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City's new garbage services roll out June 28

The City Council approved a new comprehensive solid waste contract with Rabanco that will bring expanded garbage and recycling services at less cost to customers beginning June 28. The total service package, which includes single-family, multifamily, and commercial customers, is estimated to save Bellevue customers \$23.5 million dollars over the next ten years.

"The contract gives customers more choices in service and greater opportunities to save time and money," said Damon Diessner, Assistant Director of Utilities. "With all the new items that can be recycled, customers can cut down on their garbage, help protect the environment, and save money, since garbage bills are based on the size and number of garbage containers."

Single-family customers will see the most changes. Yard debris is now being collected every week instead of every other week. And beginning June 28 a number of new services take effect. There will be less sorting of recyclables, since the three bins are being replaced with one large recycling cart. Many new items can be

recycled, such as all plastic bottles and containers, as well as plastic grocery bags and bubble wrap.

Food scraps and food-contaminated paper, such as paper plates and napkins, can be recycled with yard debris. Food scraps, which make up the largest part of the garbage stream, now can be put in with yard trimmings and recycled into natural Cedar Grove compost.

Single-family customers can save trips to the dump by putting small electronics and small appliances at the curb for recycling. Single-family and multifamily customers can include usable clothing and linens for pickup.

Along with the new services, collection routes and days will change for many customers.

Commercial customers also will see many new options beginning June 28. For the first time, businesses that have garbage service with Rabanco can get recycling service at no extra charge (certain limitations apply). If businesses have recycling with a company other than Rabanco, they can still have additional items recycled by Rabanco at no extra



Food waste can now be recycled with yard debris and eventually becomes compost. Small buckets make it easy to carry food waste from the kitchen to the yard debris cart.

charge. Commercial customers will be able to recycle many new items. For assistance with setting up or improving recycling at businesses, contact Rabanco.

All customers were sent information about the new services in June. See page three of this publication for more details. Customers can contact Rabanco at 425-452-4762 (residential customers) or 425-646-2492 (commercial customers) or visit the website at www.Rabanco.com/collection/Bellevue for further information or assistance.

Permit survey indicates significant progress, work yet to do

Overall, Bellevue does a good job inspecting projects and reviewing permit applications, say 85 percent of the respondents to the city's recent permit survey. Customers identified many positive features of the current system. Customer service and professionalism, from the Permit Center through the inspection process, received high marks from

most applicants. Consistency and timelines, although they have improved considerably, need to continue to be priorities.

But the most striking feature of the survey was that almost all numbers had improved significantly since the 2002 survey. All but two of the 25 questions showed a higher "positive" rating.

Development review and inspection are major functions of the city. The city issues about 10,000 permits and conducts over 55,000 inspections each year to make sure that buildings are safe, land uses are appropriate, traffic impacts are managed, and utility and other infrastructure built as part of a development meet the city's quality standards.

Making improvements to the city's permitting activities has been an on-going effort for staff since the fall of 2001. The city-wide initiative, called Development

Services Improvement or DSI, has already netted many notable accomplishments, such as a reduction in timelines for many permit types; more public information; and more assistance with the process, especially for homeowners.

The survey results will be used to ensure that all of the identified issues and concerns are addressed as part of our continuing improvement process. We are committed to providing ever-better service to the customer and making changes that translate into a better customer experience. The city will repeat the survey on a regular basis to gauge our progress.

For more information contact Mike Brennan: 425-452-4113, mbrennan@ci.bellevue.wa.us or check the Web at www.cityofbellevue.org/permitcenter.



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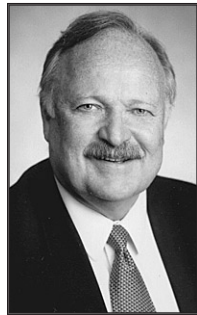
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Council Corner



New City Hall fulfills vision, builds a legacy

By Don Davidson

The Bellevue City Council has taken some bold steps to create a legacy for our community for the next 50-plus years. This summer, construction will begin to upgrade the former Qwest building into Bellevue's new City Hall, in an easy-to-find location in downtown Bellevue.

The most commonly sought city services will be readily available on the main floors of City Hall. We're building a new parking garage, adding a public plaza, and sculpting an attractive landscape around the building. The building also will be retrofitted so we can continue to serve the public after a major earthquake.

Over the past couple of years, the City Council, staff, a technical advisory committee, and architects have been working hard to plan how the new City Hall will look and operate, and to make sure we're investing the right amount to maximize the public benefits. You've probably been following the latest developments in the media, but what you might not know is that we're finally fulfilling a need that was outlined in the 1980s.

Back then, I chaired the committee that developed a list of critical facility needs, including a number of public safety improvements. In 1987 the city completed a long-range municipal facilities plan identifying the needs. The plan included a new Police and Fire Headquarters on the existing city hall campus, a new south Bellevue fire station and the

expansion of public safety training and police evidence facilities. The list went to voters as a property tax levy in 1991. After the levy failed, the city took interim measures to address the most critical needs. The remaining needs were the police center and expansion of public safety training facilities. For years, police officers, detectives and 911 dispatchers have been working in cramped, inefficient spaces that are difficult for the public to find. In addition, the existing Emergency Operations Center, while upgraded slightly, remains too cramped for a city of our size to function properly in a major disaster.

Another need that remained was to fulfill the goal set out in the city's Comprehensive Plan for a downtown City Hall. The vision was for a Bellevue City Hall that would be easy to find and provide one-stop access to services.

