



MAKING A **Splash!**

Looking Glass Park



2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Everett Park Splash Pad

Model of Bellevue's Planned Water Park



Model of Bellevue's Planned Water Park



Stonecroft Park



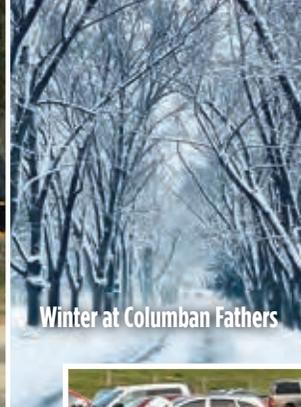
Fun at Bellevue Splash Pad



Christmas in Olde Towne!



Memorial Day Service



Winter at Columban Fathers



Bellevue Assistant Fire Chief Steve Betts and Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Jim Shada honored for 45 years of Service



Bellevue Rocks! Riverfront Music Festival



Olde Towne Trick or Treat



Bellevue Bike Trails

Real Quality of Life!



Fishing at Haworth Park



Nebraska's Official Veterans Day Parade



Youth Sports



Bellevue Graduation

Music in the Park
Every Thursday in June & July
7:00 pm at Washington Park

Defenders of Freedom
Air & Space Show
August 24th & 25th, 2024

Arrows to Aerospace
Parade 2024
Saturday, August 17th



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR HIKE

As always, thank you for allowing me to represent you for another year. Bellevue is the best city in the Great State of Nebraska, in my opinion. Our community is second to none and you are the reason why. Thank you to the countless number of citizens who serve on boards, councils, commissions, committees, foundations, and all the volunteers that work selflessly to make our city shine.

2023 will go down in history as the year that Bellevue began the transformation from a quaint bedroom community to one that is not only a great place to live but one where you can work and play as well. The Inland Port Authority was approved and we are already getting inquiries from manufacturers. The NC3/REACH project is well under way with full support from the city and state and will provide high paying intel jobs and additional community services surrounding that area. Additionally the 100,000 square foot water park has been approved and funded with an opening date in the summer of 2026. Bellevue University is making huge investments in a new field house on their campus and a soccer and softball complex at Haworth Park. Bellevue will begin construction of the amphitheater in American Heroes Park in 2024 and a children's park in 2025. The Bellevue Community Foundation announced their Legacy of Lights project which will light the walking trail around American Heroes Park lake as well. Many new housing developments continue to develop around town as well as in-fill projects, and Offutt continues to make world-class improvements to the base.

I want to commend our Police Department for drastically lowering our crime rates and our Fire Department for being so responsive. Bellevue Public Works keeps our roads safe year-round, our city utilities running well and our parks in welcoming and safe condition. Thank you to all our city employees for a job well done.

Lots of exciting changes are happening and I hope you enjoy this annual report that is loaded with fantastic information. For updated information throughout the year, please visit our website at www.Bellevue.net. As always, if you ever need additional information, please contact me.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rusty Hike".

Rusty Hike
Bellevue Mayor



CITY OF BELLEVUE MANAGEMENT TEAM



Rusty Hike
Mayor



Jim Ristow
City Administrator



Aimee Bataillon
City Attorney



Joey Bockman
Code Enforcement Supervisor



Mike Christensen
Chief Building Inspector



Ken Clary
Police Chief



Angela Curry
Assistant Planning Manager



Phil Davidson
Community Relations



Ashley Decker
Human Resources Director



Julie Dinville
Library Director



Dave Goedeken
Public Works Director



Perry Guido
Fire Chief



Abby Highland
CDBG Specialist



Scott Houghtaling
Risk Manager



Todd Jarosz
Fleet Maintenance Superintendent



Harrison Johnson
Community Development Director



Susan Kluthe
City Clerk



Tracy Niemier
Facilities Maintenance Superintendent



Tammi Palm
Planning Manager



Amanda Parker
Human Services Manager



Epiphany Ramos
Wastewater & Solid Waste Superintendent



Bobby Riggs
Street Superintendent



Lisa Rybar
Administrative Assistant



Rich Severson
Finance Director



Jim Shada
Deputy Director of Parks & Rec





Green Bellevue



Bellevue Together



Light Up Bellevue



Bellevue Woman's Club



Bellevue Public Safety Foundation



Offutt Advisory Committee



Knights of Columbus

BELLEVUE Helping BELLEVUE!



Bellevue Community Foundation Award Winners



Here in Bellevue, we take tremendous pride in our spirit of "Bellevue Helping Bellevue." It's our genuine, caring people... who make a difference.

