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Wendy Shang talks with Sgt. Robin Peacy during a meeting of the Asian American Pacific Islander police advisory council.

Rejuvenated police advisory councils taking new members

By MEEGHAN BLACK
Police Public Information Officer

The Bellevue Police Department is relaunching its police advisory councils, with increased access and engagement, to better build bridges with Bellevue's diverse community.

In addition to attending monthly meetings, members of the seven advisory councils have opportunities to meet officers, and step behind the scenes to understand police work better. They also have a voice in decision-making within the department and get to participate in unique experiences.

The advisory councils were formed in 2016 to help the department better serve our diverse communities. The councils are: Asian/Pacific Islander, African American, Muslim, Latino, LGBTQ+, Interfaith, and South Asian.

"Partnering with our advisory councils, we can identify barriers between police officers and community members and develop strategies to eliminate those barriers," said Assistant Chief Andrew Popochock. "This partnership allows our officers to understand cultural differences better and allows the council members to collaborate with the department on projects and provide feedback on police initiatives and major incidents."

For many advisory council members, this work is invaluable.

"My goal is to build authentic relationships between officers and African American community members, one person at a time, one officer at a time," said Fae Brooks, a member of the African American council. "The councils provide opportunities to connect with and get to know each other prior to a conflict. The long-term value is building trust, which ultimately makes our community safer for our residents and our officers."

Establishing those trusting relationships is critical. For

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City helps unhoused community members

By CLAUDE IOSSO
It's Your City Editor

Nathan Hord walks up the hill and pauses at the edge of a wooded area in Eastgate where a couple has set up an encampment. Tents, canopies and tarps have been rigged together, surrounded by a pair of bikes locked to a tree, plastic bins, a stroller and a wheelbarrow.

Hord, the city's homelessness outreach administrator, approaches and hails the inhabitants. He knows the couple. He knows nearly everyone who lives on the streets in Bellevue.

"I love helping people no one else is helping," said Hord. "I also enjoy educating other residents about the realities of homelessness."

Homelessness is a complex, growing problem, challenging communities across the country. On the Eastside, 446 unhoused individuals were identified in 2020, the last year for which a countywide Point in Time count was conducted, and that was likely an undercount. For the 2020-2021 school year, the Bellevue School District



Homelessness outreach administrator Nathan Hord talks to people in a Bellevue encampment.

reported 333 students experiencing homelessness, an 86% increase from the 2011-2012 school year.

In 2021, the seven shelter programs across the Eastside served a total of 1,763 individuals. Area shelters operate 24/7, and are routinely full each night.

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What is Bellevue’s Cross-Cultural Center project?



By Councilmember
CONRAD LEE

We are a nation of immigrants with diverse backgrounds, talents and aspirations, coming here to seek the American

Dream: freedom, liberty, justice and equal opportunity for all. However, diversity and cultural differences can get in the way and bring division and polarization.

This polarization has divided us as a united country and people. It has become obvious to our multicultural community in Bellevue that we must proactively bring people together to know and understand one another through cross-cultural learning, teaching and working together on shared goals and common activities. This can be accomplished through mission-driven and dedicated spaces such as cross-cultural centers.

I am glad to report that after five long years, with the persistent support of the community, the City Council voted unanimously on May 16 for us to begin developing a cross-cultural center in Bellevue. A big thumbs-up for the council’s leap of faith and commitment to support this important project.

Many cultural spaces incorporate diverse cultural programming, but are not designed to be intercultural. Cross-cultural spaces actively cultivate communication and relationships across cultures and differences.

The idea is to create interactions between people and groups from different racial, ethnic, cultural and other backgrounds.

I imagine cross-cultural interactions through formal programming, as well as informal interactions at a center that serves as a third place that hosts a variety of cultural, multicultural and cross-cultural activities. The space must be welcoming, accessible without barriers, and a place “of the people, by the people, for the people.”

While these activities can be accommodated in other spaces in the city, cross-cultural spaces dedicated to shared activities aligned around common goals can be very effective. They can create synergies and additional benefits that cannot be achieved in other facilities.

In 2016, the council commissioned a study that indicated community support for cross-cultural programming in Bellevue. According to the study completed in 2018, there is clear alignment and strong support for cross-cultural engagement here. However, a space where this truly can happen is unique and does not exist at this time.

We have since commissioned two studies into what it would take to make

a cross-cultural center feasible, including evaluations of community needs and interest, potential sites and possible development and operating models, including capital and operating costs.

In the second, expanded feasibility study, presented to the council last month, our consultant AECOM recommended that cross-cultural engagement be a community-led, city-supported effort. AECOM says we should find a nonprofit organization focused on cross-cultural programming that can partner with the city and other organizations and champion this project.

A truly cross-cultural center is sorely needed in a time when society is polarized and divided. With City Council approval and community support and partnership, Bellevue is poised to move forward to have its first-ever community-led cross-cultural center.



Performers dance at a Welcoming Week event at the Marketplace at Factoria.

COUNCIL ROUNDUP

By MICHELLE DeGRAND
Deputy Communications Officer

Adding affordable housing capacity

The City Council on May 9 voted to progress to the next phase in its efforts to create additional opportunities for affordable housing in Bellevue – increasing capacity for affordable housing on faith-owned properties in single-family districts in areas well-suited to multifamily housing.

In December 2021, the city amended its land use code to provide a 50% density bonus for affordable housing developed on faith-based, nonprofit or publicly owned property. The code change was recommended as part of Bellevue’s Affordable Housing Strategy. Action C-1 of the strategy calls for “increasing development potential on suitable land owned by public agencies, faith-based and nonprofit housing entities for affordable housing.”

The city has identified 24 sites for increased affordable housing capacity, on arterial streets near frequent transit, in single-family land use districts and near districts where multifamily housing or commercial uses are permitted.

To make the new affordable housing capacity available, the city must adopt a comprehensive plan amendment, make

additional land use code changes and rezone the properties. The city invites public input on these proposed actions, which will be introduced to Planning Commission on June 22. Find out more at BellevueWA.gov/housing-affordability.

Implementation for Wilburton vision begins

On April 25, the council voted to begin implementing a land use, urban design and transportation vision that will transform Wilburton into “Bellevue’s next urban mixed-use community.” With the Eastrail multi-use trail and East Link light rail both to pass through Wilburton, changes to the city’s comprehensive plan and land use code could facilitate transit-oriented development there.

With considerable community feedback, including input from a resident advisory committee, the city in 2018 adopted a vision for Wilburton’s development as a livable, mixed-use urban neighborhood, a cultural hub at one end of the planned Grand Connection through downtown.

The city is beginning implementation now, after a pause related to the pandemic and staff turnover. Details, including a way to subscribe for updates, are available at BellevueWA.gov/wilburton-vision.

38 Neighborhood Enhancement Program projects so far

As the rejuvenated Neighborhood Enhancement Program winds up its first seven-year cycle, a dozen neighborhood areas have benefited from 38 small, resident-chosen, capital projects.

The council learned on May 18 that projects nominated by residents in the Newport and Somerset neighborhood areas will be chosen later this year.

NEP designates city funds for small capital projects such as crosswalk improvements and enhancements to parks and trails. Each year, residents of two of the city’s 14 NEP neighborhood areas pick projects. Each neighborhood area is allocated a total \$5 million.

