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Protesters for racial justice at the Marketplace @ Factoria speak with Police Chief Steve Mylett.

Council commits to review of public safety practices

By Brad Harwood, Chief Communications Officer

The City Council is taking a fresh look at the police department's public safety practices, and how it can better serve the community. A pledge, signed by Mayor Lynne Robinson on June 10 on behalf of the council, commits the city to the following actions:

- **Review** police use of force policies.
- **Engage** the community by including a diverse range of input, experiences and stories in the review.
- **Report** the findings of the review to the community and seek feedback.
- **Reform** police use of force policies.

The council took action following the Memorial Day death of a Black man, George Floyd, while in the custody of the Minneapolis police. In protests around the country, including in Bellevue, community members called for an end to social injustice.

"The disturbing events of the last two weeks have made it clear that systemic racism and injustice continue to permeate

throughout our country, and that Bellevue needs to be a part of the solution," Mayor Robinson said in June. "I urge the community to stand with us as we examine our actions and embark on this meaningful public safety review. We want all parts of the community to be a part of the conversation as we move forward."

"I welcome this review and appreciate the ongoing support of the City Council and City Manager Brad Miyake," Police Chief Steve Mylett said. "The Bellevue Police Department has worked hard to engage with our communities of color, and this is an opportunity for a credible, Eastside-focused framework to go along with the call to action we all feel."

In 2016, Mylett formed police advisory councils that represent Bellevue's Black, Muslim, Latino, LGBTQI, interfaith and Asian/Pacific Islander residents.

The police department's community outreach efforts are consistent with the city's Diversity Advantage initiative, which the City Council launched in 2014. The initiative's guiding principles include a commitment

to enriching the quality of life for all through promoting access, equity, inclusion, opportunity and cultural competence. As part of that effort, all city staff, including police officers, receive cultural competence training.

Bellevue is one of the most diverse cities in Washington. In 2015, according to the U.S. Census update, the city's population was evenly split between non-Hispanic whites and people of color.

As the city's review of police practices gets underway, led by the City Manager's Office, residents will be invited to provide input in a variety of ways. Next steps, including updates to the council, will be announced in the coming weeks.

"I appreciate Chief Mylett's leadership and responsiveness to resident feedback, and our dedicated officers and staff who work hard to keep this city safe," Mayor Robinson said. "I've seen firsthand their efforts to build community connections and de-escalate tense situations. I also want to recognize our residents who have joined in the peaceful protests and helped spark this process."

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Anticipating budget shortfall

By Michelle DeGrand, Deputy Communications Officer

When City Manager Brad Miyake drafts a preliminary 2021-22 budget for the City Council to consider this fall, he will likely have to reckon with a \$12 to \$16 million shortfall caused by the COVID-19-related economic shutdown.

On June 22, staff provided an overview of the approach and challenges expected in the upcoming budget planning cycle, both for the 2021-2022 general fund and the 2021-2027 Capital Investment Program (CIP).

The workshop included a proposal for one to two years of flexibility in the city's sales tax policy to allow up to \$3 million in revenue to move from the CIP to the general fund. The city could then avoid making drastic, short-term cuts to services to make up for loss in revenue. It would potentially

result in deferment of some capital projects in the CIP.

The budget team shared three budget scenarios based on the potential speed of economic recovery, with a \$12 million shortfall anticipated with the most rapid recovery and a \$16 million gap projected with the slowest.

Deliberation by the council will begin in October, after the city manager submits a preliminary budget. The council is scheduled to adopt a budget in December.

Resident input regarding the budget is welcome. There will be a series of public hearings in addition to budget workshops for the council in the coming months. Residents can track the budget's progress and outreach at BellevueWA.gov/budget-public-involvement.

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By Councilmember Jennifer Robertson

BPD strives to serve entire community, lead in best practices

The recent killing of a Bothell police officer reminds us that the men and women of the Bellevue Police Department put their lives on the line for our community every day. BPD makes life here both safe and peaceful, and the city is ensuring our police officers maintain their ability to protect our community and appropriately police our diverse population in an effective and inclusive manner.

BPD's approach to community-oriented policing is working, and their approach is embraced by our residents. In the city's annual survey, a whopping 98 percent of residents find our police "very professional" and 90 percent express high confidence in BPD. The department is making Bellevue residents safer by responding to both felony crimes and lower-level crimes (like car prowls and burglary) that other cities sometimes ignore. As a result, Bellevue has one of the lowest crime rates among cities of our size. Our polling also shows that the vast majority of people also feel safe.

BPD is nationally accredited. That is a rare distinction, placing Bellevue among the top 6 percent of departments nationally. And BPD is a national model of how to provide the best law enforcement services to everyone in a highly diverse community. For example, officers undergo increased training, focusing on de-escalation and diversity. We have six advisory groups, representing Bellevue's Black, Muslim, Latino, LGBTQI, interfaith and Asian/Pacific Islander communities, that provide input to BPD making us more effective in serving everyone.

The city also embeds social workers with officers to help connect vulnerable people with services. And BPD endeavors to spend half of patrol time on "proactive policing," not just reacting to emergencies. This connects our officers with their community to solve problems and prevent crime before a tragedy occurs.

Policing is an important, essential service. It was on full display during the rioting and looting that occurred on May 31. We learned painful lessons that day; the city and the community need to join together to ensure such destruction never happens again. Thanks to the professionalism of BPD, May 31 resulted in no loss of life, serious

injuries, arsons or other violent crimes. In the aftermath, BPD is investigating and referring charges to prosecutors. So far, 23 arrests have been made, with more expected in the days ahead.

In June, amidst the national conversation on social justice reform, the City Council committed to reviewing public safety practices of BPD. This includes reviewing use of force policies, engaging with the community and adopting appropriate reforms. We were already doing this as part of national accreditation, and we will continue to strive to be the best police department in the nation. This does not imply BPD is less than excellent. Rather,

this is an effort for the council to understand the practices of BPD so that we can work together to make policing in Bellevue even better.

With the high standards we have in place for police, I have every confidence that BPD will continue to live up to its motto of "respect, integrity, accountability and service." Their exceptional service is why the council and the public has consistently expressed confidence and support for our police department. With its strong record of public safety, Bellevue will remain one of the best cities in the nation to live, work, start a business and raise a family.



Officer Samuel Menchaca serves food at the Salvation Army. Bellevue officers regularly serve meals there as part of the department's community policing efforts.

COUNCIL ROUNDUP

By Claude Iosso, It's Your City Editor

East Link 75% complete

The East Link light rail line is 75% complete, Sound Transit representatives reported to the City Council on July 13. Despite impacts from COVID-19, construction was on schedule for the line that will run from the International District in Seattle, through Bellevue, to Redmond, starting in 2023.

Sound Transit staff also expect the Eastside light rail maintenance facility being built on 120th Avenue Northeast in BelRed will be operational in the fall. Ninety-six light rail cars will be stored and maintained at the facility.

