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A note from the BDA President

My two kids, wife and I love summer in Downtown Bellevue. It brings out the best in our parks, plazas and public spaces. From the excitement with the Downtown Park completion to the awesome new digs at KidsQuest Children's Museum, you just connect the dots for a day's itinerary.

Downtown turns up the heat with summer events and activities. Make your plans for a full lineup of lunchtime concerts, the annual Bellevue Arts Fair weekend, and the Eastside's most spectacular Independence Day celebration – the Bellevue Family 4th at Downtown Park.

All-ages family experiences abound day and evening with shopping and sidewalk dining in Old Bellevue. Enjoy a casual afternoon of great sights with a side trip to Wildwood Park, Meydenbauer Bay or Downtown Park.

Remember last summer's craze? No better place than downtown to charge your device and go hunting on Pokemon Go adventures in the gaming capital of the PNW! To cool off and relax, our family might agree on a movie at Lincoln Square. If compromise eludes us, then the library is highly reliable for activities and reading (note: next to KidsQuest), and Bellevue Arts Museum is a great place for an enriching journey.

Few downtowns have as much to offer in the truly family-friendly fun department. We're ready to go! Are you?



Patrick Bannon



Bellevue Downtown Park, a 21-acre oasis in the heart of Downtown
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Cool Delights

BY RACHEL SHIMP

To catch up with friends and coworkers it's often easier to find time to meet for a quick drink.

Here in downtown, there's no shortage of options to quench your thirst as you multitask. Next to P.F. Chang's at The Bellevue Collection is the **Pressed Juicery**, a California-based chain offering a rainbow menu of beverages made from greens, roots and citrus. One block north of The Shops at The Bravern, you'll find downtown Bellevue's own **Juice & Glow**, stocked with tonics and elixirs to help you feel your best. Their "fresh, local, loving" philosophy is reflected in their healthy greens portions. And if you're on Main Street stop by the beautiful **Jujubeet Café**, a juice bar with with power-uppers (try "Cacao Wow" with almond butter, protein powder and banana).

At **Café Cesura** opposite barre3, cool down with a pom green iced tea, their popular warm-weather brew, or the rooibos chai latte, a winning choice for the caffeine-free. Closer to Old Bellevue is cozy **T'Latte**, a community-driven café that offers goods like bubble tea—also called boba—in your choice of flavors like lychee, jasmine



Photo: Lot No. 3's shrub cocktail-mocktail by Maria Morgan

milk or mango.

Freshii is your spot for frozen yogurt, inside The Bellevue Collection. This international chain with a philanthropic and sustainable focus offers a wide variety of smoothies made with low-fat, probiotic frozen yogurt. Both **Purple** and **Lot No. 3** offer fancy root and ginger beers, and seasonal flavors of shrub—a house-made drinking vinegar infused with fruit, herb or spice flavors. Just add fizzy water, mix and enjoy.



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Dining Alfresco, from Chic to Cheap

BY RACHEL SHIMP

After many months of darkness, the long days of June beg poet Mary Oliver's most famous question: "What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" Let us guess: dust off the grill? Check for available campsites? Ready the boat? Summer's noblest goals may take you out of the city, but take time as well to enjoy familiar haunts in their bright new light. All around downtown, doors open and patios beckon. Here's a quick guide to outdoor dining for any occasion.

A Fine Time

An early evening stroll through Downtown Park is the perfect prelude to a romantic dinner at **Carmine's**. Praised by *The Seattle Times* for its "gracious, old-school formality", legendary service and classic Italian dishes, the experience can only be improved by dining on the terrazzo. It's sheltered overhead and decorated with flowers and climbing vines, for an elegant ambience to match the meal. Equally swanky is **El Gaucho** Steakhouse, where you can't go wrong on the curvaceous patio abutting downtown greenspace. Executive Chef Tristan Chalker has some suggestions for your order: "I think grilled food and alfresco dining go hand in hand, so for me, it doesn't get better than a flame-broiled steak and our grilled sweet corn. We're looking forward to the delicious melons we get from Tonnemaker farms—canaries, cantaloupes, and honeydew—as well as

their really excellent heirloom tomatoes. We're excited about our panzanella of perfectly ripe tomatoes; light, fresh preparations of our seafood; and desserts with super-succulent summer fruits."