With the purchase of the former Qwest building in late 2002, we took a big step toward realizing our vision. To top it off, we were fortunate to get an extremely favorable price and historically low interest rates. After selling our existing campus, we essentially paid only \$9 million for the land and the existing 337,000 square foot building. Building a new City Hall of similar size from the ground up could have cost \$170 million, not counting the land. Instead, for a total project budget of around \$100 million we're getting a complete City Hall on an ideal site.

I'm excited to be on the Council now to see our vision fulfilled. When construction is complete in late 2005, we'll have a downtown City Hall we can be proud of, where our staff can function efficiently. It will be a fitting hub for Bellevue, the "City in a Park," with landscaping, a public plaza and more, all without raising taxes.

Editor's note: Please see page six for information about a public groundbreaking ceremony for the new City Hall.

You're invited to the Comprehensive Plan public hearing

Are you curious about the direction the city is going? Would you like to give input on the type and location of growth in Bellevue over the next 20 years? Interested in giving your thoughts about Critical Areas, economic development, housing, transportation, or urban design?

On July 7, 2004, the Planning Commission will hold the city's public hearing on updating the Comprehensive Plan. This is your main formal opportunity to be heard on the Plan update. The Planning Commission will recommend a proposed plan to the City Council, who will adopt the Comprehensive Plan this fall. You can read the summary and draft Comprehensive Plan on-line at www.cityofbellevue.org/planning.

Part of the Plan update is amendments to the city's policies relating to Critical Areas. The Planning Commission recently accepted changes to earlier versions of the Critical Areas policies to include shorelines and to eliminate an approach to designating Critical Area buffers previously endorsed by a Citizens Advisory Committee. Shorelines policies included in this update supplement existing shorelines policies and are largely focused on recognizing that shorelines and lakes provide fish and wildlife habitat. These environmental functions will be considered in

creating regulations for development along the shoreline. The Planning Commission also approved changes to earlier versions of the policies which eliminated a two-zone approach to Critical Area buffers in favor of the one-zone approach currently used.

- For more information on Critical Areas, contact Kate Berens, 425-452-4616 or mkberens@ci.bellevue.wa.us.
- For more information on the Comprehensive Plan Update, contact Kathleen Burgess, 425-452-6866 or kburgess@ci.bellevue.wa.us.
- Get on-line information, including highlights of the draft changes, the draft Comprehensive Plan and staff reports at www.cityofbellevue.org/planning
- Provide input or add your name to the mailing list by calling 425-452-7857 or e-mailing compplan@ci.bellevue.wa.us.

Planning Commission Public Hearing
7 p.m., Wednesday, July 7, 2004
First United Methodist Church
1934 108th Avenue NE, Bellevue

Summer conservation tips

The regional water supply forecast for summer is good, according to Seattle Public Utilities. "Heavy rains over the Memorial Day weekend resulted in near full reservoir conditions in both the Tolt and Cedar River watersheds, but the snow pack has melted a month early," said Mike Jackman, of Bellevue Utilities. "At this time, we do not see the need for customers to curtail water use this summer. However, an unusually warm and dry summer could draw supplies down faster than normal."

Customers are asked to continue with long-term water conservation actions and to be efficient water use. Here are a few things you can do:

- Check and repair all leaks, including leaking faucets & hose bibs.
- Replace inefficient fixtures and appliances such as toilets, faucets, and washing machines.
- Inspect your irrigation system and repair leaky, broken, or poorly adjusted sprinklers. Add a shut-off to every hose.
- Water lawns deeply and less often. Lawns need about one inch of water each week in July and August. Use sprinklers with spray patterns that match the shape of your lawn area. Water your lawn separately from other plantings and use timers to limit watering periods.
- Use soaker hoses or drip irrigation to water all plants except lawns. Bury soaker hoses under a layer of mulch to prevent evaporation and help spread the water flow.

For more information, visit Drinking Water www.cityofbellevue.org/page.asp?view=14859 or call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932.

Stencil a storm drain – save a fish



Everything that goes down a storm drain flows into local streams, lakes, and wetlands. Pesticides, paints and used motor oil poured on the ground can wash into storm drains and flow to waterways where salmon and other aquatic life feel the impact.

Help raise awareness by volunteering to stencil storm drains with the words "Dump No Waste, Drains To Stream." Storm drain stenciling is a great community project that helps protect our local streams, lakes, and wetlands.

Volunteer groups can stencil throughout the summer months, in their own neighborhood or at an assigned location. Everything you need is provided free of charge. Call 425-452-6166, or e-mail kgratt@ci.bellevue.wa.us, for more information.

New garbage/recycling services

For single-family residents

- All households will receive a 96-gallon blue recycling cart in June (unless you've ordered a smaller size). You will no longer need to sort recyclables into three bins.
- Keep your three recycling bins to use around the house or have Rabanco pick them up at the curb on collection day. Just mark them "Remove for Recycling."
- To downsize to a smaller blue recycling cart, order a food scraps bucket, change your garbage can size, choose a Rabanco garbage can, or compare choices in service, contact Rabanco.
- Unless you request a change, your garbage service will stay the same.
- Along with the new services, collection routes and days will change for many customers.