Photographs of the 10 East Link stations under construction, including the six in Bellevue and the downtown tunnel, were presented. Councilmembers expressed appreciation of the collaboration between Bellevue and Sound Transit.

East Main briefing

The City Council on July 6 considered the first of three topic areas – streets and blocks – related to a Land Use Code amendment for the area around what will be the East Main light rail station. The amendment would support a vision and policies for

small, walkable blocks and a vibrant, people-oriented district, distinct yet complementary to downtown.

Approximately 60 acres near the southeast corner of downtown, the East Main area borders the East Link station now under construction and the Surrey Downs neighborhood to the west, Interstate 405 to the east and Mercer Slough to the south.

Staff will incorporate council's feedback into the amendment being developed. Monthly study sessions for each of the topic areas will take place through October, with a public hearing and council action anticipated in November and December.

Police chief discusses looting

The council on June 1 received an update from Police Chief Steve Mylett on looting and public disturbances that took place in downtown Bellevue on May 31.

The chief drew a distinction between peaceful protestors and those committing vandalism and looting of local businesses. He addressed the police response to the situation, including criticism that the response was too slow or inadequate.

Chief Mylett spoke about the planned attack, which impacted several cities in the region

and took away backup support arranged for Bellevue. The chief detailed the activities of the groups who were looting, noting they appeared to have worked together to spread law enforcement resources thin across multiple cities.

The chief concluded his remarks by reviewing police training procedures in crowd control and de-escalation. The police made arrests that night, and the department later said they expected many more as video evidence was analyzed.

\$1 million in block grants allocated for human services

The council on May 18 approved the allocation of \$996,557 in Community Development Block Grant funding for human services work in Bellevue. The city was awarded \$489,623 in newly available block grants this year in response to COVID-19, in addition to \$506,934 in unspent funds from prior years.

The council accepted staff recommendations for the funds to go to local nonprofit agencies that provide:

- homelessness services (\$489,623);
- emergency financial assistance (\$206,934);
- child care (\$150,000); and
- legal assistance (\$150,000).

Downtown Park NE Gateway construction underway

By Christina Faine, Parks & Community Services Public Information Officer

Construction has started on Downtown Park's Northeast Gateway, a new pedestrian entrance to feature an entry plaza, water feature and public art.

The latest in a series of improvements made to the park since it was first conceived in 1984, the gateway is targeted for completion early next year. Construction started in mid-June. The park's circular promenade was completed and Inspiration Playground was added in 2017.

The park's northeast corner, at Northeast Fourth Street and Bellevue Way, is the primary connection between the park and downtown, located at one of the busiest intersections in Bellevue. The entrance is highly visible, with an estimated weekday average of 26,000 people traveling daily down Bellevue Way.

"This project will create an inviting, new front door for Downtown Park on bustling Bellevue Way," said Mayor Lynne Robinson.

"Since ground was first broken for the park in the '80s, it has been every bit the well-loved landmark city leaders envisioned," said Michael Shiosaki, Parks & Community Services director. "Each major improvement since then has made it more accessible and beautiful."

With the exception of the northeast quadrant, most of the park remains open to visitors during construction. Visitors can also anticipate periodic closures of the east pedestrian entry.

Bellevue bought most of what is now Downtown Park from the school district in 1983. An international design competition the following year yielded the park master plan. Three major phases of construction on the park were completed by 2017 but the northeast entrance concept was unfinished.

The Northeast Gateway design, from MacLeod Reckord Landscape Architects, creates a welcoming transition between downtown and the park. The gateway is intended to create a transition from urban to green space. It will also be a key destination along the city's Grand Connection, a pedestrian-oriented corridor stretching from the waterfront at Meydenbauer Bay Park through the heart of Bellevue, across I-405 to the Eastrail.

The project helps to create living-wage jobs in Bellevue during this challenging economic time. Ohno Touchdown JV is the project's general contractor.

The Northeast Gateway project received a \$1 million grant from the state Department of Commerce.



What makes your neighborhood great?

By Brooke Brod, Community Engagement Lead

The question is particularly relevant for residents of Northeast and Northwest Bellevue, since the Great Neighborhoods planning process has resumed in their neighborhood areas.

Originally launched in the summer of 2018, Great Neighborhoods is an effort by the city to localize the Comprehensive Plan. Covering issues ranging from aging-in-place and mobility to park access, diversity and social connectivity, these plans provide residents, businesses, city staff and other stakeholders guidance as each neighborhood grows and evolves.

After an extended pause while the city brought on new planners, Great Neighborhoods launched anew with Zoom meetings for both Northeast and Northwest Bellevue on June 16 and 17.

Over 60 residents had lively discussions about how COVID-19 has changed the way they experience their neighborhoods. People are walking more and talking to their neighbors more. Participants said having access to trails and being able to get groceries without having to travel far are among the things that make their neighborhoods great right now.

Attendees also learned how city staff will work with residents to make sure their neighborhoods remain livable, equitable and inspiring places.

Neighborhood plans begin with a vision that reflects a community's core values

and hopes for the future. The rest of the plan serves as a road map to that future, featuring:

- a community profile that examines current conditions and trends;
- an examination of key opportunities and challenges;
- policies to guide future development; and
- a list of community identified goals and actions.

The planning process will take place over several months, with staff collaborating closely with residents in each neighborhood. Over the summer, staff will reach out to community members to talk about what matters to them most and how that can inform the vision for their neighborhood.

Starting in the fall, the community will work with staff to build out draft plans for Northeast and Northwest Bellevue.

The collaboration will continue through the fall of 2021, when the neighborhood area plans for Northeast and Northwest Bellevue are targeted for approval by the City Council. Over a period of years, the Great Neighborhoods process is slated to cycle through all 16 of Bellevue's neighborhood areas.

People can learn more about Great Neighborhoods at BellevueWA.gov/great-neighborhoods. Participating in the planning process is easy on the interactive portal EngagingBellevue.com.



Oliver and Madeleine Coutain play as their mother Connie Coutain looks on at Zumdieck Park, a favorite spot in Northwest Bellevue.

City services, mostly online, still available

By Claude Iosso, It's Your City Editor

Since the COVID-19 pandemic took hold in King County in March, the City of Bellevue began providing more services online or by phone, following public health recommendations to stem the spread of the illness.

City Hall, Mini City Hall and all of the community centers have been closed to the public since mid-March. With the number of COVID-19 cases on the rise again in Washington in July, those facilities are not likely to reopen soon.

Parks and trails stayed open, but playgrounds have been closed. In May, June and July, as some state "Stay Home" restrictions were eased, golf courses and tennis courts in Bellevue reopened, along with the Bellevue Zip Tour. Social distancing measures are in place.

Lifeguards began staffing Bellevue's beach parks in early July, and they'll be at the beaches, with masks on, until Labor Day.

Ballfields are open for team practices and drop-in recreation for groups of less than five.