Since 2015, community members have submitted more than 1,300 NEP project ideas. The program also enjoyed support from the local business community, allowing more projects beyond the program budget to be completed or expanded.

More details are available at BellevueWA.gov/nep.



The Bellevue Botanical Garden continues to enthrall generations of visitors.

30th anniversary celebration for Botanical Garden

By DARCY McINNIS
Bellevue Botanical Garden Society

The Bellevue Botanical Garden, one of the city’s most popular destinations, celebrated its 30th anniversary with an open house Saturday, June 25, which included a children’s planting activity, displays from Garden partners and live music from the Seattle Chamber Music Society.

The Bellevue Botanical Garden opened in 1992 as a 36-acre park with three or four themed gardens. Today, the Garden is a 53-acre urban refuge with 14 displays that welcomes close to 400,000 visitors each year from all over the world.

The Garden has flourished because of public-private partnerships. The city provides essential public support, while 10 partner groups provide financial and volunteer contributions. The Bellevue Botanical Garden Society is the primary partner, while the other groups maintain themed gardens, including the Native Discovery Garden, Rhododendron Glen, the sunny Rock Garden and the famed Perennial Border.

The event included a ceremony on the Paccar Plaza, followed by an open house, during which visitors met partner groups stationed throughout the Garden. Plan your visit today at BellevueBotanical.org.

Sunsetting of East Bellevue Community Council

The East Bellevue Community Council held its final meeting on June 23, concluding 53 years of voting on whether certain land-use actions would apply to a part of East Bellevue.

The state Legislature in March passed a law sunsetting the two remaining community councils in Washington, the East Bellevue Community Council and the Houghton Community Council in Kirkland.

The city thanks the current members of the EBCC, – Steve Kasner, Betsi Hummer, Hassan Dhananjaya, Ron Epstein, and Chiho Lai – as well as those who have previously served on the community council, for their service.

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example, in 2017, after an arsonist set fire to the Islamic Center of Eastside (Bellevue mosque), the Muslim community and police already had built trust with each other through the advisory council. “Already having a relationship with our Muslim community helped us navigate this situation, and we were better able to support them during this difficult time,” Popochock said. “This work is important, meaningful and effective.”

During the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the councils were unable to meet, and the department used the opportunity to revamp the program. The councils are now more involved in behind-the-scenes activities such as police training, hiring and policy review. Recently, members attended an emergency vehicle driving course officers go through every other year.

If you are interested in joining an advisory council, you can apply online at BellevueWA.gov/police-advisory-councils. For more information, contact Popochock at apopochock@bellevuewa.gov.

Council weighs options for funding new parks and trails

By CHRISTINA FAINE
Parks & Community Services Public Information Officer

Bellevue residents love their parks, trails and recreational facilities. And they want more. Now the city is considering how new parks, open spaces and recreational facilities would be funded.

The Parks and Open Space System Plan is the primary tool for shaping the future of Bellevue’s parks through identified capital project needs over the next 20 years. Outreach for the 2022 plan, updated approximately every six years, identified the most popular uses in the current parks and recreation system and capital project priorities to meet Bellevue’s future parks needs.

Community feedback collected for the latest long-range parks and open space plan, expected to be adopted this summer, showed that people want to see Bellevue invest in:

- new multi-use trails and trails in natural areas
- more open space
- more parks, including neighborhood parks and beach parks
- certain indoor and outdoor recreational facilities such as pickleball courts and aquatic center.

The 20-year list of projects in the draft plan would require between \$500 million to \$1 billion to complete. Current parks funding sources would only cover about 34% of the project needs.

Voter initiatives have previously funded expansions of Bellevue’s parks and open space system, with 10 separate measures passed since the city’s incorporation in 1953. The 2008 Parks and Natural Areas Levy helped fund new parks and major park enhancements, such as the circle promenade at Downtown Park, the new Bellevue



Downtown Park was improved in 2018 through funding from the 2008 parks levy.

Youth Theatre and synthetic sports fields at Wilburton Hill and Newport Hills parks.

The City Council is now considering parks funding strategies, with options including a levy or bond or an impact fee paid by developers of new residential and/or commercial projects. The council may settle on an option or combination of funding mechanisms by mid-summer.

Residents have an opportunity to weigh in through a survey. To participate, visit BellevueWA.gov/parks. The survey will be open through July 5.

Bellevue prepares for emergencies in national simulation

By CLAUDE IOSSO
It's Your City Editor

What would you do if a major earthquake struck the area, toppling buildings and bridges and knocking out water supply and electricity for an extended time? Like Bellevue residents, the city needs to be ready to answer that question.

Staff in all departments had an opportunity to practice their response to a massive emergency on June 14, as they participated in “Cascadia Rising 2022.” This was a major exercise designed to test what staff would do if a catastrophic, 9.0 earthquake struck the West Coast. To prevent COVID-19 spread and reflect how Bellevue would respond in the new hybrid world, staff participated both in-person and remotely.

“We’re always preparing for a possible disaster,” Emergency Manager Carl Lunak noted. “However, an exercise like this is extremely valuable, because it pushes staff to test their plans and respond to something more immediate, less abstract.”

According to the exercise scenario, there was widespread structural damage,

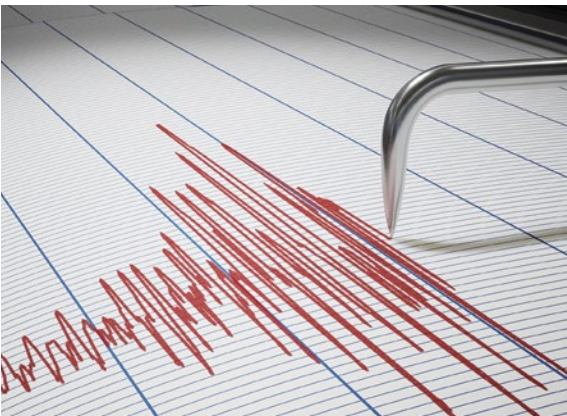
disruptions to critical supply chains and climbing numbers of casualties/fatalities because of the earthquake. The exercise simulated play four days into emergency response, with the city’s Emergency Operations Center fully activated.

For Cascadia Rising, Bellevue staff focused on what they would do in the transition from immediate response to the broader, long-term response and recovery. Police officers and firefighters had to determine how to provide life-saving services despite massive infrastructure damage. Staff in departments including Parks & Community Services had to consider strategies for providing sheltering and essential resources to displaced residents. Public information officers had to envision communicating vital information to residents electronically and via old-fashioned posters at parks, churches and shopping centers.

Additionally, the city’s Emergency Operations Board, which includes the city manager, department heads and sometime participation by the City Council, wrestled with challenging policy questions that would inevitably arise during such a complex event.

Volunteers from Bellevue’s Community Emergency Response Team and Bellevue Communications Support were integral to the exercise, providing essential support to the Emergency Operations Center.

This exercise was an invaluable experience for participants and will go a long way to determining how processes and plans can be improved to build a more resilient city.



Raising flag with pride

With Mayor Lynne Robinson, city council-members Janice Zahn, Jeremy Barksdale and John Stokes, City Manager Brad Miyake and other city staff watching, the State Patrol Honor Guard raises a Pride flag at Fire Station 3 in Crossroads on June 1. The flag flies at the station, City Hall and other city facilities in honor of Pride Month and Bellevue’s LGBTQ+ community.

