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Lakemont Blvd Extension Opens June 26th!

The Lakemont Boulevard extension, the long-awaited connection between Interstate I-90 and developments in the Cougar Mountain area, officially opens Saturday, June 26, 1999. The city of Bellevue will host a grand opening celebration from 10:00 am to 11:30 am on that day. City officials will cut the ribbon to open Bellevue's first new road since the early 1980's. Families can enjoy a continental breakfast, plenty of fun activities, and prizes.

The opening of the 1.1 mile Lakemont extension is the result of more than three decades of planning, engineering and design by the City of Bellevue, King County and other agencies. The new road will carry about 13,000 cars each day.

The opening of this new road is important to our neighborhood because it should reduce the number of vehicles that use SE 46th Way as a "short-cut" to I-90. With more local residents using the our main streets, the speeds should be reduced as well.



Fun Facts About Lakemont Blvd

- 20,000 trucks pulling trailers removed 326,000 cubic yards of unusable dirt from the site.
- If you stretched the trucks and trailers end-to-end, they would reach past Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
- Trucks brought in 110,000 tons of gravel--the weight of about 18,000 adult elephants.
- Crews used 18,000 tons of asphalt--the weight of about 3,000 adult elephants.



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SPRING CLEAN-UP IS A BIG SUCCESS

It was a bright and shining day on April 17th when over 70 of your friends and neighbors gathered at 9 o'clock at eight public sites in the Whispering Heights and Collingwood areas to clean, weed, and plant. Men, women, and children all turned out to brighten the entrances, parks, and trailheads. The City of Bellevue provided bark to renew many of the areas and provide the vital 'trash removal' service. Up until 12 noon it was all hard work and good conversation among the groups of workers. Of course there were the occasional breaks to take advantage of the 'goodie wagon' bringing coffee, soft drinks, muffins, and Danish pastries that kept the workers' spirits and energy at high level.

Today, when one passes the work sites, they all blend into and enhance the local landscape. All who participated should be proud of their efforts. (Special thanks go to those who spent several additional hours completing the ambitious work at the Ravine site and Collingwood II site.)

Thank You To All Who Participated!

The Heights Trailheads		Collingwood Park & Greenbelt	
Diane Woltz	Lin Sanford	Lise Place	Ruoqin Feng
Harold Airoldi	Steve Sanford	Celia Sekijima	Paul Mezs
Katie Chace	Mark Johnson	Uri Sekijima	Juhe Mezs
Tony Chace	Craig Funcke	Jan Hajnosz	Michael Mezs
Kazu Yasuno	Brian Funcke	Dave Vossler	Dan Bankson
Yoshiaki Yasuno	Steven Funcke	William Vossler	Claire Bankson
Hiroko Tsuru	Wayne Johnson	Bettina Vossler	Jon Okada
Hiroo Iwamura	Alex Johnson	Kathy Barnett	Pam Nordquist
Nobuko Iwamura	Marta Johnson	Jayna Sekijima	Belinda Vosslor
Chuck Mosher	Dennis Fleck	Ann Hajnosz	Emiko Mathews
Joanne O'Neill	Janet Fleck	Bob Blaisdell	Anne Bankson
Paul Davis	Rod Johnson	Michele Vossler	La"y Fetsch
Austin Davis	Jim Kincaid	Jon Vossler	Mary Okada

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Whispering Heights Entrance

Gayle Peters Dag Garrett
Stan Lance Frank MaineRa

Collingwood Entrances

Andy Gebhart Rhonda Schwisow
Barbara Unger Jesse Unger
Valerie Unger Randy Zack
Larry Brickman Gregory Lew

(Please accept our apologies There may be some who volunteered, who weren't recorded.)



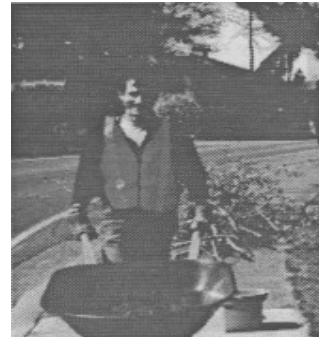
A Special Thanks To Wally Larson! Thanks for taking over as chairman for the event and doing a great job! Thanks also for driving the "Goodie Wagon" to provide treats for all the volunteers!



City of Bellevue's Chris Vandal and neighbor Larry Milton put in many hours at the Ravine



Landis & Pat Smaaladen help out at the Ravine.



Doug Ahrens helps to spread bar around the Ravine.



Kathleen & Walter Havens help each year in the Ravine.



Carole Ann Milton working hard in the Ravine as she volunteers again this year!