As of July 14, there were 552 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Bellevue, with 36 deaths, according to Public Health – Seattle & King County.

All city services available online are found at BellevueWA.gov, with key phone numbers listed on the Contact Us page. Many city workers are telecommuting, so can be reached by phone or email.

Key online and phone services include:

- MyBellevue customer assistance portal (or mobile app): Report issues
- MyUtilityBill.bellevuewa.gov: Pay water and sewer charges
- MyBuildingPermit.com (or 425-452-4898): Apply for building permits
- Non-emergency police assistance (or 425-577-5656)

You can call City Hall Service First at 425-452-6800 for general inquiries.



Lifeguards are posted at Meydenbauer Bay Park and Bellevue's five other beach parks.

Mini City Hall is speaking your language

By Ying Carlson, Community Service Supervisor



Do you need food or financial assistance? Having trouble paying rent and utilities? Would you like counseling on health care options? Call or email Mini City Hall and they can answer your questions,

with staff who speak English, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Spanish, Russian and Somali.

Mini City Hall had to close to the public just like City Hall, but staff are still available virtually, and in multiple languages. Call 425-452-2800 or email minich@bellevuewa.gov Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. In addition to the five languages above, staff can connect to phone interpretation for over 100 other languages.

During the coronavirus crisis, a lot more residents are finding they need government help for the first time, but they find it hard to navigate the system and access services. Mini City Hall doesn't provide many direct services, but it matches residents with nonprofit organizations that do.

For example, the Cultural Navigator program provides confidential social service assistance to individuals and families in English, Russian and Spanish. Another partner, International Community Health Services, provides drive-through testing at its clinics and helps people now needing insurance coverage find it through the state insurance marketplace.

Design of new fire station proceeds, residents give feedback at open house

By Janeen Loughin, Finance & Asset Management Construction

The city is building a new fire station to better serve residents and strengthen emergency response for downtown, BelRed and Northwest Bellevue. Fire Station 10 will be a vital part of Bellevue's systemwide support network of existing stations,

ensuring every individual receives the same standard of excellence, no matter where they might live or work.

The City of Bellevue held a virtual design open house in July to solicit input on the proposed layout of the fire station planned for the 1200 block of 112th Avenue Northeast. Participants responded to an

online survey on the station's conceptual design and other concerns they might have regarding the project.

Many participants expressed appreciation for the faster response times that will come with the additional station. They also liked the environmental sustainability of the design, which includes protection of the site's wetland.

Some residents said they want the station to fit into the natural character of the Northtowne neighborhood. Others expressed concerns about potential impacts to local traffic and noise.

Fire Station 10 will directly improve response times for fire and medical emergencies in the call areas. The location was selected based on coverage gaps identified in a 2014 fire facilities plan, and is funded under the 20-year fire capital levy approved by voters in 2016.

Complete survey responses and a video presentation about the design by the architect firm, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, will be available in mid-August at BellevueWA.gov/fire-station-10. You can follow the station's progress on that page and subscribe for updates. People can also email FireStation10@bellevuewa.gov with any questions about the project.



Visualization of station's design.

COVID-19 hasn't halted neighborhood enhancement

By Theresa Cuthill, Neighborhood Enhancement Coordinator

NEP in Crossroads and Wilburton this year

The city's Neighborhood Enhancement Program has continued to be active despite COVID-19. Residents in Crossroads were able to vote by mail on projects based on detailed online descriptions and images, while Wilburton residents nominated projects by mail and online this spring.



A new footbridge was among trail and playground improvements at Ardmore Park funded through the NEP.

Since 2015, NEP has provided residents in the Eastgate/Factoria, Cougar Mountain/Lakemont, West Lake Sammamish, Northeast Bellevue, Bridle Trails, Northwest Bellevue, Downtown/BelRed and Lake Hills neighborhood areas the opportunity to propose and select small to moderate projects that the city has built.

In neighborhoods throughout Bellevue, residents have voted for

projects that improve safety, manage traffic and beautify their surroundings. The City Council has committed \$5 million in the city's capital projects budget toward NEP projects.

The program is in the fifth year of a seven-year cycle (2015-2022), rotating each year through two of the city's 14 NEP neighborhood areas. The \$5 million is distributed over that period among each of the neighborhood areas, based on the number of households in each.

In each neighborhood area, residents nominate projects they would like to see completed, then all residents in the area vote. The city completes those projects receiving the most points that can be funded through that neighborhood area's share of the NEP budget.

Examples of recent NEP projects include:

- Enhanced intersection improvements and crosswalk in front of Cherry Crest Elementary School;
- Playground and trail improvements in Ardmore Park;
- A sidewalk extension on Lakemont Boulevard Southeast between the Lewis Creek Park trailhead and Southeast 62nd Street;
- New landscaping on Southeast 38th Street, between 150th and 154th avenues; and
- Buffer enhancement on the Lewis Creek wetland on Cougar Mountain.

Work will be underway soon on other NEP projects.

- New lighting and artwork in Lattawood Park
- Bat houses in the Lake Hills Greenbelt
- Crosswalk with flashing beacons at Southeast Fourth Street and 156th Avenue Southeast
- New landscaping along 164th Avenue Northeast between Northeast Eighth Street and Northup Way.

More details about NEP, including a video of residents discussing it, is available at BellevueWA.gov/nep.

COVID-19 caused steep drop in driving

By Transportation Department Staff

It wasn't your imagination. COVID-19 really has had a big impact on vehicle traffic in Bellevue.

As the accompanying graph shows, traffic volumes averaged about 27,000 vehicles per day in early 2020, then dropped steadily before bottoming out at an average of 9,000 vehicles in late March – 33% of the typical volume. Gov. Inslee issued the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order on March 23.

Volumes stayed low for most of April but steadily increased after that. The daily average the week of June 21 was 61% of pre-COVID-19 traffic volumes.

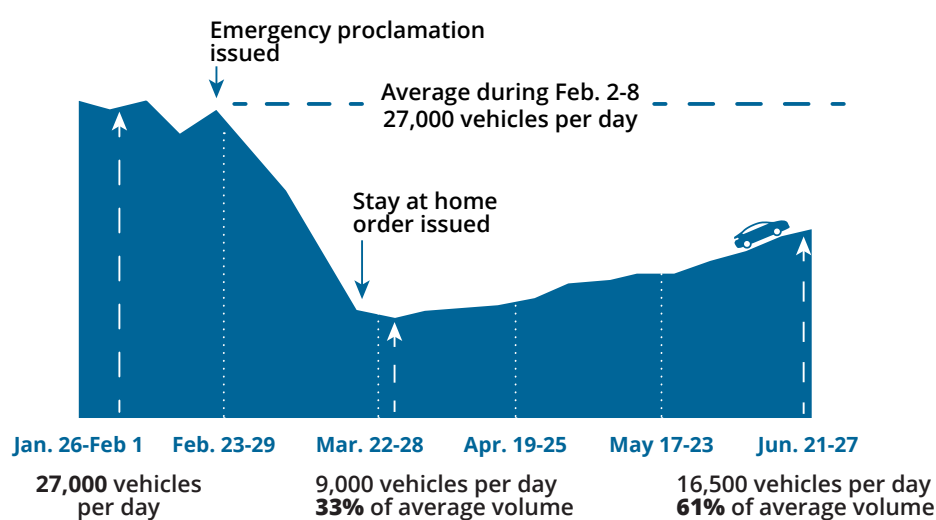
The average daily traffic volumes are calculated from data taken at five locations in Bellevue:

- 148th Avenue Southeast, near Main Street;
- Bellevue Way, north of downtown;
- Bellevue Way, south of downtown;
- Bel-Red Road near 134th Avenue Northeast; and
- Coal Creek Parkway near Forest Drive.