Bellevue celebrates Juneteenth

The city also celebrated inclusion, freedom and the contributions of Black residents by flying the Juneteenth flag June 17-24. June 19, or Juneteenth, has been declared a holiday by the federal and Washington state governments. Bellevue also closed city offices on Monday, June 20, to recognize Juneteenth as an official city holiday.

For many years, Juneteenth has been an important day of celebration for and in support of Black Americans. Juneteenth recognizes June 19, 1865, as the day the last enslaved people in the U.S. were freed, two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. The Union army marched into Galveston, Texas that day and announced the end of the Civil War and enforced the prohibition of slavery in this country.

City mulls options for aging lakefront sewer line

Residents can offer input for management plan

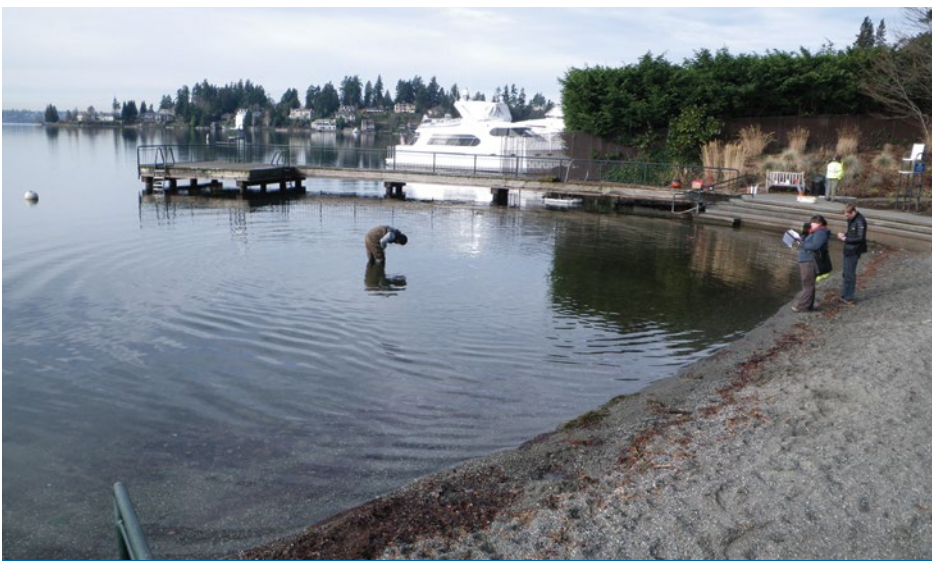
By CLAUDE IOSSO
It's Your City Editor

Nearly 15 miles of sewer line run along eastern shore of Lake Washington, serving property owners in Bellevue, Medina, Beaux Arts and the Points communities. The pipes that constitute the line were built in the 1950s and ‘60s, and Bellevue Utilities is considering how best to manage them for continued reliable wastewater services and protection of the lake’s ecosystem.

Utilities is developing a long-term management plan for rehabilitation and/or replacement of the pipes, which run in or near the lake. Details about the lake line and a link to a survey can be found at BellevueWA.gov/lake-washington-line. Feedback on potential solutions is welcome.

To understand the potential impacts of this plan’s implementation on the environment, the city is developing an environmental impact statement. In the first, “scoping” phase of the EIS, the city will determine what should be studied in the EIS, and resident input will be key. Residents can comment from July 11 to Aug. 5 via an online open house at EngagingBellevue.com/lake-washington-line.

In addition to the online open house, a virtual EIS scoping meeting will be on Tuesday, July 26, 6-7 p.m., with registration available on the EngagingBellevue page. The content at the virtual EIS scoping meeting will be the same as the online open house, but the community will have an opportunity to provide comments directly to the planning and EIS team.



A Utilities worker checks the lake line.

After the EIS scoping comment period concludes on July 22, the EIS team will review responses. There will be another opportunity to provide comment on the draft EIS, likely in early 2023.

For additional information about the project, please contact project manager Angela Chung (lkwalakeline@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4320).

Comment on Lake Line Management Plan

Learn more and weigh in any time on lake line management plan now being developed at BellevueWA.gov/lake-washington-line.

Comment on related environmental impact statement

Input on scope of EIS will be accepted from July 11 to Aug. 5 at the EngagingBellevue.com/lake-washington-line online open house and a July 26 virtual scoping meeting.

With new leadership hires, Bellevue set to tackle future challenges, maintain world-class livability

By **BRAD HARWOOD**
Chief Communications Officer

This spring City Manager Brad Miyake announced three major hires within the organization, all with experience as leaders in the public and private sectors. Genesee Adkins is the city’s first chief of external affairs and Michael Kattermann is Bellevue’s new director of Community Development. Diane Carlson is deputy city manager.

As part of the new leadership shuffle, the city’s Development Services director, Mike Brennan, was appointed interim deputy city manager after Kate Berens took a new position with a city in the Midwest.

“We are very fortunate to have these skilled, talented people joining the Bellevue leadership team, especially during this time of unprecedented growth and change in the community,” Miyake said.

“Genesee has a strong record of building coalitions throughout the region and state, and getting results,” Miyake noted. “Likewise, Michael brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the planning and community development arena. Finally, Diane is an effective, proven leader.

Adkins led strategic growth and infrastructure initiatives in Washington for two engineering services firms prior to joining the city. She also has extensive experience in public-sector external affairs, serving as chief of staff for the Seattle Transportation Department, director of state relations for the University of Washington, director of government relations for King County, and state legislative director for the City of Seattle.

The chief of external affairs is a new role, reporting directly to the city manager. Its focus will be on better aligning Bellevue’s key initiatives through coordinated government affairs and communications support.

Kattermann has 40 years of experience in the planning profession, over 30 of those in the Puget Sound region. He was Community Development

director for the City of Bothell for the past four years and has held leadership positions in public agencies, private consulting firms and nonprofit organizations. From 2007 to 2018, Kattermann was a senior planner at the City of Bellevue, working on high-profile projects including East Link policies, an East Main station area plan and a citywide affordable housing strategy.

The Community Development Department is comprised of 38 full-time staff and three divisions: Planning, Neighborhood Services, and Cultural and Economic Development, and supports both the Planning and Arts commissions.

Carlson comes to the city with a long and impressive resume in public administration and government relations. Most recently she served as the capital division director for King County Metro.

A Bellevue resident, Carlson has strong roots in the community and region. From 2002 to 2012, she was the city’s government relations director, before taking a position with King County. She led regional initiatives for the Office of County Executive Dow Constantine for over six years before taking over Metro’s capital division. Prior to working for Bellevue, Carlson worked for the state Department of Transportation as director of planning, advocacy and initiatives, and for the Association of Washington Cities as senior manager for transportation.

Brennan, who joined the city in 1987, has been director of Development Services since it split from the Planning and Community Development department in 2008. Prior to that, he served as the city’s building official and as deputy director for Planning and Community Development.

Brennan’s appointment began in February and Carlson joined the city on April 4. Both Kattermann and Adkins started April 25.

“The Bellevue community will be well-served by the strong team we’re building. I’m excited about the future of the organization and the opportunities ahead,” added Miyake.