New items can be recycled

- Aluminum trays, all plastic bottles and containers (including yogurt and margarine containers), plastic film (shrink and bubble wrap), plastic grocery bags (bagged together), and more can be put into the blue recycling cart.
- Food scraps (even meat and bones), napkins, and other food-soiled paper and cardboard can be put into the green yard debris cart. Instead of putting food down the garbage disposal (can cause grease blockages in your sewer pipe), put it in with leaves and grass, and it will be recycled into natural Cedar Grove compost.
- Small electronics and appliances can be placed at the curb near the blue recycling cart, including small TVs, VCRs, cell phones, computers, hair dryers, toasters, irons.
- Clean, usable clothing, stuffed animals, bedding and other linens can be placed at the curb near the blue recycling cart.
- For questions on what items can be recycled, contact Rabanco (see box). For assistance with where to recycle items not in Rabanco's recycling program, contact the city.

For apartment and condominium residents

- No more sorting items for recycling into separate carts—all items go into the same blue recycling cart or container.
- Aluminum trays, all plastic bottles and containers (including yogurt and margarine containers), plastic film (shrink and bubble wrap), and plastic grocery bags (bagged together) can be put into the blue recycling cart or container.
- Clean, usable clothing, stuffed animals, bedding and other linens can be placed near the blue recycling cart or container if your complex participates in the new expanded recycling program.
- Property managers can sign up to recycle landscape debris for an additional fee.
- For more information, contact Rabanco.

For commercial property managers and owners

- All commercial garbage customers are now eligible for recycling with Rabanco at no extra charge (certain limitations apply). Even if



Single-family customers will get a new blue recycling cart in June. Look for the garbage and recycling instruction booklet and poster that come with the cart. You'll want to save this information.

you are using another recycler, you can recycle additional items with Rabanco at no extra charge.

- No more sorting recyclables into separate carts or containers. All items go into the same blue recycling cart or container.
- New items can be recycled, including plastic film (shrink and bubble wrap) and glass bottles and jars (colors ok). If you haven't received a list in the mail of what can be recycled, contact Rabanco.
- For additional assistance with garbage or recycling including deskside recycling boxes and signs, contact Rabanco.
- For assistance with other recycling options, contact the city.

Garbage and recycling contacts

Rabanco

www.Rabanco.com/collection/Bellevue

Single-family 425-452-4762

Multi-family & Commercial 425-646-2492

City of Bellevue 425-452-6932

recycle@ci.bellevue.wa.us

Traffic safety along NE 24th

It's easy to take the ground beneath your shoes for granted, but when it's lacking, pedestrians and bicyclists take notice. Residents who live around NE 24th Street between Northup Way and 130th Avenue NE have noticed that the sidewalks and bike facilities along this stretch of roadway are scarce.

After working with City of Bellevue staff at two workshops and an open house, the community has settled on a preferred alternative to improve safety for all traffic along NE 24th Street.

The preferred alternative includes installing an all-way stop at 126th Avenue NE and new continuous and separated pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists on the north side of the road. The project also includes narrowing road lanes to slow traffic and adding landscape buffers as necessary.

"We like the project design since it is useful and esthetical while providing safety in the community," wrote one resident in a questionnaire distributed at the recent open house.

Participants at the open house felt that this project was a wise investment of the city's money.

"Based on the comments we received, support is very high," said project manager Rick Logwood. "Recent validation of the preferred alternative shows that this project best addresses the key objectives, concerns and interests of the neighborhood."

With the community's backing, Logwood and other project team members will present the preferred alternative to the City Council in June. While construction funding for the first phase of the project is included in the current city budget, full build out of the preferred alternative will require additional funds. Complete funding of the NE 24th Street project will compete with other citywide needs this summer during the 2005-2011 Capital Investment Program Plan update.

Summer Event Shuttle



To help reduce traffic this summer, the City of Bellevue, in partnership with other local organizations, will once again offer continuous free roundtrip transportation to the Bellevue Arts & Crafts Fair and StoryFest, scheduled for July 23-25.

Shuttles to the Arts & Crafts Fair will depart from the following park and ride locations: South Bellevue (Bellevue Way SE & 112th Ave. SE), South Kirkland (108th Ave. NE and NE 38th Pl.) and Houghton (I-405 and NE 70th Pl.). Buses will leave every

15 minutes on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Sunday, July 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Shuttles to StoryFest will depart from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (10675 NE 20th Street) every ten minutes on Friday, July 23 from 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, July 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m..

There is also a free circulator service for the Arts & Crafts Fair and StoryFest. It will run on Friday, July 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday, July 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The circulator will depart from these four stop locations every 20 minutes:

- Southbound 108th Avenue NE near NE 6th Street
- Southbound 108th Avenue NE near side of NE 2nd Street
- Northbound Bellevue Way NE far side of NE 4th Street (Arts & Crafts Fair location)
- Eastbound NE 10th Street near 108th Avenue NE (StoryFest Location)

Organizations co-sponsoring these services include the Bellevue Downtown Association, the Bellevue Art Museum, the Bellevue Festival of the Arts and the King County Library System.

Newport residents have a new neighborhood liaison



City Manager Steve Sarkozy recently appointed Patricia Burgess to serve as the Neighborhood Liaison for Newport area residents. Patricia will join the “veteran” Neighborhood Liaison team members, bringing her unique skills and expertise to the residents of Bellevue and to the liaison team. Patricia is replacing outgoing liaison Mike Jackman.

Patricia is a resource conservation program administrator for Bellevue Utilities and has worked closely with Bellevue residents for more

than a decade. Patricia currently oversees the landscape-related resource conservation programs aimed at conserving drinking water, recycling yard debris, and reducing landscape chemicals to protect local streams and lakes.