Detectors embedded in the pavement – part of the city's adaptive traffic signal system – provide the counts, which include vehicles traveling in both directions.

Vehicle traffic volume on the rise

24 hour traffic volume on 5 Bellevue arterials averaged weekly



Visit with city leaders at virtual neighborhood walks

By Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach

The city's Neighborhood Walks series, an opportunity for residents and city leaders to visit informally in various neighborhoods, is going virtual. City Manager Brad Miyake and department directors will connect with residents this month in Neighborhood Virtual Town Halls.

The three Zoom meetings will be arranged to serve east, west and south Bellevue on the following dates, all 7-8:30 p.m. :

- **Aug. 11, East Bellevue:** Lake Hills, Crossroads, West Lake Sammamish, Northeast Bellevue, Bridle Trails, BelRed
- **Aug. 13, West Bellevue:** West Bellevue, Downtown, Woodridge, Wilburton, Northwest Bellevue
- **Aug. 18, South Bellevue:** Newport, Somerset, Cougar Mountain/Lakemont, Eastgate, Factoria

Selected neighborhood leaders will share information about their neighborhoods, including unique elements and emerging concerns, followed by a question-and-answer session with the city manager and department directors.

For the Zoom link for your area's virtual town hall, please RSVP to neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov. Questions? Please email jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.

Police resuscitate store employee

'I was down. I was dead,' says survivor at reunion with rescuers

By Lt. Camari Olson, Fire Public Information Officer

Mark Flynn, a loss prevention specialist at the Fred Meyer store in BelRed, had just called police to report a theft at the store. While recounting the incident, Flynn collapsed in sudden cardiac arrest. The Bellevue officers immediately started CPR, likely saving his life.

"I was out. I was down. I was dead," Flynn later said of the June 29 event.

While Bellevue and Redmond firefighter-emergency medical technicians and paramedics were on the way, officers Aaron Scott and Kendrick Turner performed chest compressions. Sgt. Brenda Johnson arrived and gave Flynn a shock with a defibrillator.

By the time firefighters arrived some minutes later, Flynn was awake and breathing on his own. He was transported to Overlake Hospital where he made a full recovery.



From left, Mark and Joanne Flynn, reunite with their rescuers, officers Aaron Scott, Kendrick Turner and Sgt. Brenda Johnson.

Recognizing how important CPR is, the fire department provides regular training (BellevueWA.gov/cpr) and honors those who perform CPR when it's needed. The department arranged a reunion at Fire Station 6 on July 2 that allowed Flynn thank the police officers and firefighters who helped him. Flynn's wife and his coworkers also attended.

"I wanted to come out and thank those first responders who really stepped up to the plate and saved me," Flynn said.

"We were very happy," Sgt. Johnson said of the moment Flynn started breathing on his own again while officers were applying CPR.

Patrol officers often are the first on the scene of a cardiac arrest, and are trained in CPR specifically to keep patients alive during the crucial minutes before the medical pros get there. Bellevue police cruisers are all equipped with automatic external defibrillators.



A census taker visits residents.

Still time to respond to census

By Gwen Rousseau, Senior Planner

Your voice counts! Everyone living in Bellevue has the right to be counted in the 2020 census. Whether you have lived in Bellevue your whole life or just moved here on April 1, if you are living in Bellevue temporarily as a student or as an employee on a temporary visa, your response matters.

You can respond to the 2020 census securely online at 2020Census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020. You can respond in languages other than English as well.

- Español 2020Census.gov/es.html 844-468-2020
- 中文 2020Census.gov/zh-hans.html 844-391-2020
- Tiếng Việt 2020Census.gov/vi.html 844-461-2020
- 한국어 2020Census.gov/ko.html 844-392-2020
- Русский 2020Census.gov/ru.html 844-417-2020

Since July 30, census takers who have taken an oath and are required by law to keep your information confidential, have been visiting homes that have not responded to the 2020 census. Hired locally to help everyone be counted, census takers will wear masks and follow local public health guidelines when they visit.

If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, check to make sure they have a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo. Census takers will never ask for social security numbers, bank account numbers or passwords. If you have questions about their identity, you can contact the regional census center to speak with a Census Bureau representative at 213-314-6500.

Getting a complete and accurate count will ensure our community gets fair political representation and census data are also the basis for allocating millions of dollars in state and federal funding to hundreds of programs ranging from health care, housing, and schools, to transportation, economic development and social services. When you respond to the 2020 census you help ensure our community gets the funding for programs and services to support our children, seniors and families for the next ten years.

Conflict Resolution Center offers justice for all

By Marci McReynolds, Conflict Resolution Center Manager

People all over the world are speaking out for equal justice for all. Awareness is being raised about how people of color and/or of low economic means often do not get treated fairly by the justice system.

The Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center has been a resource for equal access to justice for our community for 24 years. Everyone who works or lives in Bellevue can utilize the center's free services, regardless of race, economic status, sexual orientation or ethnic background. BCRC helps people who may feel otherwise overpowered get a fair resolution they can afford.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the BCRC saw a 30% increase in cases. In many of those, BCRC helped home and business renters

with suddenly reduced income negotiate rent payments and safety and maintenance issues. The intercession, by phone, was safer than meetings between the parties, which could have been potentially dangerous.

BCRC staff and volunteers are diverse and trained in cross-cultural communication. To ensure all parties are treated equitably, BCRC conciliators' and mediators' training includes learning how to identify and overcome implicit bias.

Conciliators and mediators listen to parties in a conflict in an "omnipartial" way, supporting all sides, not acting as judges. Instead, usually serving as intermediaries on the phone, they help people in conflict hear each other, untangle the issues between them, understand possible cultural or other differences that may underlie the issue, and

create an agreement both parties can live with. Those who use our services are usually able to avoid court fees and attorney costs. Mediated agreements are admissible in court.

The BCRC helps resolve conflicts between neighbors, parents and teens, businesses and consumers, and landlords and tenants. The Bellevue police regularly refer nonviolent civil cases to the BCRC. The BCRC also collaborates with the police on more complex cases, going out in the community together to help ease community situations.