Genesee Adkins



Mike Brennan



Diane Carlson



Mike Kattermann

Parks volunteer opportunities return

By **CHRISTINA FAINE**
Parks & Community Services Public Information Officer

Nature lovers rejoice! Bellevue’s abundant parks and open space benefit greatly from extra care that supports healthy forests and outdoor recreation, and volunteers get to play a key role once again.

After being on hold for two years during the pandemic, Bellevue Parks & Community Services again invites individuals and groups to participate in Eco Friday and Stewardship Saturday projects at parks throughout the city.

Volunteers will plant trees and shrubs, renovate hiking trails and remove noxious weeds from park forests. In addition to helping ensure the health and beauty of Bellevue’s forests, parks and trails, volunteers learn about local natural resources and get exercise while enjoying the outdoors.

Natural Resources crews maintain Bellevue’s dozens of parks, 2,000 acres of forests and natural areas and 92 miles of multi-use trails, but community stewardship is invaluable. Individuals, high school students, families, religious and faith-based organizations, clubs and businesses are encouraged to make a difference in our community.



Local volunteers plant trees.

To sign up for Eco Fridays and Stewardship Saturdays, you can search for either at [BellvueWA.gov](https://www.bellvuewa.gov) or reach out to Parks at parks_stewardship@bellvuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

Registration open for Bellevue Essentials

By JULIE ELLENHORN
Community Relations Coordinator

The initial Bellevue Essentials class launched in 2013, bringing together a diverse group of residents interested in learning together and getting more involved in the community. Now the program, in its 10th year with classes this fall, is open for applications.

Each fall since 2013, 30 to 35 engaged participants have gained an enhanced knowledge of how the city operates. Class members finish the course knowing how to impact decision making at the city, with an expanded personal network and an eye on volunteer opportunities.

Nearly 300 Essentials graduates over the years have made an impact on Bellevue, serving on city boards, commissions, committees and neighborhood association boards or volunteering in other ways throughout the community.

“The Bellevue Essentials experience goes beyond learning about how the city functions,” noted 2019 graduate Randy Dearth. “I was immersed in the complexities of city government and can understand how successful cities manage complexities. The course is highly enjoyable and a spectacular educational experience.”

This year Bellevue Essentials will run 10 weeks (Sept. 28 to Dec. 7), on Wednesday evenings, 6-8:30 p.m., with dinner at 5:30. In interactive presentations and site tours led by staff, with welcomes from City Council members, participants will learn about the past, present and future of Bellevue.

After two years of online learning, Bellevue Essentials anticipates a return to in-person sessions this year. Tuition is \$150; fee waivers are available to those with financial need.

Participants should live or work in Bellevue, and must attend at least eight sessions to graduate. Bellevue Essentials strives to welcome cohorts who represent Bellevue’s diversity. A brochure, video introduction and online application are available at BellevueWA.gov/bellevue-essentials.

Applications are due by 5 p.m., July 27. Applicants are encouraged to share their personal experience, why they want to participate and how they hope to be involved in the community. A screening team of Bellevue Essentials graduates and city staff help select the class each year.

For more information, contact Julie Ellenhorn (jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5372).



Bellevue Essentials offers residents a fun and informative way to learn about city operations.



Bellevue Fire now has increased capability to fight tricky brush fires.

With Amazon donation, Fire Department acquires wildlands fire truck

By LT. CAMARI OLSON
Fire Public Information Officer

With hot summers increasing the risk of wildland fires here, the Bellevue Fire Department is better prepared now with a specialized fire engine designed to operate in rough terrain. A \$150,000 donation from Amazon to the Bellevue Fire Foundation made the acquisition possible.

The state Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Forest Service conducted a risk analysis that revealed areas in Bellevue, particularly Lakemont, along with parts of Clyde Hill, Medina, Newcastle and the Points, all of which are served by Bellevue Fire, are at risk of wildland fires.

During the department’s last accreditation, the need for additional equipment and training for wildland fires was identified; specifically, a four-wheel drive “brush truck” with a water tank on it.

Though the department is well-funded, acquiring specialized resources was beyond the scope of the budget, so Fire Chief Jay Hagen enlisted the help of a local fundraising consultant to establish a foundation that could aid in meeting additional needs. The Bellevue Fire Foundation was established in November 2020.

With the Amazon grant, the department has acquired a truck, which it’s now customizing. The brush truck could be in service by late summer, when the wildland fire threat is highest.

Learn more about the foundation’s work and how to donate at BellevueFireFoundation.org.

Code compliance officers are neighborhood stewards

By TOM CAMPBELL
Code Compliance Supervisor

In a city as fast-growing and diverse as Bellevue, not everyone knows the community standards and code requirements for safe, equitable and sustainable neighborhoods. As a result, each year the city receives more than 1,000 inquiries and complaints about code violations.

Five code compliance officers with more than a century of combined experience respond to these questions and complaints, educating homeowners, renters and businesses. More than 90% of confirmed code violations are resolved voluntarily.

The Bellevue City Code and associated regulations address a wide range of building, land use, environmental, nuisance and noise concerns:

- Remodels and new construction may require building permits and land use approvals.
- Disturbance to or modification of a critical area or critical area buffer, including tree cutting or pruning, requires a critical areas land use permit and potential restoration.

- Rental housing must meet minimum standards and fair housing regulations.
- Accumulated junk, including nuisance items and inoperable vehicles are not allowed in single-family neighborhoods. Neither are RVs, boats or trailers in most driveways.
- Use of single-family homes for most types of business is strictly regulated. Some types of business (e.g., auto services) are prohibited in single-family zones.

In general, code officers investigate in response to specific complaints of code violations. If a violation is confirmed, the officer provides the person responsible with an opportunity to voluntarily comply by providing information about the violation, the corrective actions required and the due date to fix the problem.

As noted, most violators correct the issue voluntarily. Failure to comply can lead to civil monetary penalties.

You can report potential code violations through the MyBellevue customer assistance portal at BellevueWA.gov/mybellevue or by downloading the MyBellevue app to your smartphone. Additional information is available at BellevueWA.gov/code-compliance or email codecompliance@bellevuewa.gov.

Taking aim at long-term challenges in comprehensive plan update

By BROOKE BROD
Community Development Department



As the city begins drafting an update of its comprehensive plan, more than 2,500 residents have taken opportunities to tell us what they think are Bellevue’s biggest strengths and challenges over the next 20 years. Next for development of the Bellevue 2044 plan, staff will engage residents in deep-dive conversations about livability and growth through the summer and fall.

Many residents said they think affordable housing, caring for the most vulnerable and transportation will be serious challenges. People also expressed

appreciation for Bellevue’s many parks and open spaces and the diverse and welcoming community Bellevue offers.

The deep-dive conversations that constitute the second phase of the plan update’s development will provide an opportunity for people to consider how we:

- can provide more affordable housing and housing choices
- ensure all neighborhoods have access to cafes, stores, parks and other services
- can provide transportation options
- create more opportunities for people to build community through great public spaces

People can learn more and register at [Bellevue-2044-Community-Deep-Dives.eventbrite.com](#).

Over the next 20 years the Puget Sound region is expected to add 1.8 million people. As the anchor of the Eastside, Bellevue is planning for its share of that growth with an eye on maintaining the high quality of life people enjoy here.