Date Night in Old Bellevue

Main Street is lined with outdoor seating, at nearly every establishment from **520 Bar and Grill** to **Mercato Stellina Pizzeria** near the water's edge. At the latter, a sister restaurant to Cantinetta, it's easy to be charmed by the cozy quarters and artful pizza preparations. Share an appetizer of burrata—a fresh Italian cheese—that's plated with salted crackers and honeycomb for an enchanting start to the meal. For exquisite seafood dishes you'll want to dine at **Bis on Main**, a longtime local favorite known for its superb American fare and gracious hospitality.

The Brunch Bunch

You're probably aware of the knockout happy hour at **Local Burger** (we're talking pulled pork poutine for six bucks and Woodinville wines for five) but you'll especially want to soak up the sun over brunch on the patio. Try a Northwest breakfast biscuit with spinach, goat cheese, portobello and red pepper jam. Next door, surrounded by a wall of ferns, clink a variety of bloody marys and coolers at **520 Bar & Grill** as you await your steak and eggs. Don't forget **Gilbert's on Main**, where legendary bagels are served and they take Matzo Ball soup very seriously. "A delicatessen is more a social institution than a restaurant," they say, and the sidewalk-café vibe on warm days is a delightful setting to mingle with neighbors.

Night Moves

Going out with the girls? **99 Park** boasts a huge patio with a variety of seating, along with their contemporary farm-to-table fare. With 3- and 4-ounce pours of their impressive wine selections, you can conduct a tasting well into the evening. The Hyatt Regency's **Suite** is rocking with entertainment on weekend nights. You'll want to get a couch outside for the best people-watching view. Love live music? **Bake's Place** is where to be on balmy summer nights—ideally with a boilermaker. Their spacious patio features fire pits and heat lamps in case the air's chilly, too.

Veni, Vidi, Vino

Adjacent to Bellevue Arts Museum, **Palomino's** patio is identifiable by their red umbrellas. Discuss modern art while enjoying their daily happy hour from 3 p.m. to close. Pop into the Westin's **Cypress Lounge & Wine Bar** and enjoy a glass of wine in their comfortable and chic outdoor space. Choose from dozens of wines by the glass, with a focus on Washington vintners. Just inside, a beautiful fireplace awaits, but fingers are crossed that this summer we won't need it.

Hello Campers! Summertime Fun in Downtown Bellevue

BY DEANNA DUFF

The final school bell rings and kids cheer the start of summer! Freedom from homework, grades and catching the bus. To ensure a fun-filled vacation for the entire family, parents know to plan ahead with camps, outings and events to fill the summer months.

Downtown Bellevue offers something for all ages from toddlers to high schoolers and often the entire family. From day adventures to week-long experiences, there is something for every interest. The kaleidoscope of activities ranges from skateboarding, parkour, bike building to moviemaking, computer programming, visual arts and more. Whether your child wants to learn something new or pursue an existing passion, Bellevue is your summer-camp destination!

KidsQuest Children's Museum

Please DO touch! KidsQuest is a learning playground and reopened in January at its new location near the Bellevue Library with fresh exhibits as well as returning favorites. Kids can monkey around on the two-story Atrium Climbing Gym or sit in the driver's seat of an actual Peterbilt semi truck. A recreation of the 1915 Bellevue Mercantile is a living history lesson with a working cash register, pretend ice cream counter and barnyard.

KidsQuest also offers a wide range of half- and full-day camps. *Explorer Camps*, 3-5 years, include art, nature and science topics. *Adventure Camps*, grades 1-3, offers numerous options such as moviemaking and LEGO® creations. For *STEAM Camps*, KidsQuest hosts sessions at the Bear Creek School where kids partake in everything from engineering, to building robots or putting nature under a microscope.

For the young at heart, KidsQuest also offers *Recess on the Rocks*. The adults-only event includes food, cocktails, live music and unlimited playtime! The first one of the year is May 31. kidsquestmuseum.org

Bellevue Arts Museum



Calling all mini-Monets, dragon slayers and crafty kids! BAM is expanding its summer camps.

Little Artists, 4-5

years, encourages little ones to celebrate the messiness of making art with hands-on learning. Docents also provide age-appropriate museum tours. For grades 1-3, *Under the Sea* uses the ocean as inspiration and *Myths and Magic* has youngsters envisioning mermaids, dragons and fairy homes.

Older kids can enroll in *Modern Masters*, grades 4-6, which focuses on specific artists, styles and genres, or *Art Adventures Around the World* which emphasizes diverse, artistic traditions. Mediums span the spectrum from clay to drawing, print making and sculpture. bellevuearts.org

Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue

The sky is the limit at Boys & Girls Club with hundreds of summer camp offerings spanning preschool to high school ages. To ensure every child can experience the joys of summer camp, financial assistance and scholarships are available for all programming.