No matter where you live in Bellevue, your neighborhood liaison is just a phone call away. Contact your liaison whenever you need information, to find help, or just to get acquainted. Liaisons are familiar with the features, issues, strengths, problems, and community leaders in your area. Your liaison is responsible for seeing that citizens receive the best possible customer service from the City of Bellevue.

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Summer fire safety tips from the Bellevue Fire Department

Barbecues

The misuse of gas or charcoal barbecue grills accounts for several needless fires within the City of Bellevue each year.

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Make sure that you clean and inspect your barbecue before you use it. If you have a gas barbecue, make sure that the hose connection is tight, and check carefully for leaks.
- When using a barbecue on a deck or patio, be sure to keep the unit clear from the eaves and the sides of your home.
- Always supervise a barbecue grill when it is in use.
- Never use a barbecue indoors.
- When using a charcoal grill, do not add starter fluid after the coals have been lit. Also, remember to place used briquettes in a non-combustible container like a steel bucket or metal garbage can and soak them with water. Do not put them in a paper bag, cardboard box, or a plastic container, and then leave them on a wood deck or against the house. Barbecue coals can retain enough heat to start a fire days after they have been discarded, so make sure they are well away from all combustible items.

Cigarettes and more

People who smoke cigarettes, cigars, or pipes should properly dispose of these materials in a metal container after they have been soaked

in water. Do not discard cigarettes or other smoking materials in beauty bark or along the roadway in dry grasses or shrubs. When conditions are dry, these discarded items will start a fire.

Preparing your home for Wildland/Urban Interface fires

The urban interface areas of our city, where homes and forested areas come together, require extra caution for outdoor fire prevention:

- Mow lawns regularly and remove tall, dry grasses.
- Keep gutters free from debris such as dead limbs, leaves, and dry pine needles.
- Keep trees trimmed away from all structures and up from the ground.
- Prune bushes and shrubs regularly. Remove all dead plants, trees, and shrubs.
- Stack dry firewood well away from structures.
- Store gasoline, oily rags, and other flammable materials in approved safety cans. Place cans in a safe location away from the base of buildings or next to wooden fences.
- Refuel garden equipment carefully, away from dry flammable grasses.
- Regularly dispose of newspapers, garbage, and other combustible materials stored next to or underneath structures.
- Do not drive any vehicles in tall, dry grassy areas. The exhaust system under

a vehicle gets very hot and may ignite any dry material it comes in contact with.

- Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks and outdoor barbecues.
- Maintain an easy access for emergency vehicles, and make sure your address is clearly visible from the street.
- Make sure water sources, such as a fire hydrant; are accessible to the fire department.

For more information, please visit www.firewise.org, www.fema.gov and www.fs.fed.us

For more information about summer safety, contact the Bellevue Fire Department's Community Liaison Officer at 425-452-6995.

Road construction season underway in Bellevue neighborhoods

Where road construction occurs, please expect minor to major disruptions, depending on the extent of the work, as you drive through these construction zones. Here is a list of construction projects occurring in a number of neighborhoods throughout Bellevue:

Northwest Bellevue

1 NE 8th Street: 96th Avenue NE to 98th Avenue NE Sidewalk

Proposed Improvements: Install curb, gutter, and six-foot sidewalk on the north side of NE 8th Street with a four-foot wide planter strip, where feasible, between the existing bus stops.

Construction Dates: Summer or early fall.

Project Manager: Vangie Parico, 425-452-6103 or Vparico@ci.bellevue.wa.us

2 NE 39th Street & 108th Avenue NE Rockeries Reconstruction

Proposed Improvements: Cut back the slope on 108th Avenue NE and replace existing rockery with a structural wall.

Construction Start & End Date: Summer 2004

Project Manager: Steve Costa, 425-452-2845 or Scosta@ci.bellevue.wa.us

3 108th Avenue NE: NE 12th Street to NE 24th Street

Improvements Underway: Adding a landscaped neighborhood entry median.

Construction Dates: Underway through July.

Project Manager: Ray Godinez, 425-452-7915 or Rgodinez@ci.bellevue.wa.us

4 110th Avenue NE: NE 12th Street to NE 14th Street Sidewalk

Improvements Underway: Install curb, gutter, and six-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of the roadway with segments of a four-foot-wide planter strip.

Construction Dates: Underway until early summer.

Project Manager: Vangie Parico, 425-452-6103 or Vparico@ci.bellevue.wa.us

Bridle Trails

5 NE 29th Place Connection

Improvements Underway:

- Extending NE 29th Place to the south and west as a combination two-lane/three-lane roadway between 148th Avenue NE and NE 24th Street.
- Adding a southbound to westbound right-turn lane from 148th Avenue NE onto NE 29th Place.
- Modifying NE 24th Street and NE 29th Place to include two southbound to westbound right-turn lanes.
- Widening the intersection of NE 24th Street and 140th Avenue NE to accommodate two westbound to southbound left-turn lanes.
- Adding a planter island on the west leg of the intersection of NE 24th Street and 140th Avenue NE.
- Building retaining walls, where needed.
- Adding street trees along the length of the project, where feasible.
- Expanding the wetland area upstream on Valley Creek as mitigation

for wetland impacts adjacent to NE 24th Street.

Construction Dates: Resumed in April and continues through spring 2005.

Project Manager: Tricia Thomson, 425-452-6014 or Tathomson@ci.bellevue.wa.us

Wilburton

6 116th Avenue NE near NE 21st Street

Proposed Improvement: Construct a missing link of sidewalk on the west side of 116th Avenue NE.

Construction Dates: Summer through fall.