The Comprehensive Plan is one of the primary tools for planning for this growth. The plan sets out the goals and policies that will guide decision-making on housing, transportation, parks, land use and more. People are at the heart of this plan, which is why community engagement is an important part of the planning process. To learn more about the planning process and get involved, visit [EngagingBellevue.com/Bellevue-2044](#).

Crossroads Mini City Hall is fully reopened!

By RAMU AYYALURU
Mini City Hall Coordinator

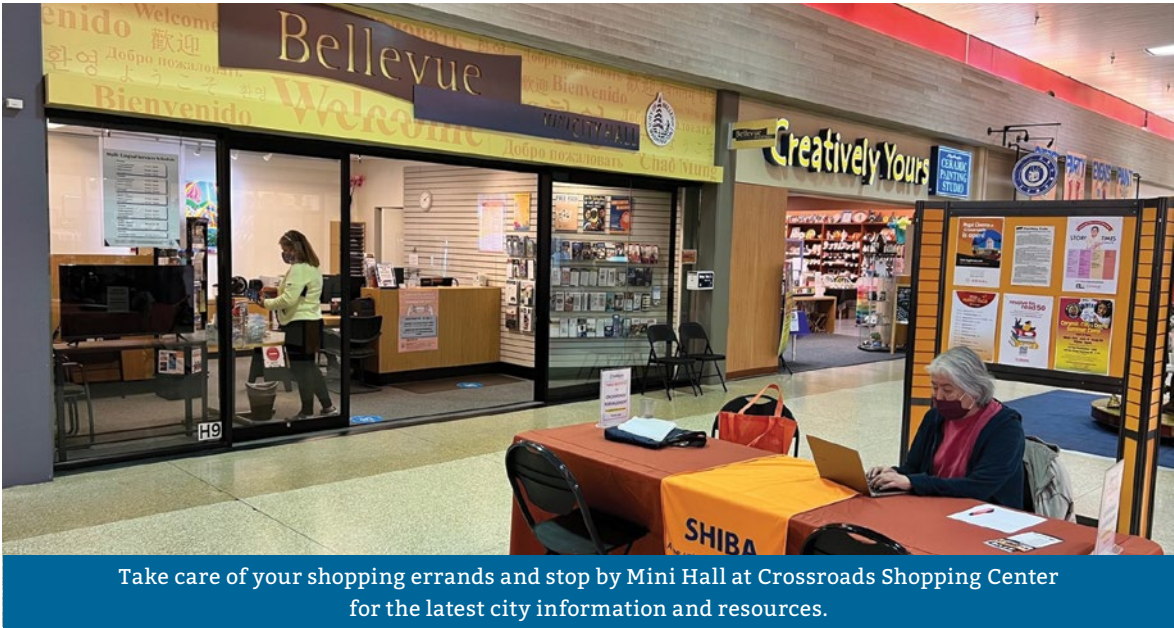
Bellevue’s Mini City Hall has fully reopened, with staff from the city and local nonprofit organizations excited to return to pre-pandemic operations at the Crossroads Shopping Center. Serving people in person is important when you specialize in personalized customer service from friendly staff in multiple languages, as Mini City Hall has for over two decades.

“It’s hard to explain how much Mini City Hall means to me and the customers I serve,” said Irina Chermeshnyuk, family resource support specialist with

the Chinese Information and Service Center. “I have been helping some of my customers for over 20 years, and to not see them in person for two years because of the pandemic was heartbreaking. Seeing them in person allows them to express their feelings and create real conversations and connections again.”

Mini City Hall is open Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Services are also available by phone at 425-452-2800 and by email at minich@bellevuewa.gov. Staff offers help in English, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Russian, Somali, Hindi and Telugu.

Please visit [BellevueWA.gov/mini-city-hall](#) for a list of services.



Take care of your shopping errands and stop by Mini Hall at Crossroads Shopping Center for the latest city information and resources.



Greener Living classes this summer

By ERIN HISLOP
Utilities Conservation and Outreach

Bellevue Utilities is pleased to offer free, interactive classes on a variety of environmental conservation topics. Summer classes are offered either in person at the Bellevue Botanical Garden or virtually via Zoom.

To learn more, visit [BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes](#). Registration is required for all classes. To register, email recycle@bellevuewa.gov or call Sam Wilder at 206-949-1787. Classes include the following.

Curbside Composting and Beyond:

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

- Friday, June 24, 12-1 p.m. – *virtual*

Plastics: Problems and Possibilities:

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

- Wednesday, July 13, 7-8 p.m. – *virtual*

Reduce Wasted Food:

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

- Wednesday, July 20, 7-8 p.m. – *virtual*
- Monday, Aug. 8, 12-1 p.m. – *in person at Bellevue Botanical Garden*

Safer Cleaning:

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

- Thursday, June 23, 7-8 p.m. – *virtual*
- Friday, July 15, 12-1 p.m. – *in person at Bellevue Botanical Garden*
- Tuesday, Aug. 9, 7-8 p.m. – *virtual*

Super Sorter:

Learn where common items belong in recycle, compost or garbage. Find out how to handle unusual or hazardous items.

- Wednesday, June 29, 7-8 p.m. – *virtual*
- Friday, July 29, 12-1 p.m. – *in person at Bellevue Botanical Garden*
- Tuesday, Aug. 16, 7-8 p.m. – *virtual*

Sustainable Shopping:

Sharpen your skills for reducing consumption and making environmentally friendly choices while shopping.

- Monday, Aug. 15, 12-1 p.m. – *in person at Bellevue Botanical Garden*

Earn rewards by choosing alternatives to solo driving



Walkers downtown demonstrate an alternative to driving alone.

By KATE JOHNSON
Transportation Program Manager

As the pandemic recedes and more people head back to traditional offices, they can save on gas by busing, carpooling and vanpooling, bicycling or walking. Choose Your Way Bellevue, a city travel options program, has launched a “Return to Travel” campaign to help.

By logging days of travel by modes other than solo driving at [ChooseYourWayBellevue.org/rewards](https://www.chooseyourwaybellevue.org/rewards), Bellevue travelers may be eligible for the following rewards (Telework days do not count toward rewards).

- Get Back on the Move: Log 25 days to receive a \$50 reward (limit one per participant).
- Stay on the Move: Log eight days in a calendar month to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 reward (two recipients will be selected).
- Super Traveler: Log 50 days of non-drive-alone travel in Bellevue in a three-month period and submit a 150-word story describing your experience. Stories will be entered in a drawing for a pair of Bose noise cancelling headphones 700, with charging case (or an equivalent gift card), a value of approximately \$500.

Unless otherwise noted, reward options include Hulu or Spotify gift cards to enhance the bus experience; REI gift cards to help with active transportation (biking or walking); gas cards to help with carpooling; ORCA cards; and vanpool fares. Offers are valid while supplies last.

Choose Your Way Bellevue promotes alternatives to driving alone for commutes and other trips. Learn more at [ChooseYourWayBellevue.org](https://www.chooseyourwaybellevue.org), including how to ride a bus; vanpool and carpool partner matching; and personalized commute planning assistance.

Amplified sound allowed at more community and private events

By PHILLY MARSH, Economic Development Manager and
KRISTINA GALLANT, Code and Policy Senior Planner

People and organizations looking to have gatherings with sound amplification have more options now. The city has expanded the days and hours during which amplification is allowed.