The BCRC serves everyone in Bellevue equally and works for an equitable solution for everyone. If you have a conflict or dispute that you need help to resolve, or for more information, contact BCRC@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4091.

Summer road construction season throttles ahead

By David Grant, Transportation Public Information Officer

The city's road construction season is going strong, with more than \$100 million worth of work on major projects, plus several smaller ones. Here's a summary of the large projects underway or about to start. More information is available at BellevueWA.gov/transportation.

124th Avenue Northeast

Work is more than 75% complete on the first of four sections of 124th to be improved, this one between Northeast Spring Boulevard and Ichigo Way in the BelRed area. Upgrades include widening the road, a bridge for light rail to pass under, new sidewalks and traffic signal. The total budget for this section is \$33 million and the project is on schedule to wrap up in the fall.

Northeast Spring Boulevard

Spring is a new east-west arterial being built in the BelRed area. Work on this latest section of the project – between 120th and 124th avenues – began in October 2019 and will conclude late this year. Once completed, this and two previously finished sections will open to traffic, connecting 116th Avenue Northeast to 124th Avenue Northeast. The budget for this segment is \$20 million.

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail

The first phase of work to complete the regional trail through Bellevue will add a 12-foot pedestrian-bicycle path, a ped-bike bridge over Factoria Boulevard, a tunnel under the ramps from I-405 to eastbound I-90 and improvements to the eastbound I-90 to Factoria off-ramp. Construction started in October 2019 and is expected to be complete by year's end. The budget is approximately \$17.7 million.

Southeast Newport Way

This project improves safety for people riding bikes and walking along Southeast Newport Way by adding a multipurpose path and other improvements, between Somerset Boulevard Southeast and 150th Avenue Southeast. A 24/7 detour is in place for eastbound traffic. Construction began in April and completion is expected in November. The budget is approximately \$10 million.

West Lake Sammamish Parkway Phase 2

This is the second of five segments on West Lake Sammamish slated for upgrades. Improvements, from the Northeast 200 block to the Northeast 800 block, will include new pavement, an 8-to-10-foot wide multiuse path on the west side, landscaped buffer and four-foot shoulder on the east side. Roadway construction began in April and will be completed in summer 2021. The budget is \$10 million. A

separate water main replacement project will be finished at the end of 2021.

Neighborhood Levy projects

The 2016, voter-approved Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy generally consists of smaller projects and supplements existing safety, sidewalk, maintenance, traffic management and bicycle facilities programs. This year, 10 projects are scheduled for construction citywide. The levy generates about \$7.4 million annually for planning, design and construction.

112th Avenue Northeast

One of the biggest projects from the levy this year will make pedestrian safety improvements on 112th Avenue Northeast, between Northeast 12th and Northeast 24th streets. Construction on the \$2.75 million project is expected to begin this fall and be complete by summer 2021.



Workers build a sidewalk for Northeast Spring Boulevard, a new street in BelRed; REI's new headquarters stands behind them.

Pavement Preservation Program

The annual maintenance program to repave a portion of city streets is based on a citywide road condition survey. This year, approximately 29 lane miles are being repaved in north Bellevue, Vuccrest and Lake Hills (including some locations carried over from 2019 program). Work will conclude in the fall. The contract for the 2020 repaving only is \$3.79 million.

To find out about traffic impacts due to construction, check BellevueWA.gov/trafficadvisories.

Virtual input helps Environmental Stewardship Plan update

By Jennifer Ewing, Environmental Stewardship Manager



Residents participate in an Environmental Stewardship Plan open house held on March 3.

Despite a pandemic that forced staff to work remotely and outreach to move online, progress has continued on an update of Bellevue's Environmental Stewardship Plan. A draft update will be released in the early fall for public comment, and then to the City Council later this fall.

This updated plan will include goals and actions to reduce Bellevue's carbon emissions, protect our natural systems and improve the city's resilience. It will guide the continuation of the Environmental Stewardship initiative Bellevue launched in 2007.

Staff and consultants have analyzed best practices from around the country and are developing recommendations for Bellevue to achieve the city's goals for climate, waste, mobility and land use, energy and natural systems.

The COVID-19 pandemic struck right as the city had begun a second phase of public outreach and engagement for the plan. Staff pivoted their outreach approach and identified potential actions, such as home energy retrofits, which will also support economic recovery.

Throughout the spring, community members participated in several online outreach events, including a virtual town hall, a virtual Earth Week talk and online focus groups. Between March and May, over 600 community members shared feedback on potential actions for the plan through an online survey.

The feedback will be incorporated in the draft update, along with the recommendations based on national best practices.

For a summary of the outreach and engagement results, along with updates on key presentation dates and other activities, go to BellevueWA.gov/environment.

ADA turns 30, city works to deliver on its promise

By Michelle DeGrand, Deputy Communications Officer

The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. In the 30 years since, particularly the last five, the City of Bellevue has followed through on the promise represented by that law, making many services and facilities more accessible.

As this important work continues, and in celebration of the milestone anniversary, Bellevue has created a web page –



Blayne Amson, ADA/Title VI Administrator, shows a wheelchair charging station at City Hall when it was installed in 2019.

BellevueWA.gov/ada-anniversary-celebration – listing many of the key ways the city supports accessibility and inclusion.

Every department in the city is working to make their services broadly available, from the City Attorney's Office to the Utilities Department. Here is a small sampling of city accessibility:

- Accessible traffic signals at most downtown intersections
- Power wheelchair charging stations at City Hall and five community centers
- Inspiration Playground at Downtown Park
- Adaptive recreation from Parks & Community Services
- Closed captioning on city programming through Bellevue Television

The web page showcases not just where the city follows ADA regulations, but also where departments are innovating to provide accessibility above and beyond the legislation. In addition, the page offers many ways for the community to give the city feedback to continue improving its programs.

About 17% of Bellevue School District students are identified as having a disability, and almost one third of older adults living in Bellevue have one or more disabilities. The city embraces the diversity, culture and contributions of residents with disabilities in our schools, government, workforce and community.

The city continues to add accessibility to its programs. Feedback from residents is welcome. If you have questions or concerns, please contact ADA/Title VI civil rights administrator Blayne Amson (425-452-6168 or adatitleVI@bellevuewa.gov).



40,000 masks handed out

Evelyn Hou of Bellevue Embroidery at the Marketplace at Factoria, hands out free masks to residents. The city partnered with the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce in July to provide 40,000 masks purchased by King County to residents.

City and Chamber volunteers made packs of two masks and, along with member businesses, handed them out at the Chamber, Factoria, Crossroads Bellevue, the Bellevue Church and the Bellevue Farmers Market.

Paperless permitting prevents pause

By Carole Harper, Development Services Business Systems

Due to a shift to paperless permitting in 2019, the Development Services Department has been able to support construction during the COVID-19 pandemic without a jolting interruption in services. Accessing electronic plans remotely, staff have never stopped performing permit review. Inspectors have donned masks, but continue to visit construction sites.