Project Manager: Mike Rodni, 425-452-4586 or Mrodni@ci.bellevue.wa.us

Crossroads

7 NE 20th Street: 140th Avenue NE to 148th Avenue NE

Proposed Improvements: Restricting left-turn movements by adding a new U-turn lane and a traffic signal at Ross Plaza.

Construction Dates: Late June through October 2004.

Project Manager: Les Wagner, 425-452-7669 or Lwagner@ci.bellevue.wa.us

West Bellevue

8 Access Downtown – I-405 and NE 4th Street on-and off-ramps:

Improvements Underway: I-405 southbound on-and off-ramp work continues.

Construction Dates: Underway through July.

Project Manager: Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 or Rlogwood@ci.bellevue.wa.us

9 Access Downtown – I-405 and NE 6th Street

Improvements Underway: Construct a new overpass at NE 6th Street with dedicated HOV/transit on-and off-ramps to and from the I-405 HOV lanes.

Construction Dates: Underway through early 2005.

Project Manager: Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 or Rlogwood@ci.bellevue.wa.us

Woodridge

10 Kamber Road: Richards Road to 137th Avenue SE, Phase IIB

Improvements Underway: Qwest is completing the relocation of existing facilities.

Construction Dates: Qwest repairs are underway until July. The culvert replacement and roadway improvements are scheduled to begin spring 2005.

Project Manager: Rick Logwood, 425-452-6858 or Rlogwood@ci.bellevue.wa.us

11 SE 20th Place @ Woodridge Water Tower Park

Proposed Improvements: Paving approximately 2,000 feet of shoulder and driveway approaches on the north side of SE 20th Place.

Construction Dates: Summer 2004.

Project Manager: Vangie Parico, 425-452-6103 or Vparico@ci.bellevue.wa.us

West Lake Hills

12 Conifer Crest: SE 8th to SE 12th Streets & 144th to 147th Place SE Sidewalks

Proposed Improvements: Repairing sidewalks as needed.

Construction Dates: Aug. 2004 through Sept. 2004.

Project Manager: Bob Goenen, 425-452-4239 or Bgoenen@ci.bellevue.wa.us

13 148th Avenue SE: SE 24th Street to SE 28th Street, Phase II

Improvements Underway:

- Widen 148th Avenue SE on the west side with a southbound lane from SE 24th Street to the I-90 on-ramp.
- Add a fourth leg to the SE 28th Street intersection that extends SE 28th Street west and connects to the Bellevue Community College (B.C.C.) access road.
- Provide two northbound left-turn lanes at the new SE 28th Street intersection into B.C.C. from 148th Avenue SE.

Construction Dates: Underway until spring 2005.

Project Manager: Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 or Nlacombe@ci.bellevue.wa.us

14 156th Avenue NE: Lake Hills Boulevard to NE 6th Street Sidewalk

Improvements Underway: Replace existing four-foot-wide sidewalk with a six-foot-wide sidewalk from Lake Hills Shopping Center to Main Street on the west side only. Construct spot sidewalk improvements between Main Street and NE 6th Street on the west side only.

Construction Dates: Underway through summer.

Project Manager: Mike Rodni, 425-452-4586 or Mrodni@ci.bellevue.wa.us

East Lake Hills/Sammamish

15 NE 4th Street: 156th Avenue NE to 164th Avenue NE Traffic Calming

Improvements Underway: Installing four speed humps, a raised crosswalk at the Jewish Day School and entry treatments.

Construction Dates: Underway through summer.

Project Manager: Linda Glas, 425-452-2841 or Lglas@ci.bellevue.wa.us

Somerset

16 Forest Drive: Coal Creek Parkway to SE 63rd Street, Phase I Improvements Underway:

- Re-striping the roadway with five-foot-wide bike lanes and left-turn pockets.
- Widening intersections slightly to accommodate left-turning vehicles.
- Adding a trail on the south side.
- Adding textured pavement at the approach to the Coal Creek Parkway intersection.
- Re-striping the Coal Creek Parkway/Forest Drive intersection to accommodate a westbound left-turn lane and right-turn lane and one eastbound lane.
- Adding a flashing radar speed limit sign.

Construction Dates: July through October 2004.

Project Manager: Nancy LaCombe, 425-452-4382 or Nlacombe@ci.bellevue.wa.us

Eastgate/Cougar Mountain

17 SE Cougar Mountain Way: Lakemont Boulevard to SE 60th Street

Improvements Underway: Placing the existing private utility lines underground, building five-foot-wide bicycle lanes and six-foot-wide sidewalks. Also improving the storm drainage system, installing a pedestrian crossing at 164th Avenue SE, adding a left-turn pocket at Lakemont Boulevard, and building retaining walls near Cougar Mountain Way/Lakemont Boulevard intersection.

Construction Dates: Underway through spring 2005.

