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Spectacular fireworks, Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra set to amaze at Bellevue's big 4th of July event

(BELLEVUE, Wash.) – The Eastside's largest Independence Day celebration, the Bellevue Family 4th presented by The Bellevue Collection and PACCAR, returns for its 26th year in the newly renovated Downtown Park with music, family entertainment, food court and awe-inspiring fireworks set to a rousing performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Activities kick off in the early afternoon Tuesday, July 4, with the Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone and live music on the Main Stage. Up to 60,000 people are expected to gather at the festive 20-acre park for the packed lineup of evening events, concert and fireworks. The celebration will also feature the Presentation of Colors by the Bellevue Fire Honor Guard and the National Anthem performed by the Newport High School Choir.

Event highlights include the following:

Main Stage

- Live entertainment with performances from top regional bands will begin at 3:45 p.m.
- The Bellevue Fire Honor Guard will conduct the Presentation of Colors at 8:50 p.m., followed by the National Anthem performed by the Newport High School Choir.
- At 9:25 p.m., the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra will take center stage under the direction of Dr. Teresa Metzger Howe to present special Independence Day performances before, during and after the spectacular fireworks display.

Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone

- The Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone opens at 2 p.m. with ticketed inflatable rides.
- Starting at 5 p.m., the Kid Stage offers free family entertainment including jugglers, caricature artists and mascots.

Getting to the Bellevue Family 4th presented by The Bellevue Collection and PACCAR

Bellevue Downtown Park is located immediately south of Bellevue Square at 10201 NE 4th Street. Several streets will be closed for the event to keep people safe and minimize delays; early arrival is highly encouraged. Please be patient,

observe posted signs and obey police officers directing traffic. Street closures before and after the event include:

- Westbound Northeast First Street will be closed between 100th and 102nd Avenue Northeast from 1 p.m. to midnight;
- Before the event, starting about 9:30 p.m., streets closed to vehicle traffic will include: Northeast Fourth Street, 100th Avenue Northeast to Bellevue Way Northeast; Northeast First Street, 100th to 103rd Avenue Northeast; and 100th Avenue Northeast, Northeast First to Northeast Fifth Street;
- After the fireworks, restrictions will include: right turns prohibited from northbound 100th Avenue Northeast to Northeast Eighth Street, and from eastbound Northeast 10th Street to all side streets between 100th Avenue Northeast and Interstate 405; access to I-405 from Northeast 10th Street will be via southbound 116th Avenue Northeast, then westbound Northeast Eighth Street; and
- After the event, left turns will be prohibited from southbound Bellevue Way to eastbound Northeast Fourth Street; drivers headed to I-90 or I-405 may continue south on Bellevue Way.

Visitors are encouraged to walk, bike, bus or carpool to the event. Carpools on I-405 can make use of the HOV access ramps at Northeast Sixth Street.

Transit service to the Bellevue Transit Center (at Northeast Sixth Street and 108th Avenue Northeast) from Seattle and many surrounding areas also is available. Comprehensive information about travel options can be found at Chooseyourwaybellevue.org.

At the Park

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy Bellevue's iconic venue. Leave pets, personal barbecues, and alcohol at home. No personal fireworks allowed! Enjoy a picnic from home or a variety of food from vendors located throughout the park. A flashlight is recommended for safety.

Parking

Complimentary event parking is generously provided courtesy of The Bellevue Collection and offered after 6 p.m. at Bellevue Square and after 2 p.m. at Lincoln Square, Lincoln Square South, and Bellevue Place. Please note there is no event parking available in the covered parking area adjacent to Whole Foods 365. For an efficient post-event exit, park at the Bellevue Place garage and exit via Northeast 10th Street.

Bellevue Family 4th presented by The Bellevue Collection and PACCAR Schedule of Events

Time	Event	Where
2:00 p.m.	Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone & Food Court area opens	Bellevue Downtown Park (SW Corner and Promenade)
3:45 p.m.	Adrian Xavier Band – World Reggae	Main Stage
5:00 p.m.	Kid Stage: Family Entertainment	Kids Stage
5:30 p.m.	Sammy Steele Band - Country	Main Stage
7:15 p.m.	The Nines! - Cover band featuring sounds of the 70's to Today's Hits	Main Stage
8:50 p.m.	Presentation of the Colors Bellevue Fire Honor Guard	Main Stage
8:55 p.m.	National Anthem Newport High School Choir	Main Stage

9:00 p.m.	Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone (Rides & Entertainment Area)	Bellevue Downtown Park (SE Corner)
9:25 p.m.	Independence Day Performance by Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra	Main Stage
10:00 p.m.	Food Court Closes	Bellevue Downtown Park (SW Corner and Promenade)
10:05 p.m.	Fireworks Show Set to a Live Performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra	Bellevue Downtown Park/The Bellevue Collection
10:30 p.m.	Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra Post-Fireworks Performance	Main Stage

The City of Bellevue and Bellevue Downtown Association co-produce the Bellevue Family 4th presented by The Bellevue Collection and PACCAR. The success of the event relies upon support from: The Bellevue Collection, PACCAR Inc., Sound Transit, Puget Sound Energy, KOMO 4, The Seattle Times, 106.1 KISS FM, 95.7 The Jet and 94.1 KMPS FM. Complete event information is available online at bellevuedowntown.com or by calling 425-453-1223. Capture your 4th of July moments with us on social media. Tag us on Facebook (facebook.com/BellevueDowntown), Twitter (@BellevueDT) or Instagram (@BellevueDowntown). Use the hashtag #BellevueFamily4th to join the conversation.

About The Bellevue Collection

The Bellevue Collection is comprised of Bellevue Square, Lincoln Square and Bellevue Place and owned and operated by Bellevue-based Kemper Development Company. Kemper Development Company is a fourth-generation, family-owned company whose growth has mirrored the boom of the Eastside of Puget Sound. What began as a 16-store shopping center more than 70 years ago has become an internationally renowned hub of life and entertainment, work and leisure, relaxation and pleasure—all at the epicenter of one of the country’s most sophisticated, fastest-growing markets.

About PACCAR Inc

PACCAR Inc. is a global technology leader in the design, manufacture and customer support of high-quality light-, medium- and heavy-duty trucks under the Kenworth, Peterbilt and DAF nameplates. PACCAR Inc. also designs and manufactures advanced diesel engines, provides financial services and information technology, and distributes truck parts related to its principal business.

About the Bellevue Downtown Association

Established in 1974, the Bellevue Downtown Association is a non-profit, membership organization charged with strengthening the economic and cultural vitality of Downtown Bellevue. The BDA advocates for a shared vision of Downtown Bellevue, cultivates economic vitality, fosters a dynamic civic and cultural community and creates an open forum for downtown constituents.

About the City of Bellevue

Known as a “City in a Park” with nearly 100 parks and a vast network of trails and greenbelts, Bellevue is the fifth largest city in Washington state. The Eastside city spans 33.5 square miles from Lake Washington to Lake Sammamish. As part of the Innovation Triangle, Bellevue is the high-tech and retail center with a downtown skyline of gleaming high-rises, a diverse population of approximately 140,000 and schools that are consistently rated among the best in the country. To learn more about why Bellevue is the city where you want to be, visit www.bellevuewa.gov.

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