Perennial favorites include *Specialty* camps focusing on topics such as technology, cooking and photography. Every kid is an athlete thanks to *Athletic* camps with a variety of options from basketball, soccer, volleyball and flag football to taekwondo, cheer and futsal. A particular favorite is the *Seattle Storm Basketball Camp*, which provides free tickets to a Storm game and special visits by Storm coaches and players.

A unique offering are the *Traveling Camps*, grades 5-9. Participants explore the Puget Sound with daily field trips to such spots as Discovery Park, Seattle Center and area museums. bgcbellevue.org

The Coder School



Founded in Silicon Valley, Bellevue became the Coder School's first franchise location in 2016. Whether your child is already

programming apps or just enjoys playing Minecraft, there is something for every level. A variety of classes and camps are offered for kids approximately 8-15 years.

Code Class is a beginner's introduction to programming languages such as Scratch, Python and Java. For more one-on-one attention, *Code Coaching* pairs students to work on a project. *App Team* allows youngsters to develop a project complete with a final presentation.

Five-day summer camps include *Games*



Photo courtesy of KidsQuest Children's Museum

Are Awesome where students develop an original video game, *Pi Jam* where students explore the power of tiny computers, *Python Startup* overviewing the popular Python programming language, and *WebRox* for basics such as coding and file transfers. Summer camps are intimate with a maximum of around 14 students, so sign up early! thecoderschool.com/bellevue

Music Works Northwest

Music Works Northwest is nearing 20 years bringing harmony to Bellevue. In addition to year-round programming, a wide array of summer camps offers extended youth options for ages 4-16 years. *I Love Music Camp*, 4-6 years, now offers a half-day class in addition to full days with supervised lunchtime. No experience is required and instruction includes singing, instruments, games and even songwriting. Other youngster camps include *Creative Keyboards*, *Songwriting* and more.

Older kids, 7-10 years, get to sing in a group and solo in *Gotta Sing!* which samples musicals such as *Sound of Music* and *Annie*. The *Pop Voice* camp is a fan favorite where kids learn songs by idols such as Taylor Swift with a final performance accompanied by professional musicians. Intermediate camps, 11-15 years, include numerous jazz options, and high schoolers can learn computer composition.

Notable to Music Works Northwest is its dedication to music therapy camps. There are multiple camps for children with Down syndrome, on the autism spectrum, sensory needs and more. Camp sizes are smaller and taught by a board-certified music therapist. musicworksnw.org

Bellevue Parks & Community Services

The City of Bellevue hosts an abundance of summer camps and family events for the entire community. Beginning at the end of

June, upwards of 40 camps are available at various locations such as Kelsey Creek Farm to Crossroads Community Center and Bellevue Skatepark. Choose from options ranging from week-long and all-day options to just an afternoon for children 4-18 years. Financial assistance is available.

Favorites include parkour, fencing, rock climbing, skateboarding at the Bellevue Skatepark and theater camps hosted by Bellevue Youth Theater. For something particularly special, Kelsey Creek Farm has a full slate - *Cartooniversity*, *Horsemanship*, *Little Farmers* and *Pony Day* are guaranteed to wow wee ones! ci.bellevue.wa.us/parks-community-services.htm

WheelLab



Grabbing a bike and riding with friends is a time-honored summer tradition! Even

better is being able

to maintain your wheels and ride safely. WheelLab launched in 2016 and generally serves grades 6-10. *Fix-a-Bike* is held every Monday evening through summer at the Boys & Girls Club Lake Hills Teen Center and is open to both youth and their families to learn bike maintenance and repair.

Build-a-Bike will offer three camp options: July 10-14; July 17-21 and August 14-18. Kids rebuild donated bikes - mostly mountain and BMX styles - which they are allowed to keep. They are also gifted helmets and bike locks. Their experience concludes with a scheduled, group ride around the Bellevue area including trail and road riding. They learn technique and safety alongside bike officers from the Bellevue Police Department. All programs are free to ensure accessibility to all children. wheelab.org

BELLEVUE JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL

► 10th Annual Bellevue Jazz & Blues Festival

May 31 - June 4
425-453-1223
bellevuedowntown.com

See Catherine Russell, The Corey Harris Band, Radio Raheem and The Rumba Kings plus more than 40 performances by top regional jazz & blues musicians.

