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## A note from the President

I got a kick out of this excerpt from a 1971 Economic Planning Study for Bellevue:

*Bellevue's Downtown is no longer a question of 'if' but rather 'what kind?' While Bellevue is still in her infancy, the signs are clear that the city is experiencing a vertical growth that will overshadow its past performance. Will Bellevue develop as just another suburb, or can it be guided, shaped and formed into a center of grandeur and magnificence? In the final analysis, it will be imaginative entrepreneurship that will make the difference between commonality and preeminence. The stage has been set; only time will tell the direction the city will take.*

This strong curiosity about the shape of downtown's future has spanned the generations. After 45 years of growth and transformation, we still find energy and community in this question, in living rooms and at City Hall, "where do we go from here?"

We have so much to celebrate in this thriving downtown, with new amenities, great companies, more housing options and our growing diversity. We still see a spirit of "imaginative entrepreneurship" in conversations about the serious tasks ahead as a city.

Even four decades later, there's an open invitation to everyone to pitch in and shape the city's success. For now, we simply invite you to explore and enjoy the amazing variety of shops, food and beautiful spaces that no one could've imagined back in 1971. Or maybe they did.



Patrick Bannon  
Bellevue Downtown Association President



Downtown Bellevue's skyline and cityscape.  
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# Smart Cities are Stronger Together

Focused on positioning the Eastside as a globally recognized innovation and technology center, Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland have joined together to form the Innovation Triangle.

The Bellevue Downtown Association staff had the opportunity to catch up with one of the program leaders, James Henderson, Economic Development Director with the City of Bellevue and ask him a few questions.

## What is the Innovation Triangle?

The Innovation Triangle is an initiative charged with making the region a global hub for innovation and technology. Together, the communities are uniting locally to compete globally by focusing on growing information and communication technology (ICT) target industry clusters. We consider international trade and investment essential elements for establishing our region as a globally competitive and sustainable economy. The Innovation Triangle will become a globally recognized innovation and technology center and a vibrant and globally competitive region.

## How did the idea start for this collaboration?

The three cities recognized that each benefited from attracting ICT businesses and investment to the Eastside, and that a regional recruitment effort was stronger than individual efforts.

Serious branding and strategizing began with the decision to attend the 2016 SelectUSA Summit in Washington, DC. The SelectUSA Summit is held annually by the U.S. Department of Commerce and it brings together investors from all over the world, as well as economic development organizations from around the United States, high-level government officials, and others working to facilitate investment in the United States. At the Summit we met with over 27 international technology companies that are interested in investing in the United States and presented our region as a great place to invest and establish an office. We have continued to work

with several of these companies to locate an office in the Innovation Triangle.

## What are the key goals of this initiative?

We are focused on creating a robust partnership among Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland to establish the Innovation Triangle as a globally recognized center for technology and innovation. And to continue to grow and strengthen investment in the Innovation Triangle to support job creation and market diversification for our shared economies.

## What role do local companies play in this partnership?

The main focus of the Innovation Triangle is to attract technology companies both nationally and internationally. Local technology companies play an important role in telling the story about why they invested in the Innovation Triangle. At the Immersion event we held in October 2016, we hosted 16 international technology companies to our region so they could learn about why the Innovation Triangle would be a great place for their business. Local technology companies such as Microsoft, Inrix and iSoftstone shared experiences about the quality of the workforce, the supportive tech environment and how the quality of life contributes to the energy in the region.

## Why is the Eastside so attractive for emerging tech companies?

The Eastside is an attractive location for tech companies because of the talent that is

attracted to our region. Combined, 62% of our residents have a Bachelor's Degree or above, we have over 54,000 software publishers and nearly 100,000 workers in ICT. Over 30% of our residents are foreign born and the diverse perspectives of our population help create the energy where creativity and new ideas thrive.