Bellevue is very fortunate to have such wonderful service groups, nonprofit organizations, helpful neighbors, and community support groups that are always willing to reach out when help is needed.

Pictured are just a few examples of the many groups and organizations supporting our community throughout the year. We thank all who volunteer, donate, and help Bellevue to be such a special and caring place to live.



Bellevue Public Schools Foundation



Volunteers in Police Enforcement & Response (VIPERS)



Bellevue Bicycle Club



Bellevue Senior Center



Bellevue Eagles Club #3912 & Bellevue Food Pantry



VFW Post #10785



Bellevue/Offutt Kiwanis Club



Bellevue Junior Sports Association

BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Street Sign Dedication in Honor of KCMO Police Officer James Muhlbauer (Bryan High Graduate) & his Police Service Dog Champ



SERVICE • COURAGE • INTEGRITY

BPD Chasing Perfection

2023 was another great year for the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Police Department (BPD). As mentioned in the 2022 Annual Report, last year we were able to complete the build-out of BPD. We have maintained our staffing throughout 2023, and remain fully staffed to serve Bellevue's growing public safety needs. This build-out was the result of a two-year effort, in response to the ongoing growth of Bellevue, and the City Administration prioritizing public safety.

The importance of the City Administration making the Bellevue Police Department build-out a priority, along with its impressive results cannot be understated. As anticipated, the growth of Bellevue would result in additional BPD Calls-For-Service (CFS). Indeed, CFS jumped from a five-year average of approximately 45,000 to a new high of over 51,000 CFS in 2023. Fortunately, due to the foresight of our administration, although the CFS increased 9%, crime dropped for a THIRD straight year. In fact, crime fell in nearly every major category.



COMPARING BPD NUMBERS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

- **Robberies have dropped 89%**
- **Homicides have dropped 80%**
- **Burglaries have dropped 40%**
- **Child Abuse has dropped 39%**
- **Destruction of property has dropped 22%**
- **Personal injury and fatality crashes are down 19%**
- **Fraud is down by 16%**
- **Theft is down by 14%**
- **Domestic Assault is down by 12%**



We are thrilled at these results and the increased safety within our amazing community. As we often say, the Bellevue Police Department constantly works towards our mission of "reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life through an active partnership with our community." We continually strive to connect with the community, maintain open lines of communication, foster an atmosphere of transparency, and work collaboratively to meet the needs of our thriving community.

BELLEVUE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Focused on Bellevue's Growing Fire Safety Needs!

MISSION STATEMENT

The Bellevue Fire Department is committed to providing the highest quality of emergency services to the residents and visitors of the city. Our mission is to strive for excellence in the performance of our duty through training, education, and a continuous drive for self-improvement. We remain vigilant in promoting awareness of hazards and educating citizens of all ages. This shall be accomplished through proper utilization of resources and administering in a fiscally responsible manner.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- For the calendar year 2023 the Bellevue Fire Department responded to 6,418 calls for service or approximately 17.6 calls per shift. That number includes 4,657 EMS calls, 261 vehicle accidents with injuries, 155 fires, 7 rescues, 193 hazardous conditions, 355 fire alarms, 419 general assistance and 126 miscellaneous calls for service.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Participated in numerous neighborhood events and taught three classes for Bellevue Public Schools to raise awareness about fire prevention.
- Conducted fire alarm evaluations with all the Bellevue Public Schools.
- Conducted 44 fire safety visits for schools and community groups.
- Participated in four recruitment events to keep a high number of qualified candidates in our hiring pool.
- Performed 77 Smoke/CO Detector installations or changed batteries in smoke detectors for residents who could not afford a detector or were unable to change the batteries.
- Participated in the Annual Holiday Heroes where Fire and Police take underprivileged children shopping for the holidays.

TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, & EQUIPMENT

- Our Department conducted 1,155 hours of fire and specialized training and 223 hours of EMS training.
- We completed a fire academy for new hires.
- During 2023, BFD replaced its Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This was made possible with the awarding of an Assistance to Firefighter Grant. A significant advantage to the new SCBA is the addition of a Bluetooth microphone and speakers in the face mask. These connect to the firefighter's portable radio and highly improve communication.
- Acquired a new state-of-the-art fire engine to replace a 1990's era apparatus.
- Five new firefighters were hired to fill vacant positions.
- Three fire captains and three battalion chiefs were promoted.

LOOKING AHEAD

In 2024, we remain committed to safeguarding lives, property, and the environment. BFD will continue to collaborate with the community, enhance our capabilities, and adapt to emerging challenges.