Magic and Miracle: The Subtle and Profound Beauty of Plants

May 17, 7 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden,
12001 Main Street
bellevuebotanical.org/
classes

A maple tree may be entirely a male one year, entirely female the next, and represent both sexes the following year! Dan Hinkley will introduce some of the natural world's strange and wonderful characters on a visual tour of some of his favorite plants. Learn about the mystery surrounding plants already growing in your garden. BBGS members \$5, nonmembers \$20.

Bellevue Farmers Market

Every Thursday, May 18 to October 12
3 - 7 p.m.
1717 Bellevue Way NE
(parking lot of Bellevue Presbyterian Church)
425-454-8474



Catherine Russell headlines the 2017 Bellevue Jazz & Blues Festival on Friday, June 2. Photo © Sandrine Lee

bellevuefarmersmarket.org

Experience and enjoy the finest Washington flavors, sights and sounds at this vibrant mid-week market. Find the highest quality produce, organic grass-fed meats and poultry, cage-free eggs, locally baked goods, honey, fresh picked flower bouquets and ready-to-enjoy foods from some of the finest street food vendors in the city.



Bike Everywhere Day

May 19, 6-9 a.m.
Bellevue Transit Center
cascade.org/
bikeeverywhereday

Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just getting started, Choose Your Way Bellevue will

greet you at the Bellevue Transit Center Celebration Station with coffee, treats and more.

East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs Terra Tillers Flower Show

May 20 - 21
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden,
12001 Main Street
bellevuebotanical.org/
classes.html

Eastside gardeners showcase their best flowering trees, shrubs, and cut flowers. The show also includes dish gardens and special exhibits. Free

Adult Ranger Walk

May 21, 2 - 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Center,
1625 118th Avenue SE
425-452-2565

Join a Park Ranger to take a short hike through the wetlands of the Mercer Slough Nature Park; with an emphasis

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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. Free

Youth Link's 27th Annual Community Leadership Awards

May 24, 6:30-8 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall,
450 110th Avenue NE
425-452-5254
27cla.bpt.me/

An evening of celebration to recognize young people's contributions in our community. Twenty-one program and community awards will be presented, ranging from academics, sports, community service, youth leadership, and youth in arts. Free

Parent Workshop: Your Child's Safety Made Simple

May 24, 6 p.m.
KidsQuest, 116 108th Ave NE
425-637-8100
kidsquestmuseum.org

A Savvy Parents Safe Kids workshop will help you learn the best practice safety tips that will be effective with your child. No scare tactics, no graphic conversations. Your child's safety, made simple. Presented by Jill Goetz, Preschool and Early Educator Child Safety Specialist. Free admission, pre-registration required.

Nature Movie Night: "Ants: Little Creatures Who Run the World"

May 26, 5-6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Center,
1625 118th Avenue SE
425-452-2565

They wage wars and live in a world of coded communication and lightning chains of command. They may be small but are capable of lifting 20 times their own body weight. Spend an hour watching this film to learn more about these fascinating social insects. Free



6th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride

June 3, 9 a.m.
Lake Hills Community Park,
1200 164th Ave SE
425-452-4882
bellevuewa.gov/lake-to-lake-ride.htm

Enjoy a non-competitive recreational ride for the whole family through Bellevue's award winning park system exploring hidden treasures of Bellevue. Benefits the City of Bellevue youth camp scholarship fund. Pre-register \$15, or \$20 day of event.



A Day of Play with Dad

June 17, 8:30 am - Noon
South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way
425-452-4240
parksreg.bellevuewa.gov

Lots of fun Father's Day activities including a pancake breakfast, scavenger hunt, climb the CRAG, venture the Vertical Playpen, play disc golf, make a Father's Day craft, and much more. The whole family is welcome. Registration required, \$8 per person. 3 and under are free.

Little Chefs with Davicia Van De Venter

June 17, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
KidsQuest, 116 108th Ave NE
425-637-8100
kidsquestmuseum.org

Chef D hosts this fabulous cooking class where students make, measure, mix, stir, and pour a fun project that not only tastes yummy but is healthy too! The menu includes custom oat pancakes with fruit salsa and a whipped honey butter using local, all natural, and organic ingredients. Members \$40, nonmember \$45

Eastside Heritage Center Events

EastsideHeritageCenter.org

Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs

May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19 & September 16
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park
425-450-1049
EastsideHeritageCenter.org

Participate in hands-on activities that relate to early Eastside settler life at the historic 1888 Fraser Log Cabin. Take a turn churning butter, collecting eggs, washing clothes, pumping water and learning about log cabin construction.