Project Manager: Paul Krawczyk, 425-452-7905 or Pkrawczyk@ci.bellevue.wa.us

Various Neighborhoods

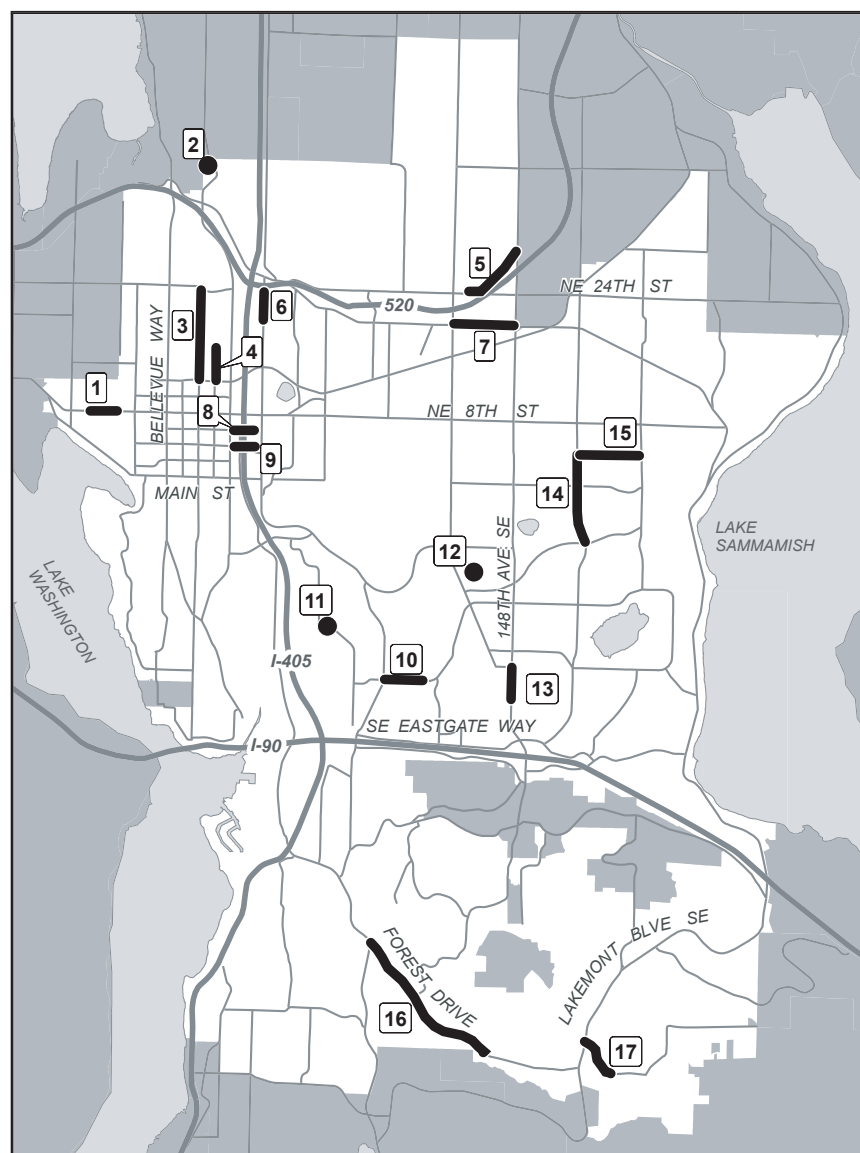
2004 Pavement Overlay Program

Improvements Underway: Paving several roadways with new asphalt to prevent potholes or roadway ruts. Crews will also repair curbs, gutters and sidewalks as needed. Some of the paving work takes place south of NE 8th Street and north of I-90, while a majority of the work takes place south of I-90.

Construction Dates: Underway until fall.

Project Manager: Bob Goenen, 425-452-4239 or Bgoenen@ci.bellevue.wa.us

For updated information of this and other City of Bellevue Transportation projects, please refer to the Transportation Department website: www.cityofbellevue.org/transportation.





Summer 2004 selected special events

Event	Date(s)	Time(s)	Location	Sponsor & Contact Information
Bellevue Farmer's Market <i>Weekly seasonal market</i>	Thursdays June 17-Oct 21	11 a.m.-3 p.m.	Bellevue First Presbyterian Church 1717 Bellevue Way NE	Bellevue Farmer's Market Lori Taylor 425-454-8474
Starlight Walk <i>To benefit Starlight Children's Foundation</i>	June 26	9 a.m.-noon	RobinswoodTrail/Phantom Lake Loop 2430-148 th AVE SE	Starlight Children's Foundation 425-861-7827 joann@starlight-washington.org
Strawberry Festival <i>Celebration & revival of a Bellevue event originating in 1925.</i>	June 26	10 a.m.-8 p.m.	Old Bellevue, 102 nd AVE NE & 103 rd Ave. NE	Eastside Heritage Center Heather@Trescases.com www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org
Bellevue Family 4th Celebration <i>Celebration of the United States of America</i>	July 4	6-11:45 p.m. Fireworks begin at 10:05 p.m.	Bellevue Downtown Park 10201 NE 4 th St.	Bellevue Parks & Community Services, Bellevue Downtown Association & Bellevue Square 425-452-7156 caclayton@ci.bellevue.wa.us
SEAFAIR Half Marathon & 5K <i>Walk/run benefiting cancer research at Virginia Mason</i>	July 11	7 a.m.-noon	Downtown Park / Bellevue 10201 NE 4 th St. (race starts & finishes in the park)	SEAFAIR 206-728-0123, X108 garett@seafair.com
Bellevue Arts & Crafts Fair <i>Connecting artists & the community</i>	July 23-25	Fri & Sat: 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sun: 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.	Downtown Bellevue	Bellevue Art Museum 206-283-8368 rachael@functionevent.com
Bellevue Festival of the Arts <i>Connecting artists & the community</i>	July 23-25	Fri & Sat: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Downtown Bellevue	Craft Cooperative NW 206-363-2048
6th Street Arts & Crafts Fair <i>Connecting artists & the community</i>	July 23-25	Fri & Sat: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Downtown Bellevue	Bellevue Downtown Association 425-453-3110 events@bellevuedowntown.org
StoryFest <i>A celebration of the art of storytelling</i>	July 23-24	Fri: 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sat: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Bellevue Regional Library / Ashwood Park 10820 NE 10 th St. & Bellevue Art Museum 510 Bellevue Way NE	King County Library System, KCLS Foundation & Bellevue Art Museum 425-369-3319 dschneid@kcls.org
Paradiso in the Park <i>An outdoor family cinema</i>	July 31 & Aug. 7	Dusk-midnight	Bellevue Downtown Park 10201 NE 4 th St.	Function, LLC 206-283-8368 rachael@functionevent.com
Pops in the Park <i>Outdoor musical entertainment</i>	August 7	5:30-8:30 p.m.	Bellevue Botanical Garden 12001 Main Street	Bellevue Botanical Garden Society 425-451-3755 www.bellevuebotanical.org
Dragonboat Festival <i>A boating race and celebration to benefit Team Survivor Northwest</i>	September 5	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Newcastle Beach Park	Team Survivor NW 206-732-0263 dawn@teamsurvivornw.org
Westminster Chapel Picnic & Celebration <i>40th Anniversary celebration open to the public</i>	September 5	10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Bellevue Downtown Park 10201 NE 4 th St.	Westminster Chapel 425-747-1461, X129 brianc@westminster.org