A noise permit is required to use sound amplification loud enough to be clearly audible beyond a property boundary. On April 11, the City Council adopted an amendment to the city code allowing amplification 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday. The amendment lifted a ban on amplification on holidays too.

Amplified sound can now be used more often at events such as neighborhood block parties and after-work gatherings.

Previously, sound amplification could only be permitted 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and was banned on Sundays and holidays. However, city officials recognized that amplification could support additional positive gatherings without significantly impacting neighbors. These events can enhance placemaking, community building, highlight our multicultural community and bring vibrancy to our public spaces.

The code amendment did not change other noise permit conditions, which help limit disturbances to the surrounding neighborhood. Sound amplification volume cannot exceed certain levels at any time. Amplified sound is not permitted at the same location more than four days in any calendar week, and cannot be plainly audible in schools during school hours or in a hospital at any time. Amplification is also subject to the quiet zone restrictions.

If you are interested in using amplified sound at an upcoming event, please consult [BellevueWA.gov/noise-permit](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/noise-permit).

After delays, WSDOT’s Main Street bridge replacement work begins

Project requires five-month closure of Main Street

By DAVID GRANT
Transportation Public Information Officer

After being rescheduled several times due to a lengthy concrete strike, the state Department of Transportation has begun work to replace the Main Street bridge over Interstate 405. The new overpass will include a multipurpose path for people who walk and bicycle.

Main Street has been closed between 112th and 116th avenues since June 13, and will remain closed for about five months. In addition, WSDOT was scheduled to close I-405 in both directions the weekend of June 18-19 to demolish the old bridge.

State and city officials understand the Main Street closure will have a significant traffic impact. They encourage travelers to use alternate routes.

The overpass project is part of WSDOT’s I-405 Renton-to-Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes project. The new bridge will span the new, wider I-405.

- The principal detour for Main Street is on Northeast Fourth Street. Main Street across I-405 is closed while crews build the new bridge. The full closure of Main Street will be followed by a 60-day stretch when one lane is open in each direction.
- Additional I-405 weekend closures will be scheduled in the coming months to set girders for the new bridge, but those closures will be in one direction only.
- More about the Main Street bridge replacement and all WSDOT closures on I-405 is at [WSDOT.wa.gov/I405Widening](https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/I405Widening). Get the latest information on street closures citywide at [BellevueWA.gov/traffic-advisories](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic-advisories).



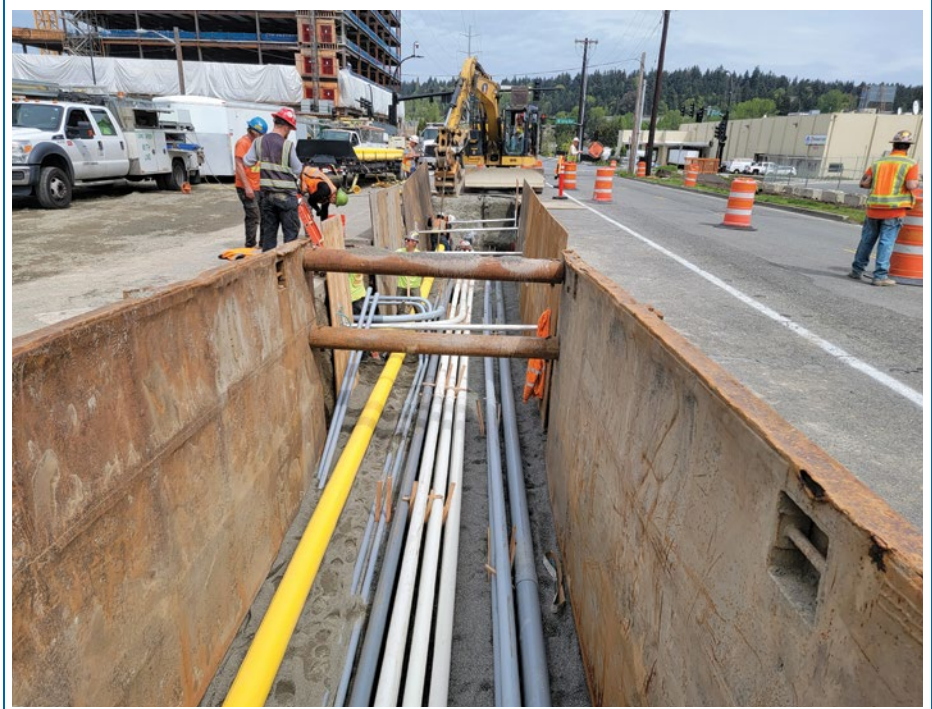
PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The list below features Transportation, Utilities and Parks projects – listed by neighborhood – currently under construction or ready to start later this year.

BelRed

130th Avenue NE: Bel-Red Road to NE 20th Street
Add protected bike lanes, sidewalks, mid-block crossings, on-street parking, signal and intersection modifications, streetlights, landscaping and utility improvements. Construction is anticipated from 2022 to 2025 (\$23 million).
Greg Lucas, glucas@bellevuewa.gov

124th Avenue NE: NE 12th Street to NE Spring Boulevard
Widen 124th Avenue NE to five lanes. The new configuration includes turn pockets or a center turn lane and a pedestrian-bicycle facility on both sides of the street, separated from vehicle traffic with a buffer. Construction is anticipated to conclude in 2023 (\$21.3 million). **Marina Arakelyan**, marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov
photo below



NE Spring Boulevard: 130th Avenue NE to 132nd Avenue NE (Zone 4)
New roadway will include protected bike lanes, sidewalks, signal and intersection modifications, streetlights, landscaping and utility improvements. Construction from 2022 to 2023 (\$16 million).
Greg Lucas, glucas@bellevuewa.gov

Bridle Trails

Pikes Peak Reservoir Replacement
Replace the aging 1-million-gallon, steel water reservoir in Bridle Trails State Park with 1.25-million-gallon concrete reservoir to address seismic and storage deficiencies. Construction is underway and is anticipated to conclude in fall 2022 (\$6.5 million).
Jay Hummel, jhummel@bellevuewa.gov
photo below



Citywide

Pavement Preservation
Resurfacing streets – including grinding, fresh asphalt, new pavement markings, upgraded curb ramps and new sidewalks – will include portions of 148th Avenue Southeast, NE Eighth Street and Northup Way in Northeast Bellevue, and 140th Avenue and Main Street in East Bellevue this year. A segment of 112th Avenue Southeast will also be repaved. Repaving typically occurs between April and October. A map of all 2022 resurfacing projects is available at BellevueWA.gov/pavement.
Isack Habte, ihabte@bellevuewa.gov

East Link Station Area Crosswalk Enhancements
Install continental-style crosswalk markings at intersections near East Link light rail stations. These pavement markings will enhance pedestrian visibility in locations that will experience increased pedestrian usage when light rail opens. Construction is anticipated to begin summer/fall 2022 (\$275,000).
Chris Iverson, civerson@bellevuewa.gov
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Cougar Mountain/Lakemont

Cougar Mountain Pump Station Rehabilitation
Replace aging pumps and obsolete electrical equipment for the potable water system, includes upgrades to site piping and evaluate seismic requirements. Construction from 2022 to 2023 (\$2.7 million). **Jim Stockwell**, jstockwell@bellevuewa.gov

