
Whistler Lane Condominiums	133 – 108th Avenue SE	Seven unit condo building with underground parking.
Hunter-Lindor Property	2008 Kamber Road	Fifteen lot preliminary plat and PUD.
Bellevue At Main	15 Bellevue Way SE	Mixed use building with 138 residential units; 75,000 square feet office; 37,000 square feet retail and parking.
Lake Hills Shopping Center	549 – 156th Avenue SE	Redevelop site to include office with below-grade parking garage, library, and townhouse duplexes.
Calvary Chapel	5220 – 164th Avenue SE	Two-story church building with under-building parking and site parking.
Samena Phase V - Natatorium	15231 Lake Hills Boulevard	Demolish temporary pool structure and locker rooms, build permanent structure over existing pool.
Bellewood Condos	148 – 102nd Avenue SE	40 unit condo.
Ventana on Main	10713 Main Street	68 units, one level of retail and two levels of underground parking.
Two Newport Office Building	3625 – 132nd Avenue SE	Demolish existing building; construct 170,000-square-foot office building.

The South Bellevue Projects Update is published for people who live, work or do business in the area south of Main Street. If you have questions or comments about this information, please call 425-452-4638 or write Tresa Berg, Public Involvement Manager, City of Bellevue Transportation Department, P.O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009-9012 or [Tberg@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Tberg@bellevuewa.gov)

# Community Calendar

## October

### Harvest Dance

2-4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave. NE. With music from the "Sound of Swing." \$3/person. For more information, call 425-452-7681.

### Bird Walks with East Lake Washington Audubon Society

9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Oct. 10, Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Preregistration required. Call the Audubon office at 425-576-8805.

### Kelsey Creek Farm Fair

11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13-14, Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130 Pl. SE. Family-friendly event with live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, kids crafts, hay rides and produce for sale. No pets please. Free entry, but charges for specific activities. For information, call 425-452-6881.

### Fall Festival Family Fun

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13, Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St. Open house to explore painting, drawing, movement, music, Tae Kwon Do, cooking demonstrations and more. For more information, call 425-452 6046 or e-mail [czibelli@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:czibelli@bellevuewa.gov).

### Crossroads Water Spray Play Park Groundbreaking

3:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19, Crossroads International Playground, 16000 NE 10th St. Celebration to kick off construction of new, interactive playground. For more information, call 425-452-6881.

### Stream Bug Search Workshop

10-11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. Ages 6+. Free, but preregistration is required. To register or for more information, call 425-452-4195.

### Heritage Harvest Tea

1 or 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21, Winters House, 2102 Bellevue Way SE. Traditional English-style afternoon tea and stroll through the house and grounds of the only building in Bellevue on the National Historic Register. Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers share stories about the house and Eastside history. Ages 10+, \$15/person. For more information and to reserve a space, call 425-450-1049.

### Spooky Skeletons and Skulls Workshop

10-11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 27, Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. Wildlife skeletons and skulls. Ages 6+. Free, but preregistration is required. To register or for more information, call 425-452-4195.

### Nature Walks in the Mercer Slough

2-3 p.m., every Saturday in October, Winters House, 2102 Bellevue Way SE. Park Ranger-guided nature walk in Bellevue's largest wetland park. Free. For information, call 425-452-2752.

### Historic Winters House Tour

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, Winters House, 2102 Bellevue Way SE. Tour of Spanish eclectic home built in 1929 with background about the Winters family from an Eastside Heritage Center docent. For more information, call 425-450-1049.

### Bellevue Botanical Garden Tours

2 - 3 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays through October, Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Docent-guided tours. Free. Preregister three weeks in advance. For information, call 425-451-3755 or visit [www.BellevueBotanical.org](http://www.BellevueBotanical.org).

### Nature Photography Workshop

10 a.m. - noon, Saturday, Nov. 3, Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. Indoor class and outdoor field class, weather permitting. Ages 13+. Free, but preregistration is required. To register or for more information, call 425-452-4195.

### Animal Senses Workshop

10 - 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. Ages 6+. Free, but preregistration is required. To register or for more information, call 425-452-4195.

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## November/December

### Garden d'Lights

5-9:30 p.m., Nov. 24- Dec 31, Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Thousands of colored lights hung to resemble Northwest plants and animals. Free, but \$3 family donation encouraged. On-site parking \$5; off-site - free. For information, call 425-451-3755 or visit <http://www.BellevueBotanical.org>.