On March 25, when Gov. Jay Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order took effect, only construction of essential infrastructure was allowed to continue, and the number of active construction projects in Bellevue dropped significantly. The permit desk ceased in-person operations on March 17, when City Hall closed to the public based on county public health recommendations.

Development Services inspectors continued inspections for essential projects, along with contractors required to follow state recommendations regarding safe distancing and face coverings.

In late April, after a month, the governor allowed existing construction to resume. On June 19, after King County entered Phase 2 of the state's "Safe Start" reopening plan, all construction was allowed again in Bellevue.

In September of 2019, Development Services completed a multiyear effort to transition from paper permit review to 100% paperless permitting. The move was done to facilitate plan review for our customers, but it paid off this year, setting the stage for a speedy transition from in-office to remote work for plans examiners and reviewers.

This is a good thing because while development review applications and inspection requests slowed in April, those numbers have rebounded in May and June. They are close to past years, with the pandemic having very little impact to the Bellevue's construction boom so far.

Development Services and the rest of the city organization continues to follow state and county guidelines regarding in-person services. City Hall was still closed to the public as of press time. Even when City Hall reopens, in-person services permit services will be limited, and appointments will likely be required to meet with staff.

Detailed information about any changes to Development Services processes will be posted at BellevueWA.gov/development-services.

Traffic-cam video of near-crashes helps city prevent real ones

By David Grant, Transportation Public Information Officer



As the city strives for Vision Zero – zero fatal and serious-injury crashes on Bellevue streets by 2030 – its traffic cameras can help. A first-of-its-kind analysis of near-crashes caught on traffic-cam video offers insights into where real crashes are likely to occur.

Capital improvements to signaling and design have already been proposed for some intersections flagged during the analysis. In September 2019, while the city was still crunching the data, signal phasing was changed at Northeast Eighth Street and 124th Avenue

Northeast to allow for protected left turns. Traffic cam video afterwards showed a 60% drop in near-crashes there.

“I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU for installing the left-turn light,” resident Ling Zhuang emailed staff. “This is a big relief for many Wilburton residents who regularly get out of the neighborhood via 124th Avenue.”

The city partnered with Transoft Solutions, a transportation engineering software company, and the Together for Safer Roads coalition to complete the analysis and three technical reports in July.

“Our City Council has long been committed to road safety and Vision Zero,” said Transportation Director Andrew Singelakis. “To achieve this goal, we need a data-driven approach, and our video analytics partnership gives us that. Together, we hope to predict where and how collisions happen, and work to prevent them.”

The reports showed that near-crashes were an accurate predictor of where future crashes could occur. Other findings from the reports included:

- People riding bicycles are at greater risk than vehicle occupants: bike riders represented 0.1% of observed road users, pedestrians were 2.6% and drivers accounted for 97.3%. However, bicyclists were 10 times more likely to be involved in a near-crash than drivers.
- Motorcyclists travelled at higher speeds and generated more critical conflicts than any other road user.
- More than 10% of drivers were speeding; half of them were traveling at more than 11 mph over the posted speed limit.

Help prevent pollution from driveway runoff

By Laurie Devereaux, Stream Team

Rainwater running down your driveway picks up what it touches, including any oil, fertilizer and pet waste in its path. Runoff from car washing or a pressure washing project can also run down your driveway, toward a storm drain. There is no filter or treatment between those drains and local lakes and streams, which are home to chinook, coho, sockeye and kokanee salmon.

Here are five tips to prevent polluted runoff from leaving your property, ensuring that clean water flows into the storm drains on your street.

- **Sweep** up dirt and debris regularly to keep it out of storm drains and prevent buildup of moss.
- **Divert** pressure washing water into landscaping or use a sump

or wet vacuum to divert it to a utility sink. Avoid using soap or hot water.

- **Wash** your car at a commercial car wash. (No soap, biodegradable or otherwise, is safe to flow into local waterways.) Commercial car washes send the polluted wash water to the sewer for treatment.
- **Check** your vehicle for leaks. FixCarLeaks.org offers help.
- **Redirect** roof downspouts to landscaped areas when cleaning your roof. If using chemicals, reconnect your downspouts after a couple rain cycles to prevent polluted water from reaching storm drains.

Bellevue Utilities has a 24-hour hotline that you can report water issues including pollution or stream concerns. Call 425-452-7840.

Virtual greener living classes

By Erin Hislop, Utilities Conservation and Outreach Administrator



Bellevue Utilities is offering live classes on Zoom as part of King County Library System’s virtual class calendar. These short workshops will focus on safer cleaning, reducing wasted food and properly sorting recycling and composting.

Registration is required to attend. All ages are welcome but classes are geared toward adults and children over seven. To register, visit KCLS’s virtual calendar at [KCLS.org/events](https://www.kcls.org/events), or check [BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/greener-living-classes) for more information. August classes are listed below – more will be added this fall. Contact recycle@bellevuewa.gov to be notified by email when new dates are added.

Non-Toxic Cleaning
Tuesday Aug. 4, 5-5:45 p.m.

Learn tips for safely cleaning at home and how to make your own

non-toxic cleaners, using common household items. This workshop will cover how to make smart choices when purchasing cleaning products and how to disinfect when needed. We’ll discuss safe use, storage and disposal of purchased cleaning products to protect our families and environmental health. Leave with a helpful, printable guide with recipes to make more non-toxic cleaners at home, proper disposal information and more.

Reduce Wasted Food
Tuesday Aug. 11, 5-5:45 p.m.

This class shares hands-on examples to help you make the most of your food at home. Get tips for your top food waste questions, including how to store foods for maximum freshness, what labels on food containers mean, how to turn leftovers into lunch, and more. All participants will receive tons of useful resources – recipes that use unusual parts of food (i.e. carrot tops), a guide for storing fruits and vegetables to make them last longer, and information on what can go in your compost bin in Bellevue.

Become a Super Sorter- Proper Disposal and Handling of Unwanted Items Tuesday Aug. 18, 5-5:45 p.m.

Unsure what items go in your garbage, recycling or compost, or what needs special handling? This class covers all your waste sorting questions! Learn Bellevue’s three-stream sorting system, which items can’t go in the garbage and how to handle them, and what happens to all your waste materials when they leave your house.

Get up to speed on the best ways to get rid of unwanted items, including tips for reuse, donation and disposal. Participants will also learn how to safely dispose of common household waste items, bulky items, hazardous materials, electronics and medicines. Everyone’s welcome to attend, but the class is geared toward Bellevue’s waste guidelines.

Easy ways to stop English ivy

By Dustin VanNieulande, Park Ranger

Bellevue is known as a “city in a park,” with dozens of parks and trails, along with richly forested natural areas. Because of the plentiful rain and temperate climate in the Pacific Northwest, plants grow easily here, whether we want them to or not.