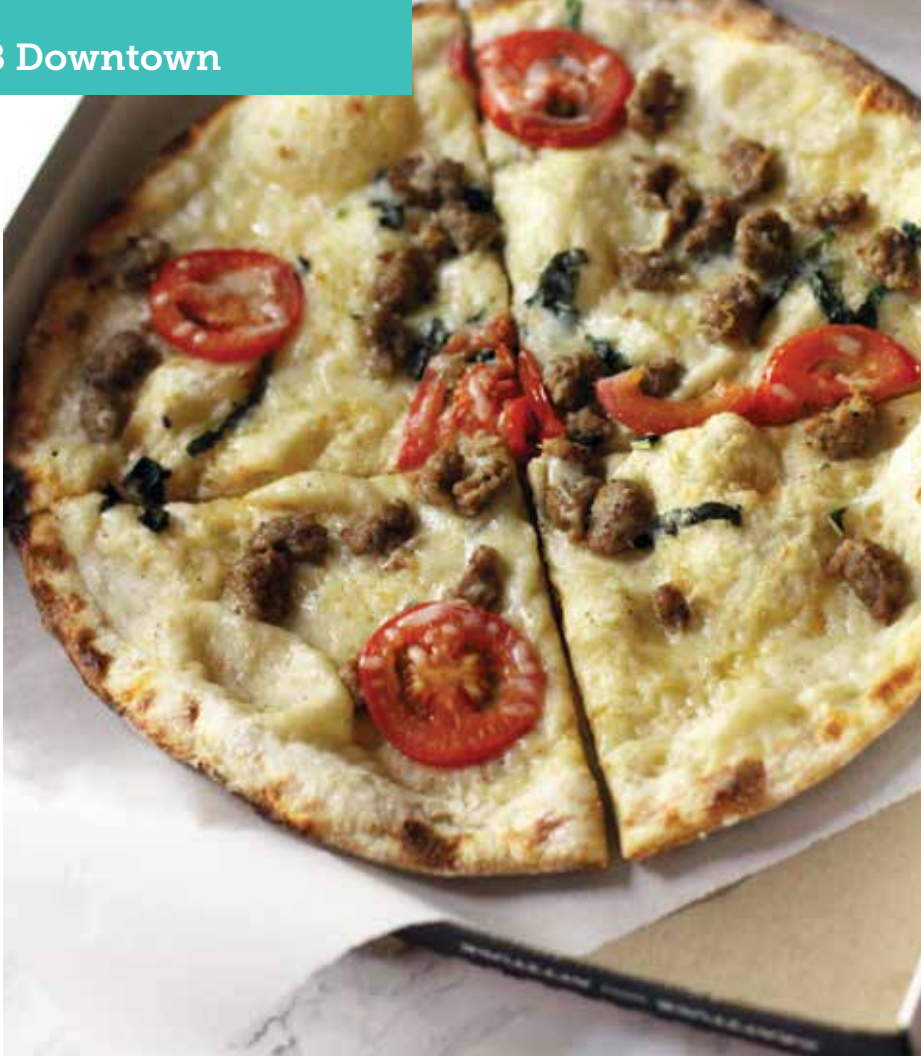
The Innovation Triangle also has many quality of life factors that are attractive to technology companies. The region offers a welcoming environment, a cosmopolitan workforce and a culture focused on global issues. We have nationally ranked public schools, great parks, a beautiful environment and a variety of cultural amenities. Washington State and the Innovation Triangle are also connected by air to the neighboring tech hubs in Silicon Valley and San Francisco as well as non-stop flights to major business centers in Europe and Asia.

## What type of technology advancements can our region expect to see in the next five years?

We expect to see tremendous growth in Virtual and Augmented Reality and how its application will support a wide variety of uses from gaming to architecture to medicine. We also expect to see Artificial Intelligence grow as an important component of the technology sector.







MOD Pizza. Photo © Denise Sakaki

# Pizza, How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Count the Ways...

BY DENISE SAKAKI

Pizza is a near-perfect food. Topping combinations are nearly infinite, appealing all types of eaters, be they vegetarian or omnivorous. While the battle rages on over preferred crust thickness (Neapolitan? Stuffed? New York vs Chicago style?), we have expanded options that can be gluten-free or gluten-full. Whether it's the convenience of a quick meal on-the-go, an after-work treat with a glass of wine, or a hands-on experience learning how it's made from scratch, there's always time for pizza.