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President - Andy Gebhart
Vice President - Diane Woltz
Secretary - Lise Place
Treasurer - Steve Sanford
Newsletter Editor - Lin Sanford
Cameron Forrest
Wally Larson
Frank Mainella
Julie Mezs
Gayle Peters
Sara Su
Glen Youngblood
Randy Zack
Webmaster - Ken Tittle

President's Message



I would like to thank each of you who participated in the annual spring clean-up in April. We had a wonderful turn out, and a beautiful day for the clean-up. A special thanks to Wally Larson, for all of his effort in coordinating this activity. However, we all need to continue to maintain the public areas throughout the year. These areas include the neighborhood entrances, the ravine, Collingwood Park, each of the trail heads, and all of the traffic bump-outs. It is the responsibility of our neighborhood, and each of the neighbors, to maintain these areas throughout the year. Please pitch in to ensure that these areas are free of weeds, litter, and signs; this is the first impression that anyone forms when they come into our neighborhood.

I would like to welcome Frank Mainella as our newest member of the Board of Directors. Frank volunteered to fill the open seat for a three year term. We now have a full board. I encourage each of you to get involved in the neighborhood and the community.

The next message is a repeat from the previous newsletter, but is something that I feel fundamental to the success of the community. Get to know your neighbors! Knowing your neighbors is the foundation to many of the WHCCA goals, such as the promotion of emergency planning and neighborhood protection. As each of you step out into your yards to admire the flower, or prune up your bushes, please take the time to talk to your neighbors.

As I have walked through the neighborhood, I have seen signs alerting neighbors of recent thefts and vandalism. Please share this information with your block watch captains, as well as someone on the Board of Directors. Through Whispers, and calling networks, we have a more direct method of getting the message out to everyone.

I hope to see all the kids and their parents at the upcoming Independence Day Bike Parade! Don't forget the Garage Sale on July 17th and the Picnic on August 15th!

I welcome any questions or comments that you have for the Association. Please give any member of the Board recommendations for actions that the board can take to maintain and enhance the community.

Andy Gebhart
President, WH&CCA

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Lattawood Park Update

Preparations for our new Lattawood Park are progressing nicely. The design and construction plans are still going through the City of Bellevue's normal permitting process. In preparation for construction of the park's amenities, the blue house on the property will be demolished in late May.

According to Dane Spence, former park project manager, the actual demolition of the house will only take a few hours. In the following week or two, the debris will be hauled off-site and then the site will be "cleaned" and leveled. The workers will be taking steps to keep dust to a minimum, and the demolition and all related work will take place during the regular limits of the Bellevue noise ordinance.

Emergency Planning Update!

The Captains of Blocks Q (Celia Sekijima) and R (Barbara Unger) have established a joint emergency team. The communications position is open. This is a shortcoming throughout the WHCCA, the community will have to work with the Fire Department to develop an alternate concept (runners to fire stations, emergency radio announcement through commercial stations?) In Collingwood I, a first aid station has been identified. The next step will be to stock the station with items not normally expected to be available in individual homes. A 'safe' house has also been established for the housing of children that might be left alone.

South Bellevue Community Center Planned For Opening in 2001!

South Bellevue Community Center is currently in the planning phase. The \$6 million center is proposed for development at the 25-acre Eastgate Park, south of Newport Way at 145th (above the Tennis Courts). The project will be partnering with the Boys & Girls club because they will contribute \$1.2 million in development funding and will allow construction of a second gymnasium on site. They will also provide a substantial share of the facility's youth programming.

The community center proposal includes two complete gymnasiums, and exercise room with weights and cardiovascular equipment; a fitness room for aerobics and various exercise classes; locker rooms; four classrooms for general community use; a large multi-purpose/banquet room, a catering kitchen; and administrative offices. Additional improvements may be upgrading the current trail system, construction of a new playground, enlargement of the ball field, and more.

Park board and City Council approval is expected by July, site development could begin in the summer of 2000; with the Center opening in the fall of 2001.

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WH&CCA Website?

Each year the Board of Directors includes a questionnaire in the first few issues of the Whispers newsletter to get some feedback about our residents' feelings about our neighborhoods. Regrettably, through the end of May we only received 83 filled out questionnaires returned to us of the approximately 500 that were sent out through the newsletter. We received very constructive and valid comments/suggestions from those concerned neighbors. Many of these comments/suggestions require a more advanced capability to share information among neighbors with varied interests. One example

that arises each year is to provide a forum for availability of youngsters interested in doing yard work, odd jobs, babysitting, etc. In order for this interchange to presently take place requires a person (volunteer) to be the point of contact for this enterprise.