### Hilltop Holiday Craft Fair

Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 28-Dec. 1, Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St. Thousands of hand-crafted items from more than 80 selected Northwest crafters. Free admission. For more information, call 360-668-1987 or e-mail [Hilltop.Crafts@verizon.net](mailto:Hilltop.Crafts@verizon.net).

### Seattle Civic Christmas Ships at Bellevue Beaches

Residents welcome the ships to Bellevue and enjoy hot cider and music at the beach. Free. 425-452-4106.

Dec. 3, 8:50 - 9:10 p.m. at Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd. SE;

Dec. 15, 8:30 - 8:45 p.m. at Chism Beach Park, 1175 96 Ave NE; and

Dec. 21, 8:20 - 8:40 p.m., Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98th Ave. NE

### Miracle on 34th Street

Dec. 7-9, Meydenbauer Center, 11100 NE Sixth St. Bellevue Youth Theatre presentation featuring '40s music and costumes. Ages 4+. \$10/ reserved seat. For more information and tickets, call 425-452-7155 or e-mail [byt@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:byt@bellevuewa.gov); or call the Meydenbauer Ticket Window at 206-325-6500.

### Crossroads Youth Holiday Party

4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 11, Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Celebration for youth and teens in need, with refreshments, entertainment and special gifts from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Free. For more information, call 425-452-4874.

### Crossroads Holiday Meal

Arts and crafts 5:30 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14, Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Free. For more information, call 425-452-4874.



Flowers are on sale at the Lake Hills Greenbelt produce stand. Both the Mercer Slough and Larsen Lake blueberry farms will be open through October.

## November

### Hocus Pocus

7 p.m. or 2 p.m., Nov. 2-11, Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way. Comedy/adventure with music about a girl with special powers who unknowingly sends family and friends 30 years into the future. \$9/reserved seat. For more information or tickets, call 425-452-7155 or e-mail [byt@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:byt@bellevuewa.gov).

### Home Sweet Home Fair

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3, Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE. Presentations offering strategies and resources for seniors seeking to remain living at home as they age. \$5 suggested donation at the door. For more information, call Overlake Senior Care, 425-688-5800.

### Crossroads Thanksgiving Dinner

Arts and crafts 5:30 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 20, Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Free. Cosponsored by the Aldersgate Methodist Church. For more information, call 425-452-4874.

### Beauty and the Beast

Nov. 23-Dec. 2, Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way. \$9/reserved seat. For more information or tickets, call 425-452-7155 or e-mail [byt@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:byt@bellevuewa.gov).

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### 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.

### 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 452-6805 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, 7 p.m.  
Human Services: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Library Board: 4th Tuesday, 4 p.m.  
Parks & Community Services Board: 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.  
Planning: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7 p.m.  
Transportation: 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 p.m.  
Youth Link Board: 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

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

City Manager: 452-6810

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Crossroads: 452-4874  
Highland: 452-7686  
North Bellevue Senior: 452-7681  
South Bellevue: 452-4240

Community Council: 452-6805

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Development Services Center: 452-6800

New permit applications and application status: 452-6800

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Code Compliance: 452-4570

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Job Line: 452-7822 or [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov)

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Marina Hotline: 452-6123

Neighborhood Mediation Program: 452-4091

Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836

#### Parks & Community Services

Parks Information: 452-6881  
Recreation Registration: 452-6885  
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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

#### Police

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Factoria Station: 452-2880  
D.A.R.E.: 452-7895  
Emergency Only: 911  
Administration: 452-6952  
Complaints and Information: 452-6917  
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Crime Prevention: Commercial 452-6915; Residential 452-6916  
Traffic Safety/Enforcement: 452-6940

#### Transportation

Administration/Information: 452-6856

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Administration/Information: 452-2977  
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King County Animal Control: 206-296-PETS

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## Did you know?

### Now the grass is always greener at Robinswood



With installation of synthetic turf at Robinswood Park complete, soccer games there this fall will not be the mudbaths they've been. Residents can celebrate the renovation at a community party at the park on Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. to noon.

The free event will feature family entertainment, sports demonstrations and refreshments.

Bellevue Parks & Community Services converted Robinswood's two soccer fields from natural grass to synthetic turf as part of a \$2.4 million improvement project. Other improvements include the addition of a large warm-up area, a new pedestrian walking path encircling the fields and a plaza area for tournaments and events.

The durable turf will allow year-round sports programming and general recreational use, making for a significant increase in playing time for soccer, lacrosse and other sports.

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