People are busy, time is precious, which makes Downtown Bellevue a perfect place for **MOD Pizza** (317 Bellevue Way NE) and **Pagliacci Pizza** (563 Bellevue Square and 8100th Avenue NE). With locations throughout Seattle and the Eastside, both of these pizza chains are locally-started

and strike a balance of fast food that's both good and affordable. MOD and Pagliacci focus on quality ingredients and toppings like Mama Lil's peppers and artisan cured meats and sausages. It's something easy to grab during a lunch break or place an order when you're too tired to cook. Pagliacci's

has a wide selection of signature pizzas, as well as calzones, pasta and appetizers. MOD Pizza's menu offers funky topping combinations, encouraging people to customize their order, and along with fresh-prepped dough every day, they have a gluten-free option.

Perhaps you long for that time in Italy, sipping a full-bodied Barolo and leisurely snacking on a delightfully crisped pizza crust, still smoky from the wood fire stove. Or you can just pretend you're in Italy and head over to **Vivo 53** (504 Bellevue Square) for a traditional *pizza*, pulled straight from their wood fire oven. You can see the flames and feel the heat of their massive in-house pizza oven as it cooks each individual-sized pizza, giving toppings a quick roast and getting a satisfying char on their thin crusts. It's been said their pizza crust recipe was perfected on the 53rd try, hence the restaurant name, and they pair it with carefully curated toppings. Their Meat Paradiso is an Italian carnivore's dream with salumi, mortadella, guanciale and fennel-spiced sausage. A more nuanced but no less traditional combination, their Burrata pizza uses a mix of cured and fresh ingredients like salty prosciutto and peppery arugula to create a combination of texture and flavor.

Inspired even further? Sign up for the **Gourmet Pizza Night** class at **Whisk** (10385 Main Street), a unique culinary retail store and classroom in Old Bellevue. Their classes are hands-on, taught by professional chefs who have worked at many of Seattle's top-rated restaurants, and even a few have appeared on the Food Network series *Chopped*. Their pizza making class teaches traditional methods of preparing and hand-shaping dough, sharing chef secrets, and using inventive toppings like chanterelle mushrooms with pecorino and a creamy egg yolk. You make the pizza with your own hands, design it with a combination of toppings, and it's served hot, straight from the oven, alongside fresh greens and a glass of wine.



## Transportation Tips Designed for You

Downtown Bellevue is the place to be and there is more than one way to get here! With a growing population, you likely aren't the only one jumping on I-405 to reach your Downtown Bellevue destination for work, play, shopping or entertainment. Why not explore all of your options? **TransManage**, a service of the Bellevue Downtown Association, has been serving the Downtown Bellevue community with transportation resources and tips since 1986.

Property managers and employers may be affected by city and state laws requiring building or company-wide transportation management (also known as Commute Trip Reduction) programs. TransManage can help create and implement one of these at your worksite. It gives commuters direct access to custom commute planners as well as a friendly face to call when parking gets tight and you think you're out of transportation options for your employees.

TransManage also supports the City of Bellevue's **ChooseYourWayBellevue.org** programs, resources and incentives for thinking outside the single occupancy vehicle.

We understand that transportation is an interconnected web of communities, resources and people. So you may also see our staff behind other community programs such as Kirkland Green Trip, Issaquah Salmon Friendly Trips or the Just One Trip program.

Visit [TransManage.org](http://TransManage.org) for more information or email [transmanage@bellevuedowntown.org](mailto:transmanage@bellevuedowntown.org) and our team will help you find your way.



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# Downtown Bellevue

## *What's New and What's Happening*

Growing Economy • Thriving Retail  
More Amenities • Improved Mobility

The **median age** in  
Downtown Bellevue is **34**.