Downtown

Bellevue Transit Center Raised Intersections
New raised intersections will be constructed downtown at NE Sixth Street and 108th and 110th avenues to provide seamless street crossing for pedestrians traveling from the East Link light rail station and the Bellevue Transit Center. Construction is anticipated in summer 2022 (\$3.2 million).
Chris Masek, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Eastgate

SE 46th Way Curb Ramp Improvements
Improvements along SE 46th Way between 150th Place SE and 164th Avenue SE will replace the sidewalk corners at each intersection with new ramps that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The project will install 44 new sidewalk ramps at 12 intersections along SE 46th Way. Construction is expected to conclude in summer 2022 (\$700,000).
Benjamin Wright, bmwright@bellevuewa.gov

Parksite Reservoir Interior Recoating and Rehabilitation
Recoat interior and perform limited rehabilitation/repair to 2-million-gallon reservoir by Eastgate Park. Construction is anticipated from winter 2022 through spring 2023 (\$1.4 million).
Prabhat Karna, pkarna@bellevuewa.gov

Factoria

SE 38th Street and Factoria Boulevard Intersection Channelization
Reduce congestion in the Factoria area by reconfiguring the westbound travel lanes on SE 38th Street and adding a second westbound left-turn lane. Construction is anticipated in summer 2022 (\$110,000). **Jeremy Chin**, jchin@bellevuewa.gov



East Link station area crosswalk enhancements

Lake Hills

Crosswalk Improvement Project: Kamber Road SE
Install flashing beacons, signage and pedestrian refuge islands at two new crosswalks: SE 24th Street and 140th Place SE (Kamber Road) and SE 20th Street and 140th Place SE (Kamber Road). Install new curb ramps to improve pedestrian accessibility, repave roadway and upgrade lighting at both locations. Construction is anticipated to conclude in August 2022. Neighborhood Levy funding (approx. \$350,000). **Chris Masek**, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Lake Hills Boulevard and 148th Avenue SE Improvements
Widen the east leg of the Lake Hills Boulevard intersection to add a second dedicated left-turn lane. Other improvements include a new sidewalk on the south side, an eastbound bike lane and traffic islands. Construction is anticipated in summer 2022. Neighborhood Levy funding (\$1.3 million). **Rebecca Lilliquist**, rlilliquis@bellevuewa.gov

Newport

Newport Hills Woodlawn Park (SE 60th Street)
New 13.7-acre neighborhood park. Improvements include nature trails, an off-leash dog area, a picnic shelter with plaza, a children’s play area, adult exercise equipment, a restroom and an open lawn area. The project is underway and is anticipated to conclude in summer 2022 (\$3.3 million). **Scott VanderHyden**, svanderhyden@bellevuewa.gov

Newport Sewer Capacity Improvements
Build 3,300 linear feet of dry sewer force main along Cascade Key to alleviate capacity constraints at the Newport lift and pump stations during high rain flow events. Construction is anticipated to begin in August/September 2022 (\$3.5 million). **Paige Young**, pyoung@bellevuewa.gov

Northwest Bellevue

Northwest Bellevue Walkways and Safety Improvements
Construct new sidewalks on the north side of NE 18th Street, 98th to 100th Avenue NE; the east side of 98th Avenue NE, NE 18th to NE 20th Street; the north side of NE 21st Street, 98th to 100th Avenue NE; a shared used walkway on the east side of 100th Avenue NE, from NE 14th to 24th Street; and raised intersections on 100th Avenue NE, at 18th Street and NE 21st Street. Construction is anticipated to begin in October 2022. Neighborhood Levy funding (\$7.5 million). **Benjamin Wright**, bmwright@bellevuewa.gov

Somerset

Crosswalk Improvement Project: Forest Drive SE
Install flashing beacons and signage at five existing crosswalks (Somerset Drive SE, Highland Drive SE, SE 60th Street, 142nd Avenue SE and SE 63rd Street) and one new crosswalk (152nd Avenue SE). Upgrade curb ramps to improve pedestrian accessibility, repave roadway and upgrade lighting at 152nd Avenue SE. Construction is anticipated to conclude in August 2022. Neighborhood Levy funding (approx. \$350,000). **Chris Masek**, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

West Bellevue

98th Avenue SE and SE 11th Street Slope Stabilization
Stabilize the existing slope on the west side of 98th Avenue SE (97th Place SE) on the southwest corner of SE 11th Street. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2022 (\$1.9 million). **Chris Masek**, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

110th Avenue SE Sidewalk Project
Construct a new sidewalk along the west side of 110th Avenue SE between SE 1st Street and Main Street. The sidewalk will tie into a developer-built sidewalk at 10845 Main Street, creating a continuous walking path for people to get in and out of the Surrey Downs neighborhood. Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2022 (\$200,000). **Olivia Aikala**, oaikala@bellevuewa.gov

Enatai Boathouse Roof Replacement at Enatai Beach Park
Remove and replace the existing concrete roof deck. This work includes intervention and replacement of parts of the underlying wood deck and the replacement of several glulam beams. Construction is anticipated to conclude by early summer of 2022 (\$1.3 million). **Ernie Podaca**, epodaca@bellevuewa.gov

West Lake Sammamish

Crosswalk Improvement Project: 160th Avenue SE
Install flashing beacons and signage at one existing crosswalk at 160th Avenue SE and 158th Avenue SE and relocate one crosswalk at 160th Avenue SE and SE 33rd Street. Install new curb ramps and upgrade existing ramps to improve pedestrian accessibility, repave roadway, and upgrade lighting at both locations. Construction is anticipated to conclude in August 2022. Neighborhood Levy funding (approx. \$1 million). **Chris Masek**, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

West Lake Sammamish Parkway SE
Improve safety for people walking, biking and driving by making roadway improvements between the NE 200 and 800 blocks of West Lake Sammamish Parkway. Build an 8- to 10-foot-wide multipurpose path on the west side. Pave existing 10-foot-wide travel lanes and a 4-foot shoulder on the east side. Install new lighting, landscaping, irrigation and storm drainage. These improvements are being coordinated with two Utilities Department projects that will replace two miles of water main and approximately a third of a mile of pressurized sewer pipe between the SE 1900 block and NE 800 block. Improve water pressure to certain homes along West Lake Sammamish Parkway. Construction is anticipated to conclude in summer 2022 (\$13.1 million). **Paul Krawczyk**, pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Bellevue Family 4th

July 4, 5-10:30 p.m.
Downtown Park
10201 NE Fourth St.

Family activities and evening fireworks set to music performed by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.

425-453-1223 or BellevueDowntown.com/events/family-4th

Downtown Movies in the Park

July 19-Aug. 23, Tuesday nights at dusk.
Pre-movie entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m.

Downtown Park
10201 NE Fourth St.

Free movies on a 40-foot screen

July 19: "Sing 2"

July 26: "Rango"

Aug 2: "Sgt Stubby"

Aug 9: "Space Jam: A New Legacy"

Aug 16: "The LEGO Movie"

Aug 23: "Back to the Future"

Movie will be canceled in the event of rain.

425-452-4240 or
BellevueWA.gov/outdoor-movies

Crossroads Movies in the Park

Aug. 4-Aug. 25; Thursday nights at dusk
16000 NE 10th St.