Guided canoe tours



Take a three-hour guided canoe tour on Saturdays and explore Lake Washington's largest remaining wetland. Trips are lead by a Bellevue Park Ranger and depart by canoe every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. from Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE, on Lake Washington.

Trips are conducted May to Oct., weather permitting. Basic

canoe training and equipment is provided. Participants are required to paddle the entire distance of four miles.

The cost is \$8 per person for Bellevue residents, \$10 per person for non-residents. Pre-registration is required; please call Bellevue Parks & Community Services at 425-452-6885.

Fair seeks volunteers

It takes up to 400 volunteers to make the Bellevue Arts & Crafts Fair a success. If you or your organization want to help, please contact Lisa Max, Volunteer Manager at 425-519-0743 or fairvolunteers@functionevent.com

New City Hall groundbreaking

Come celebrate the beginning of construction of the new downtown Bellevue City Hall!

What: Groundbreaking Celebration
When: 10 a.m., Thursday, July 29
Where: 450 - 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

Golfing for women

The Bellevue Golf Course is offering two programs designed especially for women golfers. The first program is Tuesday Ladies' Night which runs from 6 - 7 p.m. and offers a free hour of group golf instruction with a golf pro and a large bucket of balls for the price of a small bucket, which is \$4. No registration is required, just stop by.

The second is a Friday evening Working Women's League which begins at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$25, which pays for a round of golf and a \$2 contribution toward the prize fund. In addition, golfers receive on-course instruction with a golf pro. Please sign up ahead of time. All ability levels are welcome.

For more information or to sign up, please call the Bellevue Golf Course at 425-452-7250. The Bellevue Golf Course is located at 5500 - 140th NE. Driving directions can be found at www.cityofbellevue.org - look for the golf section under Parks & Community Services Department.

Lifeguards on duty

By June 26, all beach parks in Bellevue will have lifeguards on duty daily through Labor Day, Sept. 6. The schedule for lifeguards on duty:

Beach/Park	Lifeguards on Duty	Lifeguard Hours
Newcastle	June 19	12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Enatai	June 19	12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Chism	June 26	12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Clyde	June 26	12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Meydenbauer	June 26	12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Chesterfield	June 26	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

During inclement weather, the lifeguard staff is reduced because of lessened demand at the beach parks. Chesterfield Beach Park will be unguarded on those days. Beach park visitors can call the Bellevue Aquatics Center at 425-452-4444 for the lifeguard schedule on rainy days.

Sculpture Exhibition

June 26-October 10

The sixth biennial Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition returns to downtown Bellevue June 26-Oct. 10 to feature 24 pieces of original sculpture at the 17-acre Bellevue Downtown Park. A free exhibit sponsored by the Bellevue Arts Commission since 1992, the Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition provides Northwest residents and visitors an opportunity to see eclectic selections of art at one of the city's most beautiful outdoor venues.

Where: Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Kick-Off: Open to the public, June 26, 6-8 p.m. at Bellevue Art Museum, 510 Bellevue Way NE. Hosted by local arts supporters and city leaders.

More Information: Please visit the exhibition Web site at

www.cityofbellevue.org/SculptureExhibition.asp or contact the Bellevue Arts Commission at 425-452-6458 or bac@ci.bellevue.wa.us.



Stay safe on the 4th

The 4th of July holiday is a time for family and friends to celebrate our nation's independence with barbecues, parades, and of course, fireworks. Play it safe by leaving the discharge of fireworks to the professionals and attend a public display like the one provided in Bellevue's Downtown Park. *Remember, the individual use of all types of fireworks is illegal in the City of Bellevue.* For more information, please contact the Bellevue Fire Department's Community Liaison Officer at 425-452-6995.

BELLEVUE FAMILY 4th CELEBRATION

THE EASTSIDE'S 4TH OF JULY SPECTACULAR!

July 4th at 6pm Bellevue Downtown Park

Bring the family to enjoy live entertainment, food and fun, followed by the Eastside's largest fireworks display synchronized to a performance by the Bellevue Philharmonic, with a live broadcast on Q13 Fox!

Hosted by

www.ci.bellevue.wa.us www.bellevuedowntown.com

This information will be provided in alternate formats for individuals with disabilities upon request. We invite everyone's participation, please provide two weeks advance notice for special needs requests. Assistance for the hearing-impaired can be provided through the 711 Telecommunications Relay Service.