Bellevue is Washington's  
**largest majority-minority  
city.**

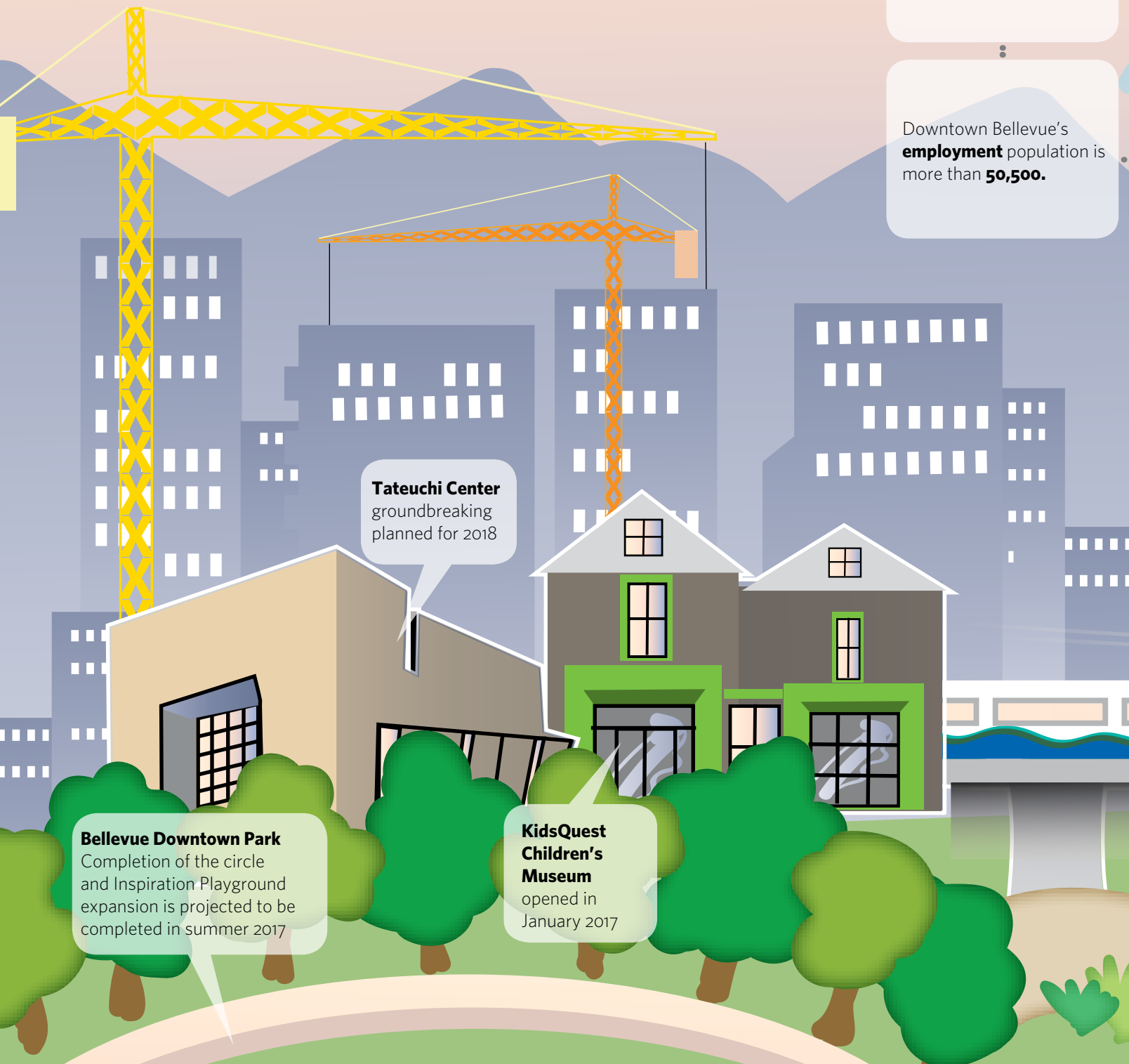
Downtown Bellevue  
has more than **12,000  
residents.**

Downtown Bellevue's  
**employment** population is  
more than **50,500.**

**Tateuchi Center**  
groundbreaking  
planned for 2018

**Bellevue Downtown Park**  
Completion of the circle  
and Inspiration Playground  
expansion is projected to be  
completed in summer 2017

**KidsQuest  
Children's  
Museum**  
opened in  
January 2017





More than **2,500 residential units** have been in review, under construction or completed in the last two years.