One of the plants that thrives in our area more than we would like is English ivy, a non-native vine with no natural checks that can cover everything in its reach. It’s considered a noxious weed around here, along with the likes of blackberry, bindweed, holly, knotweed and herb Robert.

Controlling English ivy, fortunately, is not difficult. The most effective treatment is to simply pull it from the ground and cut vines growing up trees and walls. Because of its shallow roots, the ivy pulls easily from soil. Bellevue crews and volunteers have been using this method across Parks properties to great effect.

Cleared areas should be left for several months so that new sprouts can be pulled easily, then replanted over winter or in spring with native plants.

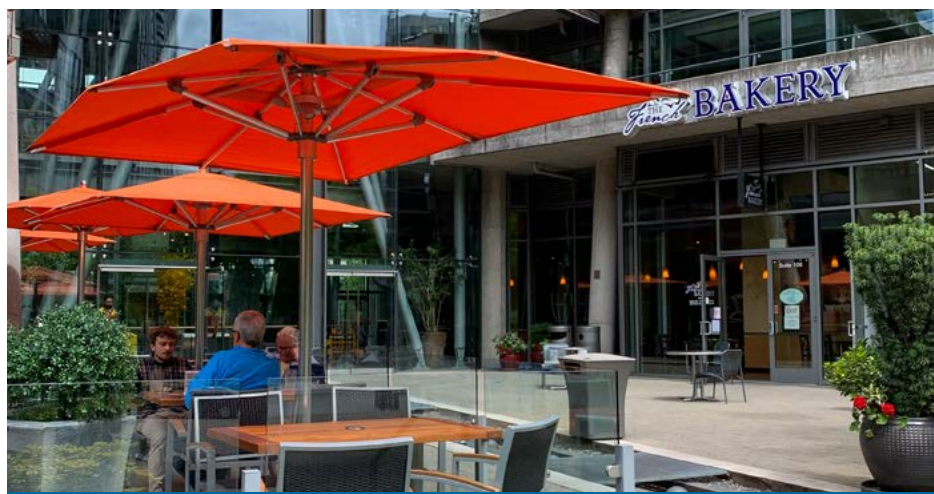
For more information about how to control ivy and other noxious weeds in Bellevue, or to volunteer with the city in this effort, please consult BellevueWA.gov/evil-weeds.



Youth volunteers with Bellevue’s Well-KEPT (Kids Environmental Project Training) program clear English ivy from a park.

Downtown businesses highlighted in Heart of Bellevue

By Michelle DeGrand, Deputy Communications Officer



Patrons dine outside at Cielo Cocina.

Bellevue’s downtown businesses are adapting for success in the time of COVID-19. Hedge & Vine, a gift and wine store, began offering unique creature comforts designed to help people get through the “Stay Home” order. The Bellevue Arts Museum hosted a popup blood donation event.

The Bellevue Downtown Association and the city are showcasing the arts and business community’s stories as part of a marketing effort called “Heart of Bellevue.” The campaign connects the community with the people behind our local businesses and organizations. Their creativity and recovery show the heart of Bellevue still beats strongly and is open for business.

The BDA retooled its own “Live at Lunch” series, streaming performances by local musical artists from its website and Facebook page for the Heart of Bellevue Summer Music Series.

Some businesses have even joined together to support each other. Café Cesura teamed up with farmers market vendors to offer their goods when the real market could not open. Several downtown restaurants began providing “at-home” meal and cocktail kits, so customers could still patronize the business, but cook and mix drinks in the comfort and safety of home.

Patrick Bannon, president of the Bellevue Downtown Association, has seen firsthand the ways our businesses are adapting. “The heart of Bellevue is a very resilient place, growing and evolving in remarkable ways,” he said.

“Our business community is doing their part to innovate, collaborate and put safety first in order to continue serving the public,” said Jesse Canedo, Economic Development officer for the city. “It will take all of us supporting each other – the city, businesses and community members – to keep Bellevue at the leading edge of economic recovery and ensure the long-term vitality of our downtown.”

Businesses will continue to be featured the Heart of Bellevue campaign at BellevueDowntown.com over the coming months. Downtown businesses are encouraged to share their stories of resilience and adaptation by completing a form on the site.

Recycling spotlight: Bellevue businesses shine bright

By Erin Hislop, Utilities Conservation and Outreach Administrator

When it comes to recycling, Bellevue businesses shine bright. With help from Bellevue Utilities, three companies – Kilroy Realty, SAP Concur and Pacific Regent Bellevue – stood out for reducing waste, recycling and composting over the last year.

If you own or operate a Bellevue business, Utilities staff can provide personalized assistance with waste solutions that can benefit your business and our environment. Utilities can also help businesses reassess their waste streams for potential solid waste service savings. Reach out to recycle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6932.

Key Center/SAP Concur diverts tons from landfill

The 17-floor high-rise downtown, managed by Kilroy Realty, holds several companies, including tech company SAP Concur. Kilroy Realty set a goal to become carbon-neutral, and SAP wanted to use zero single-use plastics. The Utilities outreach team provided assistance, including staffing a building-wide Earth Day Event, conducting a “lunch-and-learn” for SAP staff, designing personalized posters for recycling/compost/garbage in SAP kitchens and coordinating with a local hauler for increased organics collection.

Within a year, Key Center increased recycling by at least 170 cubic yards, diverting over 3.5 tons from the landfill.

Pacific Regent shrinks carbon footprint

Pacific Regent Bellevue is a retirement community that houses residents, a restaurant and a café. Their overall goal was to reduce their carbon footprint and reach Tier 1 status in the regional EnviroStars program.

The Utilities outreach team helped identify locations for indoor recycling and composting containers, provided signage, identified outdoor service level changes that would better match the volumes of waste produced, and assisted with the EnviroStars registration process. The outreach team also provided training for kitchen staff and helped arrange for outdoor compost carts to be delivered and serviced through the local hauler.

Pacific Regent now diverts an estimated 1,000 pounds of recycling and organics from their garbage each month, which saved money and conserved natural resources.



EBCC member Walters bids farewell

By Betsi Hummer, East Bellevue Community Council Chair

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing, the East Bellevue Community Council held its first virtual meeting on June 30, and the first order of business was a commendation for EBCC member Stephanie Walters, who is stepping down after two years with the EBCC.

A former member of the city's Planning Commission, Walters was vice chair of the EBCC.

Alternate Vice Chair Ross Gooding applauded Walters' contributions to EBCC, noting she was talented, smart, effective and a joy to work with. I also thanked Stephanie for her insights on land use issues due to her tenure on the Planning Commission. She helped refocus EBCC on its powers over land use.

Stephanie's understanding of Robert's Rules of Order helped meetings stick to the topic, and gave voice to quieter members.

Stephanie noted that she enjoyed her time as a public servant with EBCC. Before her election to the EBCC in 2018, she was a community activist, getting rooming houses and non-owner-occupied bed and breakfasts/boarding houses banned from single-family neighborhoods. She also served on the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association, spearheading events such as Trunk Or Treat and Earth Day.