Strawberry Festival

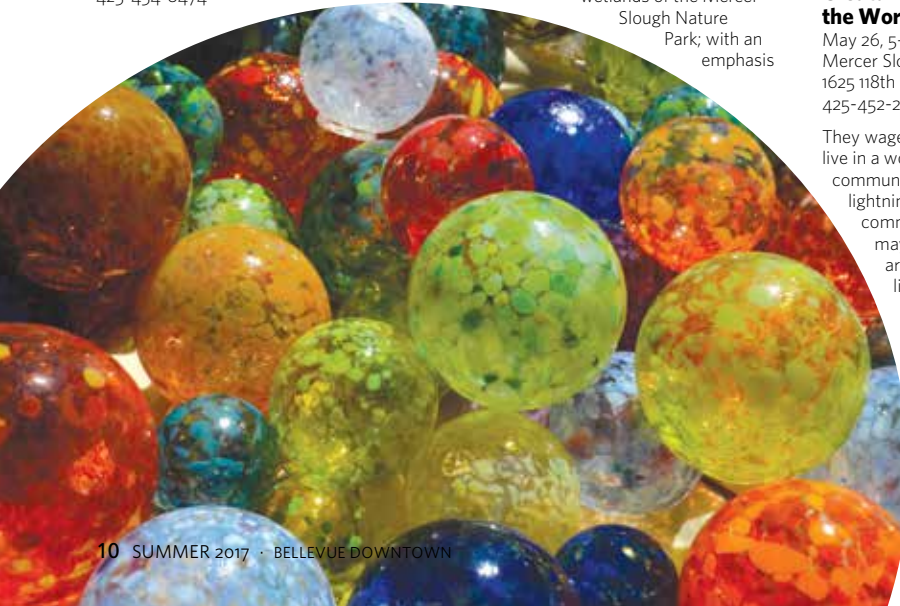
June 24, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
June 25, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Crossroads International Park
425-450-1049
bellevuestrawberryfestival.org

Enjoy family entertainment, fresh strawberry shortcake, hands-on history experiences, food and vendor booths, music, games, an auto show and more! Hosted by the Eastside Heritage Center and presented by BECU.

Early Bellevue Walking Tour

July 20 & August 8
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
EastsideHeritageCenter.org

Before glass towers defined the skyline and shoppers bustled across busy pavement, Bellevue was a quiet town of dirt roads and scattered homes. Discover the hidden history throughout downtown Bellevue on this interesting and informative walk. Register by calling 425-450-1049 or email info@eastsideheritagecenter.org.



Have a community event in Downtown Bellevue to add to our listing? Email the information to inbox@bellevuedowntown.org.



► Four on the 4th Dog Jog & Walk

July 4, 9 a.m.
Ashwood Park, 10820 NE 10th Street
425-453-1223
bellevuedowntown.com

Come out the morning of 4th of July for a walk or jog with your dog. This non-competitive 4k celebrates America's birthday and benefits Seattle Humane in Bellevue. Stick around for the post-race celebration with activities for all including contests, bouncy houses, music and more. See page 12 for details.



► Bellevue Family 4th

July 4, 2 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
425-453-1223
bellevuedowntown.com

Join us for the Eastside's largest Independence Day celebration. Featuring live music, food, activities and fireworks set to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra. See page 12 for details.



Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park

Every Tuesday, July 11 to August 29
Entertainment begins at 8 p.m. (movies start at dusk, around 9 p.m.)
Bellevue Downtown Park

425-452-4240
bellevuewa.gov/outdoor-movies.htm

Bring the family out for movies under the stars. Activities are planned before each movie, so come down early, stake your ground and have some fun. Free admission and popcorn

July 11 - *Sing*, July 18 - *Storks*, July 25 - *The Angry Birds Movie*, August 1 - *Monster Trucks*, August 8 - *Lego Batman Movie*, August 15 - *The Secret Life of Pets*, August 22 - *Middle School*, August 29 - *The Sandlot*



► Virginia Mason Bellevue Medical Center Live at Lunch Summer Concert Series

July 11 - September 14
Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from Noon-1:30 p.m.
bellevuedowntown.com

Take a break with top local bands as they rock your lunch hour every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday around Downtown Bellevue.