Two new **grocery stores** serve downtown:

- Trader Joe's
- Whole Foods 365

### Office Space

- **WeWork** is moving into 80,000 square feet at the new **Lincoln Square** office tower.
- **Valve** is moving to nine floors of the new **Lincoln Square** office tower.
- **BitTitan** is moving to **One Twelfth @ Twelfth**.
- **Pokémon North America** is moving to the new **Lincoln Square** office tower.
- **Salesforce.com** has recently moved into **Nine Two Nine Office Tower**.
- **Amazon** has leased the entire office portion of the new **Centre 425** office tower.

**GIX** will open this fall in The Spring District. See page 12 for more information.

### New Hotels

- W Hotel at Lincoln Square
- AC Hotel by Marriott
- Hilton Garden Inn

**Grand Connection**  
conceptual  
design underway

**Sound Transit's East Link Light Rail** will open in 2023

- Two stations will serve Downtown
- Six stations in Bellevue

## Guitar Lessons at Kelsey Creek Farm

March 4 - 25 & April 1 - 22, 10 - 10:50 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm  
410 130th Pl SE  
425-452-7688  
[parksreg.bellevuewa.gov](http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov)

Learn to play guitar in a 50-minute classroom setting for both beginners and those with some experience. Ages 11 & older. \$100 for Bellevue residents and \$120 for non-residents.

## Bellevue Friends of the Library Shakespeare Series: Julius Caesar

March 10, 17, 24 & 31  
10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Bellevue Library  
1111 110th Ave NE  
425-450-1764

Come for a reading and discussion of Julius Caesar. The play takes place in 44 BC in Ancient Rome. A plot to kill the emperor, Julius Caesar, is carried out by those who know him well. Free.

## Northwest Perennial Alliance March Mania Plant Sale and Master Gardener Clinic

March 11, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden  
12001 Main Street



Exploring at the Bellevue Botanical Garden is fun for all ages. Photo by Rebecca Randall

[northwestperennialalliance.org/march\\_mania](http://northwestperennialalliance.org/march_mania)

This early spring plant sale features spring ephemerals and choice garden plants not readily available at other times of the year. The sale brings together a fabulous group of specialty nurseries and growers who are not generally open to the public. Learn from these experts and let them help you choose some of the earliest bloomers of the season to brighten up a drab space in your garden. Free.

## Art-tastic Evening

March 15, 6 - 8 p.m.

KidsQuest Children's Museum  
1116 108th Ave NE  
425-637-8100  
[kidsquestmuseum.org](http://kidsquestmuseum.org)

The arts are taking over the entire museum with hands-on art activities and live performances from local musicians. Get creative with clay, try your hand at silk screening and enjoy live performances. Visit [kidsquestmuseum.org](http://kidsquestmuseum.org) for ticket information.

## How to Prune and Renovate the Overgrown Garden

March 15, 7 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden  
12001 Main Street  
[bellevuebotanical.org/classes](http://bellevuebotanical.org/classes)

A lecture featuring Cass Turnbull who will cover basic pruning of ornamental trees and shrubs along with creative solutions for the overgrown or over-planted garden. \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$15 non-members.

Have a community event in Downtown Bellevue to add to our listing? Email the information to [inbox@bellevuedowntown.org](mailto:inbox@bellevuedowntown.org).

## The Ugly Duckling

March 17, 18, 24 & 25, 7 p.m.  
March 19, 25 & 26, 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads  
16051 NE 10th Street  
425-452-7155

This classic Hans Christian Andersen tale tells the story of a little duckling who doesn't fit in with his family. Unbeknownst to them, he turns out to be much more than they ever imagined. This is a story of friendship, bravery, and self-confidence. Tickets are \$12 and \$15 if purchased after March 13.

## Garden Habitat for Bumble Bees and other Native Pollinators

March 20, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden  
12001 Main Street  
[bellevuebotanical.org/classes](http://bellevuebotanical.org/classes)

Explore the world of native pollinators with an emphasis on our native bumble bees. Learn about these beneficial insects and how you can promote their survival with garden features and preferred

flowers. This is a Bellevue Parks Master Naturalist Species of the Year program. \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35 for non-members.

