

Bellevue Downtown Association to host 44th Annual Celebration

BELLEVUE, Wash. (January 9, 2018) – The Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA) will host its 44th Annual Celebration on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Meydenbauer Center. More than 450 business and community leaders from around the region will recognize leadership and achievements that are transforming Bellevue’s city core.

The celebration will feature keynote speaker Rebecca Ryan, a futurist and economist, who will share her research and foresight on patterns that will shape the future of cities like Bellevue. Ryan is a renowned expert in helping cities and business think around the corner to what’s next.

The BDA will recognize two honorees with Place Making Awards for their significant contributions to Bellevue’s Downtown.

Downtown Park ‘Complete the Circle’ & Inspiration Playground, *City of Bellevue and Rotary Club of Bellevue*

The City of Bellevue completed the long-held plan for a circular promenade and canal surrounding Bellevue Downtown Park and added a major entry at 102nd Avenue NE. In conjunction with this project, the Rotary Club of Bellevue funded and fulfilled a vision for Inspiration Playground, an innovative play area allowing children of all abilities to play together. The project marks the completion of a 30+ year vision for the park and enhanced what was already one of Downtown Bellevue’s most unique gems.

Lincoln Square Expansion at The Bellevue Collection, *Kemper Development Company*

The Lincoln Square Expansion added 1.5 million square feet of mixed use space between NE 4th and NE 6th on Bellevue Way. The expansion to The Bellevue Collection included 750,000 square feet of office space, a W Hotel, 250 luxury residences, a Nordstrom Rack, a food hall, over 10 new restaurants and a 21+ luxury cinema. The Lincoln Square Expansion at The Bellevue Collection delivers many amenities, attracts new tenants to Downtown Bellevue, and transforms the corner of Bellevue Way and NE 4th Street.

Event Details:

Date/Time: Thursday, February 1, 2018
5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception
6:30 p.m. Dinner & Program

Location: Meydenbauer Center
11100 NE 6th Street
Bellevue, WA 98004

Tickets: \$100 BDA Member
\$120 Non-BDA Member
\$925 Table of 10

Event details, venue information, and directions are available at bellevuedowntown.com or by calling (425) 453-1223.

Celebrating its 44th year, the BDA's Annual Celebration is supported by the following sponsors and partners: Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Kaiser Permanente, Puget Sound Energy, Vulcan, City of Bellevue, The Bellevue Collection, The Boeing Company, Clark Nuber PS, Microsoft, Seattle Children's, The Spring District, Sweeney Conrad, P.S., Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Baylis Architects, CenturyLink, GLY Construction, Overlake Medical Center, Parker, Smith & Feek, Puget Sound Bank, Sterling Realty Organization, 425 Business Magazine, Bellevue Reporter and RyanWenzel Events.

About the Bellevue Downtown Association:

Established in 1974, the Bellevue Downtown Association is a nonprofit, membership organization leading the evolution of Downtown Bellevue from a suburban enclave to a thriving urban center.

Mission: To strengthen the economic and cultural vitality of Downtown Bellevue.

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