At the last Board meeting it was recommended that the most efficient manner in our volunteer neighborhood to accomplish this function is to establish a neighborhood website so that those interested in requesting or providing different services throughout the neighborhood would have a easily accessible manner of exchange. It would also be able to provide various groups the ability to share information among group members. As a result of those comments and suggestions, the Board has decided to request some assistance in building a community website to accommodate the wishes of many contributors to the questionnaire. Board member Sara Su has volunteered to be the point of contact for establishing the website. If you have any expertise or knowledge that you could share with Sara or if you would like to volunteer your own services to a new and necessary part of our neighborhood communications it would be greatly appreciated. You may contact Sara Su at 425-643-XXXX or e-mail her at lemming@u.washington.edu

Steve Sanford
WH&CCA Treasurer

Are Our Streets Safe?

In mid-May one of our neighbors on 159th Ave SE had the wheels and tires removed from his popular model Honda sedan that was parked in his driveway. The police advised him that another vehicle had been vandalized in the same manner in a nearby neighborhood.

A word to the wise: 1) Park your vehicles in your garage, if possible 2) If you have no other choice than to park in your driveway or on the street, consider getting an alarm system for your vehicle. 3) Please remain vigilant for any strange activity or sounds that may come from any of your neighbors' houses and if anything seems out of the ordinary do not hesitate to call 911.

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Do You Want A Community Directory?

Each year the Board has thought about publishing a neighborhood directory. There are always mixed concerns regarding the release of information, particularly from those who have unlisted numbers. The WH&CCA maintains a closely held database. Any directory would exclude the unlisted telephone numbers unless permission was received to publish that information.

The Board would appreciate feedback about a directory. Please notify Steve Sanford via E-mail, Stevesanf@aol.com or 649-xxxx



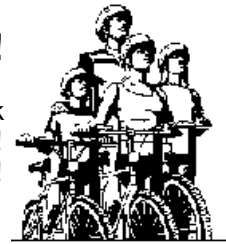
Neighborhood Garage Sale Saturday July 17th

WH&CCA will advertise in Eastside Journal & Seattle Times
Signs will be placed at the entrances to the neighborhood

4th Annual Bike Parade!

Saturday, July 3rd, 10:30am At The Park
Don't Miss The Fun!

Bellevue Fire Dept #8 Will Bring A Fire Truck Again This Year!



Bellevue Special Events Calendar

June 25,26,27

Richard Karn Celebrity Golf Tournament
Bellevue Golf Course

July 4th: 6pm-11pm

Fourth Of July Celebration
Downtown Park

September 19: 8am-1pm

Lake 2 Lake Run/Walk
Lake Samm. to Lake Wash.

September 25-26

24 Hour Relay Challenge
Downtown Park

Neighbor To Neighbor

WHO: Neighbors Who Need Services or Who Can Provide Services

WHAT: An Opportunity To Advertise for Services--Yard Work, Babysitting, Pet Sitting/Walking, Car Care, Odd Jobs, Child Play Groups, Etc.

WHERE: In "WHISPERS"

Next deadlines are:

- July 26 for August Issue
- September 27 for October Issue
- October 25 for November Issue

HOW: Send Information-Name, Phone, Type of Service to Newsletter Editor, Lin Sanford at Linsanford@aol.com or 15923 SE 46th Place, Bellevue 98006



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Each year the WH&CCA dues of \$10 per household are used for activities, events and maintenance for our neighborhood. In 1998 the major expenditure was the purchase of six new "A Boards" with which we can announce events and activities at **every** entrance to Whispering Heights and Collingwood, including locations near The Heights, North Vista and Shaloch. We also pay for water usage and the frequent sprinkler system repairs at the Whispering Heights entrance planter, replacement of destroyed trees in planting areas, Spring Clean-Up supplies and refreshments for volunteers, the Annual picnic and other activities i.e.: egg hunt, bike parade, etc. Also, this newsletter is distributed to almost 500 households -- and is a major expense.

Thank you for your dues! It helps to keep our community a great place to live!

I understand that my check goes toward important neighborhood projects and events. (Please make out checks to **WH&CCA**)

Please complete form below and mail to:
Steve Sanford, WH&CCA Treasurer
15923 SE 40th Place
Bellevue, WA 98006

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

I am also enclosing an additional donation of \$_____

I'd Like To Help On These Neighborhood Committees

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Land Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Greenbelts | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Picnic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping & Mini Park Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Planning Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Resolution Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Distribution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Drive | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Watch |

Comments and Suggestions: _____