## An Introduction to the Art and Horticulture of Bonsai

March 25, 10 a.m. - noon

Bellevue Botanical Garden  
12001 Main Street  
[bellevuebotanical.org/classes](http://bellevuebotanical.org/classes)

The lecture and demo will highlight the various forms of bonsai, types of plants best suited for bonsai and a bonsai's horticultural requirements. This class will specifically focus on outdoor bonsai. \$20 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$30 for non-members.

## Bellevue LifeSpring's Step Up to the Plate Benefit Luncheon

March 30, 11 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Meydenbauer Center  
1100 NE 6th Street  
425-451-1175  
[bellevuelifespring.org](http://bellevuelifespring.org)

This inspirational and

## Get in touch with Nature at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center

1625 118th Avenue SE | 425-452-2565 | Events are Free! Please RSVP to [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov)

### Nature's Greatest Landscape Engineers

March 11 & 25, 2 - 3 p.m.

Beavers' ability to change the landscape is second only to humans. These amazing rodents are so valuable to the ecosystem that Native Americans often referred to them as the "sacred center." Not only do they create a healthy habitat for a number of aquatic species, but they also provide essential natural services for humans as well.

### Family-Friendly Ranger Walk

March 12, 2 - 3 p.m.

This family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home.

### Hiking History: From Glaciers to Greenways

March 18, 2 - 3 p.m.

What mysteries lie beneath the soggy surface and between the diversity of aquatic plants? Through both natural processes and human interactions, the area has changed drastically over thousands of years. Join a Ranger for a guided history hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park to uncover the past and explore the future.

### Nature Movie: "Beavers: The Biggest Dam Movie You Ever Saw"

March 24, 5 - 6 p.m.

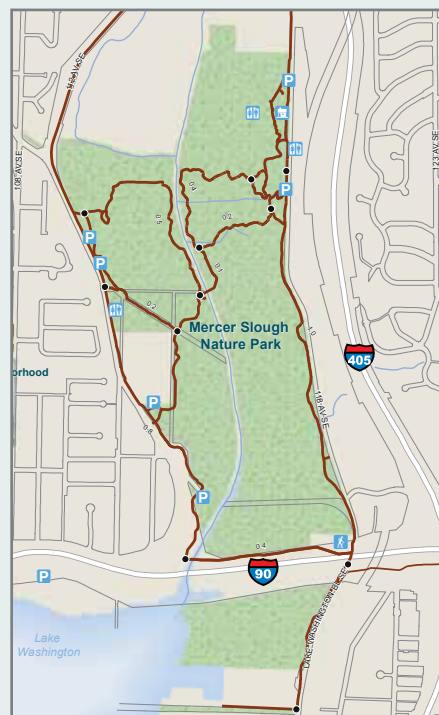
Have you ever seen a beaver lodge or dam and wondered, "How did they do that?" Take an intimate swim with beavers to explore an amazing diverse aquatic habitat that is home to one of nature's greatest engineers. This film is a heartfelt story following a family of beavers as they grow, play and transform the world around them.

### Adult Ranger Walk

March 26, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

With an emphasis on the history and natural resources of the nature park, begin with an overview of the LEED Gold education center and end at the bridge that spans the channel of the Mercer Slough. Afterward you are free to explore further on your own.

Map of Mercer Slough Nature Park courtesy of City of Bellevue - Parks & Community Services.







Blossoming flowers and lush greenery at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Photo by Rebecca Randall

energizing luncheon benefits Bellevue LifeSpring's programs that provide food, clothing, educational scholarships and emergency assistance to the 3,700+ children and their families living in poverty in Bellevue.

#### Sheep Shearing

March 30, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm  
410 130th PI SE  
425-452-7688  
[farmerjayne.com](mailto:farmerjayne.com)

Watch the sheep being shorn of their winter coats, enjoy spinning demonstrations, children's crafts, tractor/wagon rides, pony rides, food, animal viewing areas and more. Free shuttle service available from Wilburton Park and Ride and Bannerwood Sports

Park. Dogs not allowed in barnyard area. Costs vary for food and activities, only cash is accepted. No ATM on-site. Free.

#### The Little Mermaid

March 31, April 1, 7 & 8, 7 p.m.  
April 2, 8 & 9, 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads  
16051 NE 10th Street  
425-452-7155

Enjoy this splashy retelling of the beloved Hans Christian Andersen story. Watch the adventures of the little mermaid as she saves her kingdom and learns what's truly important to her. Tickets are \$12 and \$15 if purchased after March 27.