Family activities at 7:30 p.m.;
movies start at dusk (around 9)

Free movies on a 40-foot screen

Aug. 4: "Onward"

Aug. 11: "Encanto"

Aug. 18: "A Goofie Movie"

Aug. 25: "Incredibles 2"

Movie will be canceled in the event of rain.

425-452-4240 or
BellevueWA.gov/outdoor-movies



"Charlotte's Web"

Friday, Aug. 5 and 12, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 6 and 13, 2 and 7 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 7 and 14, 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre
16051 NE 10th St.

The classic tale about a small pig with a big heart and the spider who saves him.

Suitable for all ages. \$12/person.

425-452-7155 or byt@bellevuewa.gov

Arts in the Garden

Aug. 26, 12-5 p.m.

Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.

Artworks for sale presented in a natural setting, with the artists on hand. More than 25 artists and a wide variety of sculpture and garden art. Live music, food and beverages.

Free. Prices vary for artwork.

Beach Park Lifeguards

Beach parks will be guarded based on lifeguard availability. Consult BellevueWA.gov/beach-lifeguard-schedule for current information.

Enatai, Meydenbauer and Newcastle parks:
June 25-Sept. 5, noon-7 p.m.

Chism and Clyde parks:
July 2-Aug. 20, noon-7 p.m.

Chesterfield Park:
July 2-Aug. 20, 2-5 p.m., closed in bad weather

425-452-4444

Ranger Hikes, Discussions and Movies

Times and locations vary.

Explore local wildlife and natural history with ranger-led tours, discussions and nature movie events.

Lewis Creek Park: 425-452-4195

Mercer Slough Nature Park: 425-452-2565

Lake Hills Greenbelt: 425-452-7225

SEASONAL:

Day Camps and Recreation Programs

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

Kayak, canoe, paddle board rentals

- REI Boathouse at Meydenbauer Bay, 9899 Lake Washington Blvd. NE
May 27-Sept. 5, Wednesday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- REI Boathouse at Enatai Beach, 3519 108th Ave. SE
June 25-Sept. 5, Wednesday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Both boathouses open weekends,
Sept. 6-29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lake Hills Farm Fresh Produce Stand

Hours vary.
15550 156th Ave. SE | 425-233-1198

Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm

Hours vary.
700 148th Ave. SE | 559-274-5942

UNHOUSED

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To reduce the number of unsheltered people in Bellevue, the city takes a multi-pronged approach, working to increase affordable housing options and funding supportive services in Bellevue and elsewhere on the Eastside. The idea is to make homelessness rare, brief and one-time when it occurs.

The city supports Eastside shelters, including ones for women and families maintained by The Sophia Way and Mary's Place and a men's shelter under construction in Eastgate, to be operated by Congregations for the Homeless. Last but far from least, there is the Homelessness Outreach program, connecting people experiencing homelessness with resources.

Driving around town in a city car, checking spaces popular with unsheltered people, as well as following up on reports from neighbors, Hord is the face of the program. Police officers and Fire CARES, the fire department's social services team, also work to connect people on the streets with services.

In Eastgate, Hord talks to the woman in the encampment through the nylon wall of her shelter, leaning over by the entrance. She tells him she's looking for housing vouchers and other items and hands him a paper with her contact details.


In the two and a half years since the program began, the city has helped more than 50 unhoused community members move indoors to temporary or permanent housing. Hord points out empty spots in BelRed and by Interstate 90 that recently had sizeable encampments. Chad Charboneau, a Parks maintenance worker, notes that the baseball fields at Highland Park only have overnight visitors maybe once a week, when it was a nightly issue earlier this year.

Community members are encouraged to use the MyBellevue app to report concerns. Community members in need of support or additional information should visit BellevueWA.gov/homelessness.

CITY CONTACTS

Many city facilities remain closed at this time.

City Hall	450 110th Ave. NE / P.O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009-9012
Service First (general information)	425-452-6800
City of Bellevue website	BellevueWA.gov
City Council Office	425-452-7810
City Offices	
City Clerk's Office and Public Records:	425-452-6464
City Manager:	425-452-7228
Community Development	425-452-7892
Conflict Resolution Center	425-452-4091
Crossroads Mini City Hall	425-452-2800
Development Services	425-452-6800
New permit applications	425-452-4898
Inspection requests, application and status, pay fees	425-452-6875
Simple permits, inspection requests	MyBuildingPermit.com
Application and inspection status	MyBuildingPermit.com
Code Compliance	425-452-2047
Diversity Program	425-452-7886
East Bellevue Community Council:	425-452-6806
1st Tuesday each month, 6:30 p.m.	
Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.	
Fire Emergency Only	911
Fire Non-Emergency	
Business and Information	425-452-6892
Inspection	425-452-4254
Fire prevention	425-452-6872
Human Resources	425-452-6838
Information Technology	425-452-4626
Neighborhood Outreach	425-452-6836
Parks & Community Services	
Aging Services	425-452-4200
Recreation Program Registration/Parks Info	425-452-6885
Youth Sports	425-452-6885
Ballfield Rental	425-452-6914
Picnics/Facility Rentals	425-452-6914
Park Maintenance	425-452-6855
Human Services	425-452-6884
Probation	425-452-6956
Community Centers	
Crossroads Community Center	425-452-4874
Highland Community Center	425-452-7686
North Bellevue Community Center	425-452-7681
Northwest Arts Center	425-452-4106
South Bellevue Community Center	425-452-4240
Marina	425-452-4883
Police Emergency Only	911
Police Non-Emergency	
Crossroads Station	425-452-2891
Factoria Station	425-452-2880
Complaints and Information	425-452-6917
Crime Prevention: Commercial	425-452-2979
Crime Prevention: Residential	425-452-6915
Transportation	
Administration/Information	425-452-6856
Utilities	
Administration/Information	425-452-6932
Billing/Customer Service	425-452-6973
Water, Sewer and Street Maintenance & Emergency	425-452-7840
Other Numbers (Not city government)	
Regional Animal Services of King County	206-296-PETS
Republic Services (recycling, yard debris, garbage)	425-452-4762
Metro Transit/Sound Transit	206-553-3000

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Helping entrepreneurs and job seekers at Mini City Hall



Pranaya Sathe and Ashis Joshi of Economic Development at Crossroads.

HELP WITH A JOB

- Career exploration
- Resumes, cover letters, workshops
- Job training
- Internship/Apprenticeship
- Job Search

HELP WITH A BUSINESS

- Business Fundamentals Education
- Consulting/Advising
- Finance Resources
- Permitting/Regulation
- Staffing Resources

By **ASHIS JOSHI**
Economic Development Analyst


In an effort to support employment and entrepreneurship for more residents, liaisons from the city's Cultural and Economic Development team is now holding office hours in front of Mini City Hall at Crossroads Bellevue.

With this pilot program, the city helps people where they are, a mall that is a vibrant community center for one of Bellevue's most diverse neighborhoods. Posted at Mini City Hall Mondays, 2:30-4:30 p.m., the liaisons will connect people to the resources they need to start a business or find work.

Staff already provide these services via phone and emails. Many of the people seeking help have skills and education, but just don't know where to start, searching for a job or launching a business.

With this program, the Cultural and Economic Development team hopes to help residents overcome barriers, and learn more about community needs and opportunities to boost employment and entrepreneurship for all residents.

To learn more about these efforts visit BellevueWA.gov/business. Visitors to the page can look for links to career navigation and business help.



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