Eric Ode "The Build a Better Dog House Show"

July 11, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
425-452-7688
kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov

Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services presents entertainer

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Sammamish Symphony Orchestra
A Joyful Fanfare: Beethoven's Second Symphony
June 8

International Ballet Theatre
Stars of Tomorrow
June 10 & 11
ibtbellevue.org

Dance School "Infiniti"
10th Anniversary Dance Show
June 14

LaLuna Rythmic Gymnastics
LaLuna Kiss 2017
June 19
lalunagym.com

American Asian Performing Arts Theatre
June 23, 24 & 25
aapat.org

Hwa Sheng Chinese Opera Club
July 16

Bellevue Hindu Temple & Cultural Center
Shekhar Sen Unique Mono Acts in Hindi
August 11 & 12

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1-800-838-3006.

Eric Ode and his puppet friend, Benjamin D. Dog. Join them on a musical adventure to build the world's most amazing dog house. Ages: 3-8 years; children must be accompanied by an adult. Free

ChowDown(own) Food Truck Round-up

July 12 & August 9, 4 - 8:30 p.m.
Ashwood Park, 10820 NE 10th Street
425-452-4278

This event will feature a picnic in the park with various food choices from more than a dozen food trucks, plus free entertainment.

Elephant Umbrella "We're Working on a Building"

August 8, 11 a.m. - noon
Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE
425-452-7688
kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov

Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services present Elephant Umbrella as they go on a magical, musical adventure around the country exploring railroads, bridges, dams, and skyscrapers. Ages: 2-12; children must be accompanied by an adult. Free

Bellevue Arts Fair Weekend July 28 - 30

Downtown Bellevue celebrates the inspiring work from artists around the world. Cultivate creativity and marvel at original masterpieces and crafts.

Bellevue Arts Museum ARTSfair
Friday & Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Bellevue Square & Bellevue Arts Museum
bellevuearts.org/bam-artsfair

6th Street Fair
Friday & Saturday
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
NE 6th Street & 106th Avenue NE
bellevuedowntown.com

Bellevue Festival of the Arts
Friday & Saturday
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Cost Plus World Market, 10300 NE 8th Street
bellevuefest.org

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Four reasons to spend your 4th of July in Downtown Bellevue

BY PAIGE ANDERSON

1. Bellevue Four on the 4th Dog Jog & Walk

- a. The festivities begin with a bark and a wag from our furriest attendees and their families at the Bellevue Four on the 4th Dog Jog and Walk at Ashwood Park! This non-competitive 4k is a chance for patriotic pups to show off their best red, white, and blue outfits, run off some energy, and hang out with friends. As Patti C. put it, "My daughter and I participate in 5K events and this is definitely our favorite... it's fun to see all the different types of dogs and it is dear to our hearts." As registration is open now at BellevueDowntown.com, don't miss your chance to sign up! The event benefits Seattle Humane in Bellevue.
- b. Besides the costume contest, including categories such as; best look-a-like dog and human and most patriotic. Dog Jog participants will be the first to meet the illustrious 2017 Grand Doggie Marshal! This prestigious position is open to all dogs who would like to lead the event, wear an official marshal bandana, be a judge on the costume contest panel, and receive free event registration! If you know a canine who fits the bill, follow us at [Facebook.com/BellevueDowntown](https://www.facebook.com/BellevueDowntown) to learn more and submit a photo and story for voting.

2. Bellevue Downtown Park Comes "Full Circle"

- a. After you've had your fill of fur, head over to the Bellevue Downtown Park, the location of the Bellevue Family 4th presented by The Bellevue Collection. Its central location in the heart of Downtown means walking, biking, and busing are all easy options. Free parking will be provided after 6 p.m. at The Bellevue Collection.
- b. If you haven't been before, 2017 is the year to come. The City of Bellevue will 'Complete the Circle' on June 28th in Bellevue Downtown Park, just in time for the Fourth festivities. This means park goers will be able to circumnavigate the entire park without having to double back. Inspiration Playground will also be open for kids of all ages and abilities to explore! This new park will do more than inspire with its innovative play space. The park is dedicated to fun, imagination and learning and will expand the existing play space to a 1.5-acre wonderland. The playground infuses the park with whimsy with such alcoves as the Wavy Walk Interactive Garden and the Roots n' Rock Climbing Wall.

3. Fun for the Whole Family

The Bellevue Family 4th presented by The Bellevue Collection is just that, fun for the whole family and friends! The Family Fun Zone will be bubbling and bouncing, live music will be jamming on the stage, and food and activities will be available. Bring your picnic blanket and stay for the whole day, part of the day, or just the fireworks!