#### Easter Bunny at Bellevue Square

March 31 - April 15

Bellevue Square  
575 Bellevue Way NE  
[bellevuecollection.com](http://bellevuecollection.com)

Hop in for a picture with the Easter Bunny! He'll be entertaining the kids and sitting for photos.

#### Peep Peep!

April 8, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Northwest Arts Center  
9825 NE 24th St  
425-452-4106  
[bellevuewa.gov/northwest\\_arts](http://bellevuewa.gov/northwest_arts)

Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs as well as other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt round off a morning of FUN! Child and caregiver class. Ages 2-5. \$25 for Bellevue residents

and \$30 for non-residents. Each additional family member is \$5 for residents and \$6 non-residents.

#### Kelsey Creek Farm Spring Day Camp

April 10 - 14, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm  
410 130th PI SE  
425-452-7688

Learn about our animal friends, work in the barn with rakes and pails and mix up treats for the animals. We'll create art, bake snacks and play games too. Bring a lunch and drink. Snack provided. Ages 4-6. \$138 for Bellevue residents and \$152 for non-residents.

#### Kelsey Creek Farm Pony Day Camp

April 10 - 14,  
9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm  
410 130th PI SE  
425-452-7688

Come experience a full week packed with pony activities at Kelsey Creek Farm. Assist in grooming, saddling, care and feeding. This week's camp will include pony rides, equine craft projects and games. End the week with a tractor-pulled wagon ride and western style cookout. Ages 5-7. \$325 for Bellevue residents and \$375 for non-residents.

#### Bike Everywhere Day

May 19, 6 - 9 a.m.

Bellevue Transit Center  
[ChooseYourWayBellevue.org](http://ChooseYourWayBellevue.org)

Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just getting started, Choose Your Way Bellevue will greet you at the Bellevue Transit Center with water, snacks and giveaways!



10th Annual Bellevue Jazz & Blues Festival  
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[BellevueDowntown.com](http://BellevueDowntown.com)

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**Village Theatre's Pied Piper**

**Skippyjon Jones and Snow What**

School Shows Only  
April 18 - 19

**Junie B. Jones, The Essential Survival Guide**

School Shows Only  
May 8 - 9

**International Ballet Theatre**

**The Jungle Book**  
March 11 - 12

**Giselle**

May 12 - 14

**Evergreen City Ballet**

**Cinderella**  
March 16 - 19

**City Opera Ballet**

**Firebird**

March 25 - 26

**Elena Tselnik Piano Studios**

**The Music Awards Ceremony featuring Arthur Migliazza**  
April 1

**Mohit Chitnis**

**Radha Mangeshkar and Hrishikesh Ranade Live in Concert**  
April 2

**Syncopation Dance Project**

**Loom**  
April 8

**Sammamish Symphony Orchestra**

**Romantic Exotica**  
April 27

**BollyBeats Dance Academy**

**Dhoom Reloaded**  
April 30

**Nachle 5 - Annual Recital**  
May 6 - 7

Tickets for many events are available at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) 1-800-838-3006.



# A New Global Partnership in Our Backyard: GIX to Open this Fall

BY MATT JACK

Global Innovation Exchange (GIX) will be opening its nearly 100,000 square foot building, a state-of-the-art science and technology learning facility nestled in the heart of The Spring District along the Bel-Red corridor. GIX will provide graduate students from all over the world with the right tools, computing and design studios, prototyping areas and collaboration spaces.

GIX was built through a global partnership between universities and corporations with the objective to foster innovation leaders through an immersive learning experience. These future leaders will be trained to stimulate creativity in the workforce and solve technological and design challenges, all in preparation for them to address pressing global issues such as health, sustainability and socioeconomics.

The first pair of academic partners to engage this objective were the University of Washington and Tsinghua University in China. On the corporate side, Microsoft has joined the endeavor as the founding industry partner, donating \$40 million into developing the facility. Together, this academic-business collaboration is establishing a special learning experience that will help innovators excel in the workplace.