Bellevue returns to its agriculture days

BELLEVUE FARMERS MARKET

Agriculture, the original economy of Bellevue, is celebrated in the return of the Strawberry Festival, the preservation of Kelsey Creek Farm, Bill Pace Fruit & Produce, the Cha Family Farms, and now, the Bellevue Farmers Market. In the early twentieth century there were farms everywhere. Farm stands lined Bellevue Way, our original grocery aisle. The Chittenden Locks opened in 1917 and lowered the water table, creating this fertile farmland.



According to Bill Pace, who operates the Mercer Slough farmstand and Kinley blueberry farm, love of city, love of work, and a desire that his operation and the local

agricultural tradition continue are the things that motivate him to work long days. The farm sales area is open daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. In addition to his Bellevue operation, Bill operates and sells produce from his family's farm in Yakima and buys and sells the produce of other local farmers from April until October.

Joining Bill in promoting local agriculture are Lori Taylor and Toulue Cha. Cha Family Farms operates the 156th Avenue and Larsen Lake farmstands in the Lake Hills Greenbelt. On June 17 Lori Taylor opened the Bellevue Farmers Market. It operates on Thursdays from 11-3 p.m. and runs through October. Dedicated to preserving land for agriculture, assisting small farmers and family farms, and above all, providing fresh Washington-grown produce, Lori is a Bellevue native who wants her city to have what others in the region have: a weekly farmers market. Incidentally, historians indicate that Lori's market sits on what once was the Clark Farm.

Please call the farms for hours of operation, u-pick, and product availability.

Bellevue Farmers Market,
First Presbyterian Church parking lot, 1717 Bellevue Way
425-454-8474

Lake Hills Greenbelt Produce Stand,
corner of 156th Avenue and SE 16th Street,
425-653-6609

Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm,
700 148th Avenue SE,
425-653-6609

Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm,
2380 Bellevue Way SE,
425-467-0501, www.billpacefruitproduce.com

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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, 7 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

City Offices (all city phone numbers use the 425 area code)

City Clerk's Office and Public Records: 452-6805
City Manager: 452-6810

Community Centers

Crossroads: 452-4874
Highland: 452-7686
North Bellevue Senior: 452-7681
Community Council: 452-6805
Crossroads Mini City Hall: 452-2800

Fire & Emergency Medical

Emergency Only: 911
Business and Information: 452-6892
Inspection/Fire prevention: 452-6872

Human Resources: 452-6838

Job Line: 452-7822 or www.cityofbellevue.org

Information Center: 452-6800

Information Technology: 452-4626

Marina Hotline: 452-6123

Neighborhood Mediation Program: 452-4091

Neighborhood Outreach: 452-6836

Parks & Community Services

Parks Information: 452-6881
Recreation Registration: 452-6885
Youth Sports: 452-6887
Ballfields: 452-6914
Picnics/Rentals: 452-7158
Park Maintenance: 452-6855
Human Services: 452-6884
Cultural Diversity: 452-7886
Probation: 452-6956
Recreation & Special Services Division: 452-6885

Planning & Community Development: 452-6864

New permit applications and application status: 452-6864

Code compliance: 452-4570

Neighborhoods: 452-6836

Police

Crossroads Station: 452-2891
Factoria Station: 452-2880
D.A.R.E.: 452-7895
Emergency Only: 911
Administration: 452-6952
Complaints and Information: 452-6917
Detective Division: 452-5373
Crime Prevention: Commercial 452-6915; Residential 452-6916
Traffic Safety/Enforcement: 452-6940

Transportation

Administration/Information: 452-6856
Transportation Construction Hotline: 452-7933

Utilities

Administration/Information: 452-2977
Billing/Customer Service: 452-6973
Water, Sewer, Street, & Surface Water Maintenance and Emergency: 452-7840

Other Numbers (Not city government)

King County Animal Control: 206-296-PETS
Eastside Disposal: 206-682-9730 (recycling, yard waste, garbage)
Metro Transit/Sound Transit: 206-553-3000



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Lewis Creek Park groundbreaking



City Councilmembers had help in breaking ground for Lewis Creek Park in South Bellevue. Construction has begun on the 55-acre park site, with the Grand Opening scheduled for Spring 2005. From left to right: Patrick Foran, Parks & Community Services Director; Kurt White, Parks & Community Services Board Chair; Lesley Stuart, Park Board; Robin Frye, President of the Lakemont Highlands Div. II Homeowners Association.; John Chelminiak, Bellevue City Council; Grant Degginger, Bellevue City Council; Conrad Lee, Bellevue City Council; Merle Keeney, Park Board and Jane Bennett, Park Board.

Tateuchi Dedication



At the recent dedication of the Tateuchi Viewing Pavilion in the Bellevue Botanical Garden, Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi (second and third on left) are honored at a reception at the Pavilion. Joining the Tateuchis at the celebration are (l to r) Patti Thompson, President of the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society; Mr. and Mrs. Tateuchi; Conrad Lee, Bellevue City Councilmember; John Hepler, Tiffany & Co.; and Connie Marshall, Mayor of Bellevue.

Arbor Day/Earth Day



Arbor Day poster contest winner Hitome Inose of Newport Hills Elementary receives congratulations at the Bellevue Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration from (l to r) Conrad Lee, Bellevue City Council; Connie Marshall, Bellevue Mayor; Ross Hunter, State Representative; and Pat Davis, Port of Seattle Commissioner.