4. It's the largest event on the Eastside!

The Bellevue Family 4th presented by The Bellevue Collection has dazzled Eastsiders for 25 years. The sky will once again be lit up with over 700 fireworks set to the sounds of the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra (BYSO). "We're delighted to continue our tradition of playing for our community during the Bellevue Family 4th," says BYSO's Music Director Dr. Teresa Metzger Howe, who conducts the 4th of July orchestra. "We've heard lots of comments that our music fits the fireworks display perfectly, and our students have a wonderful time performing." This year's playlist will celebrate the soundtrack of our lives with music from movies and musicals, so bring your dancing shoes!



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Summer Eastside East Link Construction & Commuter's Digest

BY AUGUSTA DEVRIES

If you utilize an Eastside park-and-ride or enjoy the current express lanes on I-90, you may experience some changes this summer.

I-90 HOV Lanes Open, Express Lanes Close

In June, WSDOT and Sound Transit are scheduled to permanently close the express lanes and open a new HOV lane in each direction on I-90 between Mercer Island and Seattle. This project will allow Sound Transit to start construction of the 14-mile East Link light rail extension from Seattle to Redmond.

The new mainline HOV lanes will provide carpools and transit a more reliable commute on I-90 that doesn't depend on the direction

of the express lanes, giving Eastside employees who reside in Seattle the option to take the bus or try a vanpool with increased reliability. Rest assured there will continue to be three general purpose lanes for single occupant vehicles traveling on I-90.

South Bellevue Park-and-Ride & East Link Light Rail Construction

Starting May 30, transit riders who utilize the South Bellevue park-and-ride will need to

explore alternative commute combinations or parking places as a result of East Link light rail construction. Sound Transit will use the South Bellevue park-and-ride sites to stage equipment and materials to build the light rail track, stations and expanded parking garages.

Resources

I-90 Two-Way HOV Project Page
wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i90/twowaytransit/

Sound Transit Construction Alerts
soundtransit.org/subscribe

Custom Commute Planning
ChooseYourWayBellevue.org

Priority Parking at Eastside Park-and-Rides for Carpoolers
rpnw.com/lots/monthly/transit-riders

Downtown Bellevue What's New and What's Happening

Lincoln Square Expansion By the Numbers

Kemper Development Company has completed one of the largest private mixed use developments on the West Coast. The 1.5 million square foot Lincoln Square Expansion at The Bellevue Collection is bringing exciting attractions to Downtown Bellevue.

Construction

\$1.2 billion total cost

3 years to build

4,000+ professionals involved

1,100 daily workers

\$680K+ daily payroll expenses

Amenities

710,000 sf of office space

175,000+ sf of retail, dining and entertainment

245 W Hotel rooms

11,000 sf of flexible hotel meeting space

2,200 stall parking garage



New Restaurants & Bars at Lincoln Square Expansion:

- Avo-Poke
- Baguette Epicerie
- Barrio Luchador
- Baron's Xi'an Kitchen & Bar
- Burger Brawler
- Central Bar + Restaurant
- Civility & Unrest
- Crosta E Vino
- Duke's Chowder House
- Fat & Feathers
- Fogo de Chão
- Henry's Tavern
- Japonessa Sushi
- Lakehouse in the W Hotel
- Taylor Shellfish Oyster Bar
- Wild Ginger



BRITT P.

"It's easy to transition from work to life, with everything so close."

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When Britt took her job at Aptio she decided to simplify her life by living close to work and having the convenience of downtown's amenities right outside her doorstep. "It's easy to transition from work to life, with everything so close," she says. Britt appreciates being able to walk to work and her favorite dining and retail destinations and savors Downtown Bellevue's lively culture.

To unwind after a hard day's work, Britt enjoys heading to **Black Bottle**. "Everyone there is great, Eric (one of the servers) is

amazing and it's a must-go-to when I have friends visiting from out of town," she says. She also enjoys a bite at **Palomino**. "Everything on the menu is good, but I adore the Wicked Chickpeas," she says. When Britt is craving something sweet her top pick is the carrot cake at **John Howie Steak**.

By the weekend, Britt is ready to kick back and relax. She likes to start out by going to breakfast at **13 Coins**. "The service at the chef's bar is amazing and I highly recommend the Dungeness Crab Omelette." After breakfast she heads to **Café Cesura** for a cup of java with a local feel and to check out their art collections. Britt is always in for a stroll at **Downtown Park**. And when Britt is ready for some extra relaxation she likes going to Recoop or Gene Juarez.