The GIX facility will be used for the University of Washington's Master of Science in Technology Innovation and future GIX programs. The program will welcome up to 70 students for its first cohort this

fall that will study and work in smaller sections and project teams to ensure a more intimate learning experience. The program anticipates growing in the future to a cohort size of 140 students with additional faculty to maintain small class sizes.

The three-story GIX facility will have a central core space for students to build prototypes for their projects. Loosely described as the "makerspace," the central core will provide students access to a vast array of tools and resources allowing them to innovate with little to no restrictions. Student teams are also provided their own dedicated lab and team spaces to work on projects. This is a unique benefit as most universities have a limited number of lab spaces for student work.

The Master of Science in Technology Innovation curriculum is as unique as the building. Students are not focused on one area of study. With an interdisciplinary approach, the program will draw from a variety of expert faculty members with backgrounds in computer science,

engineering, design, business and law.

The idea is to expose students to different perspectives necessary for being successful in the real world, bestowing creative minds with technical skills as well as preparing them to engage the marketplace.

The experience is not limited to Bellevue. Through the GIX partnership, students are presented a dual degree opportunity to study for an additional six months at Tsinghua University in Beijing where they'll earn a Master of Engineering in Data Science and Information Technology.

The GIX partnership in Bellevue is the first of its kind. More universities, corporations and non-profits are expected to join in the near future, allowing GIX to fully embody the global nature of education and innovation. Downtown Bellevue and the Puget Sound Region are sure to benefit from GIX. In a competitive market for talent, GIX will be graduating some of the region's brightest minds. Only discovery awaits, and it'll be happening here.



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The Sculpture of Al Farrow

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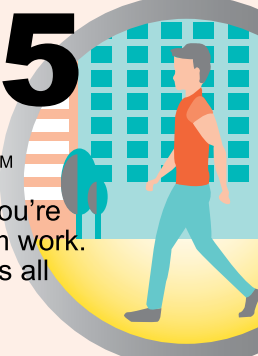
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# Mike Flynn

BY ALLISON PASCOE

RESIDENCE: THE BELLETTINI

OCCUPATION: RETIRED PUGET SOUND  
BUSINESS JOURNAL PUBLISHER AND  
CURRENTLY A CONSULTANT

Mike Flynn may have been a long time resident of Seattle, but he is certainly no stranger to Bellevue and the Eastside. He worked as the publisher of the Puget Sound Business Journal for 24 years and has seen Bellevue grow into the city it is now. Flynn retired from the PSBJ in 2006 and currently works as a consultant sharing his knowledge and expertise with local businesses and entrepreneurs. He chose to settle in Downtown Bellevue for the convenient accessibility to shopping, restaurants and the growing urban environment that downtown has to offer.

Flynn lives with his wife Betsy at The Bellettni, a senior living community that offers many amenities for his on-the-go lifestyle. The Bellettni offers multiple dining options, but some mornings, Flynn heads to the Tully's on Main Street to pick up cinnamon rolls for Betsy and him to have for breakfast.

Flynn is a frequenter of the gym at The Bellettni where he spends time on the treadmill, but he also works out at Ideal Exercise Bellevue with his high-intensity trainer, as well as the track at Bellevue High School, as he trains for his 100-meter competitions at state and national events. After beating cancer in 2011, he competed in

the 100-meter dash at the Huntsman World Senior Games and took second place in 2015 and fourth last year.

His consulting work often takes him to Seattle, but Flynn spends a lot of his time working at his computer in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Bellevue next to 13 Coins which is only a short jaunt from his home. For a caffeine kick he doesn't have to go far to get a cup of java from Forte, also located in the lobby of the Hyatt.

To unwind, Flynn heads to Panini's Bistro at the north end of The Bellettni to enjoy a glass of wine and work on his weekly column about Northwest businesses, people and issues that he emails to

business leaders across the state.

When Flynn and Betsy have dinner with friends, they enjoy dining at 13 Coins, P.F. Chang's, The Melting Pot or Maggiano's Little Italy, all located within a few blocks of their home.

Why does Flynn enjoy being an urbanite? From shopping to restaurants to activities, Downtown Bellevue has everything he and his wife need within reach.

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