Residents had an opportunity to apply for the open seat on the EBCC, Position 4, last month, and the council was set to look the applications at the Tuesday, Aug. 4 meeting.

Floodplain land use code amendments

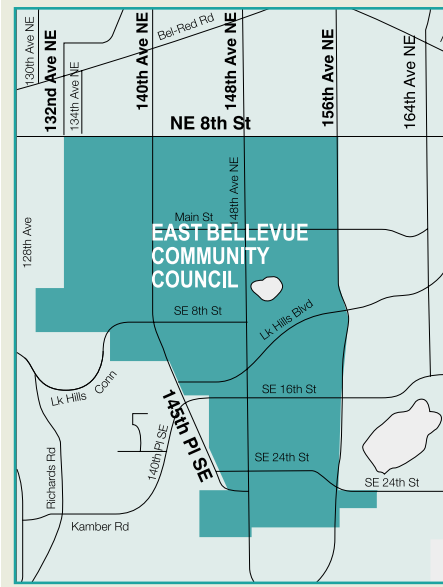
Also on June 30, the EBCC was introduced to a proposed land use code amendment related to frequently flooded areas. The amendments would conform city code to federal and state standards, keeping Bellevue residents eligible for discounted flood insurance. Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program allows for federal assistance for any flood disaster

The frequently flooded areas of Larsen Lake and Kelsey Creek are within EBCC's jurisdiction, so EBCC has the power to approve or disapprove the citywide amendment. Details about the amendment are available at [Bit.ly/3gTKFNm](https://bit.ly/3gTKFNm). The EBCC was set to have a public hearing and vote on the amendment on Aug. 4.

Parking regulations resolution approved

Finally, following the May 18 City Council approval of Ordinance No. 6513, the EBCC held a public hearing at the June 30 meeting and approved a resolution imposing an interim official control setting reduced minimum parking standards for certain housing developments located near frequent transit service.

The EBCC did not meet in July.



For more information about the EBCC, call Deputy City Clerk Karin Roberts, 425-452-6806.

The EBCC meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.

Members: Hassan Dhananjaya, Ross Gooding, Betsi Hummer, Steven Kasner

We welcome comments about the East Bellevue area. You can share your views with the EBCC via email at ebcc@bellevuewa.gov. To find out more about the agendas and decisions of EBCC, BellevueWA.gov/ebcc.

Adapting streets and transit for pandemic

By David Grant, Transportation Public Information Officer

The pandemic has transformed our personal interactions, the way we dine out and how we travel. Bellevue's Transportation Department, in collaboration with partners both inside and outside City Hall, is doing its part to adapt the transportation network for COVID-19.

The efforts make use of the city's transportation right of way space – streets and sidewalks – to help residents and business owners better navigate the pandemic. The pilot projects include:

- **New transit service in Crossroads/Lake Hills:** To fill a void left by COVID-19-related transit reductions, a new app-based, on-demand service will provide rides to and from bus stops near Crossroads Bellevue. It will be managed by Bellevue in partnership with King County Metro and Hopelink, which will operate the service. The state Department of Transportation awarded Bellevue a grant for the pilot to operate through June 2021.
- **Healthy Streets:** This pilot gives people more room to safely walk and bicycle while physical distancing, by temporarily closing residential streets to non-local vehicle traffic. Starting in early May, Healthy Streets were implemented in the East Bellevue, Northeast Bellevue and Newport Hills neighborhoods.
- **Curbside Food Pickup Zones:** In mid-March, the Transportation Department established temporary, short-term parking spots downtown and on Main Street, to help restaurants and their customers when take-out became an essential option.

More information is available at BellevueWA.gov/transportation.

Input wanted on proposed I-405 interchange concepts

By Marie Jensen, Transportation Public Involvement Manager

With planned development along 114th Avenue Northeast, a new East Main light rail station opening in 2023 and more growth expected in downtown and the Wilburton area, the city is evaluating the potential for a new interchange that would improve vehicle access to and from Interstate 405 in the south downtown area.

Background information and preliminary concepts are available in a virtual open house at EngagingBellevue.com through Aug. 21. The interactive site facilitates community feedback, and input will be shared with the technical team conducting the analysis. A second online open house, where a preferred option will be presented, is planned for November.

The city's South Downtown Bellevue I-405 Access Study builds upon a master plan and analysis done by the state Department of Transportation in 2015. WSDOT evaluated eight potential access points, including Northeast Second Street, Main Street and Lake Hills Connector. Additional options and a "no build option" will be further considered.

Selecting a preferred option will enable the city to set clear expectations for property owners and developers regarding right-of-way needs and site access options. Results of the study also will position the city for potential project funding from the state.

WSDOT first identified the need for an additional interchange for downtown Bellevue back in 2002, when one in the vicinity of Northeast Second Street was considered in a master plan for the entire I-405 corridor.

Findings and community feedback from Bellevue's I-405 access study will be presented to the City Council in late fall.



The city is considering adding access to Interstate 405 in the south downtown area.

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Simple permits, inspection requests: MyBuildingPermit.com

Application and inspection status: MyBuildingPermit.com

Code Compliance: 425-452-2047

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

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Business and Information: 425-452-6892

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Information Technology: 425-452-4626

Neighborhood Outreach: 425-452-6836

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Ballfield Rental: 425-452-6914

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Park Maintenance: 425-452-6855

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Traffic Enforcement: 425-452-6940

Transportation

Administration/Information: 425-452-6856

Utilities

Administration/Information: 425-452-6932

Billing/Customer Service: 425-452-6973

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Other Numbers (Not city government)

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CITY COUNCIL



Help for businesses, nonprofits through phased reopening

By Anthony Gill, Economic Development Analyst

As local businesses begin to expand their operations for the state's Safe Start reopening plan, Bellevue's economic development team has adjusted its support for retailers and restaurants.

The city is helping businesses adapt their operations to align with the evolving public health and physical distancing requirements and their unique business needs. Support includes clarifying regulations, providing step-by-step guides and speeding permit turnaround times. Examples include:

- Restaurant owners who wish to expand their **patio dining space** onto a sidewalk or into a parking area to add more tables while maintaining social distance between customers.
- Arts and cultural nonprofits interested in using a parking lot for a **drive-in event** to continue serving residents.
- Retail businesses in need of some space for **curbside pickup** of online orders.



The city facilitates sidewalk dining on Main Street.

Application requirements will vary depending on the type of modification desired. Many applications can be reviewed and approved in less than a week. Interested businesses should visit BellevueWA.gov/covid-19-business-resources for guides for expanding their available space.

The latest services build on previous work by the city to support small business through COVID-19, including hundreds of proactive outreach calls and responses to requests for assistance.

In the spring, the city joined forces with other Eastside cities to launch **(re)STARTUP425**, which provides free, one-on-one technical assistance to small businesses and nonprofits.