Cost Plus World Market provides a wonderful retail diversion, "There is always

something new to see there. It's eclectic and always fun," she says. There are many grocery stores in downtown, Britt's favorite is **QFC** which is located a few blocks from her home.

This summer Britt plans to spend more time trying out more restaurants. She is excited for all the outdoor patio spaces in **Old Bellevue** and live music at **Bake's Place**.

What does Britt love about being an urbanite? She enjoys the quick transition between work and play, having restaurants and retail destinations so close to her home and downtown Bellevue's upbeat energy.

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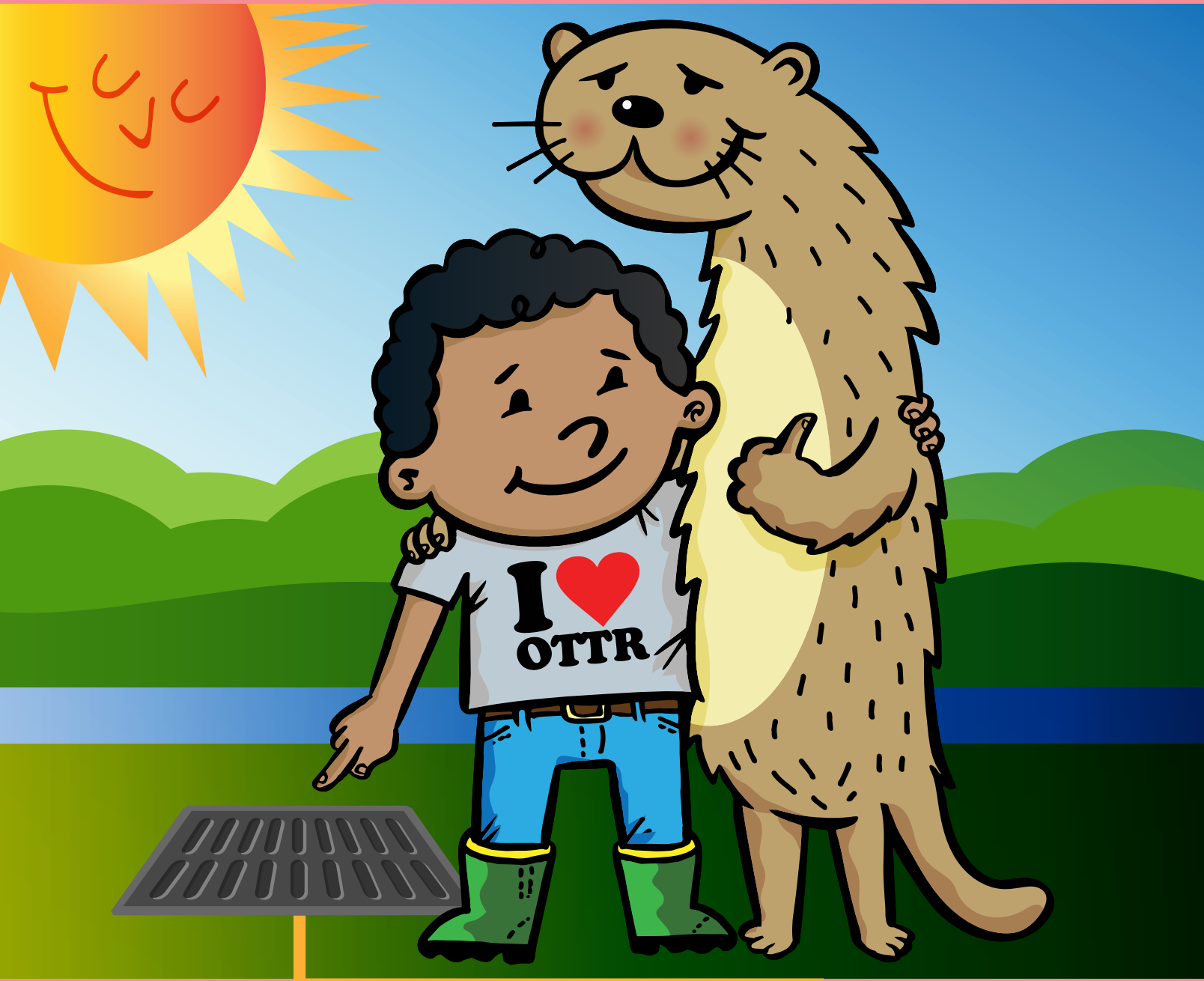


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