CITY OF BELLEVUE

City Council Wards
& City Limits

Welcome to
BELLEVUE
Nebraska's
First City

MAYOR
RUSTY HIKE

POPULATION
65,047

Ward 5
10,987

Don Preister



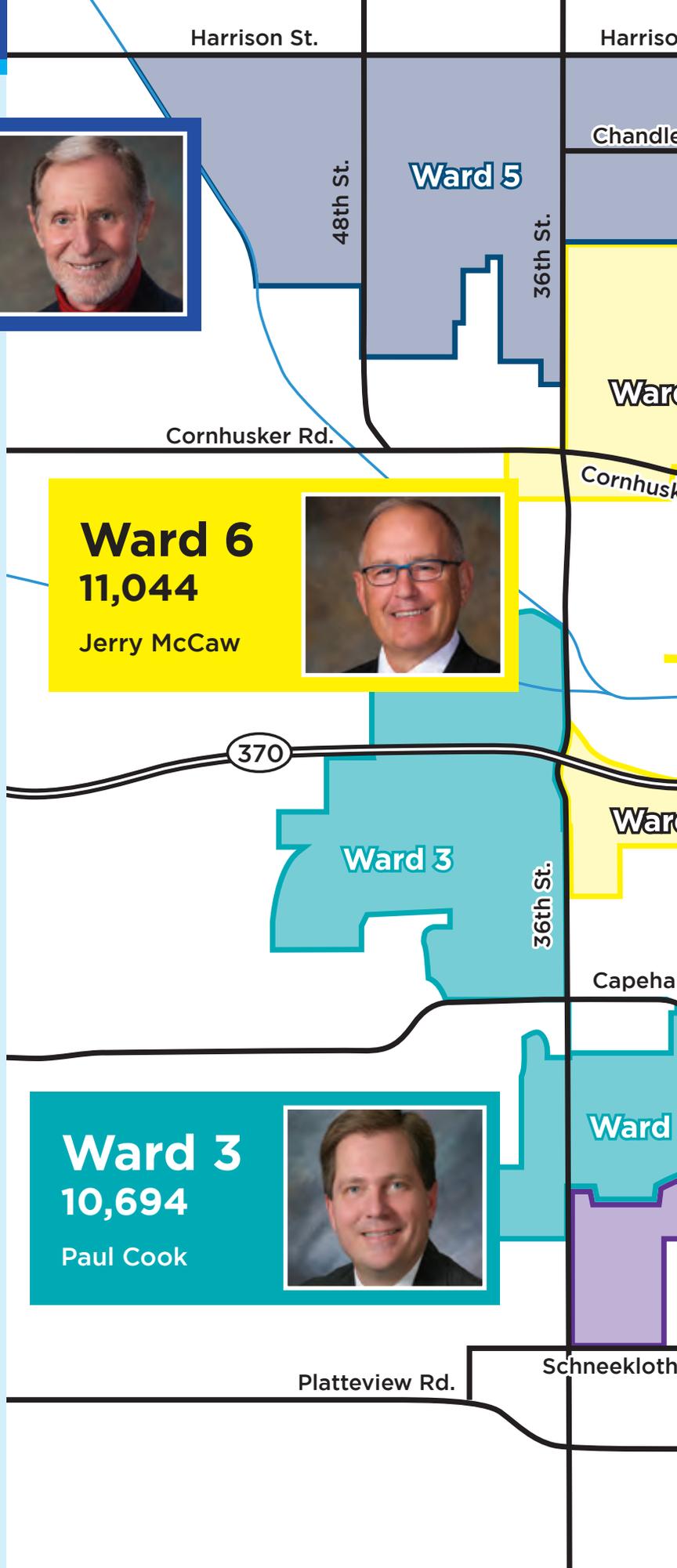
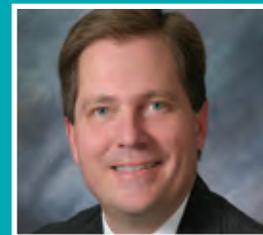
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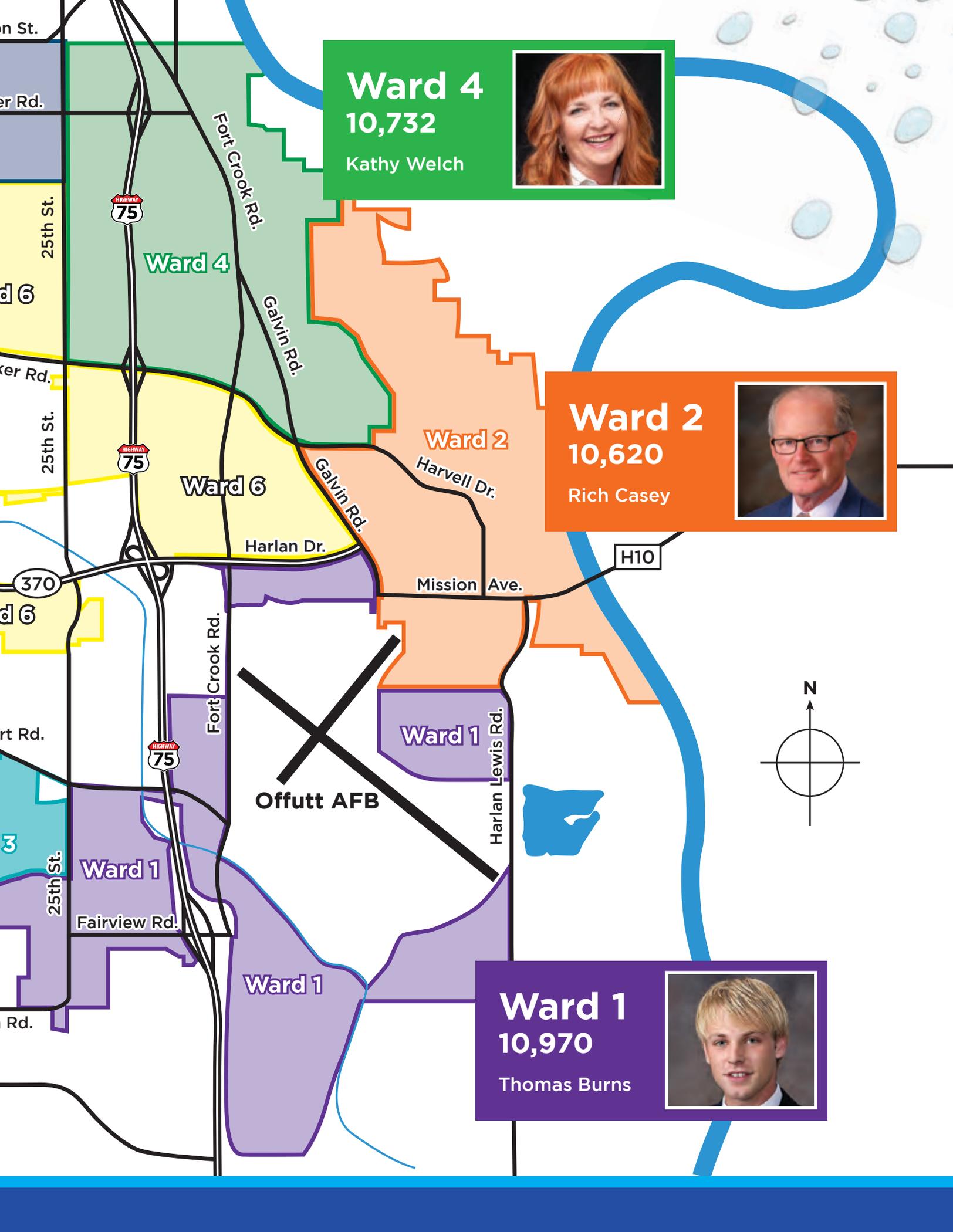
Jerry McCaw



Ward 3
10,694

Paul Cook





Ward 4
 10,732
 Kathy Welch



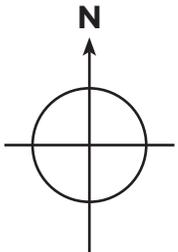
Ward 2
 10,620
 Rich Casey



Ward 1
 10,970
 Thomas Burns



Offutt AFB



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Bellevue Water Park & Entertainment District



The City of Bellevue will construct a 100,000 square foot indoor all-season water park that is planned to be completed in 2026. This exciting new attraction expects an annual draw of at least 400,000 visitors with over a third coming from out of state and will serve as the core project for the Bellevue City Recreation District. This premier indoor water park looks to fundamentally transform the local economy to increase growth and sustainability, while also dramatically improving the quality of life for its residents. The indoor water park will be owned and operated by the City of Bellevue with an experienced private management firm conducting day-to-day operations. The development is expected to cost \$60 million and will be funded by city-issued bonds. The cost of development will be paid by profits from the operation of the park and anticipated occupation fees from the Nebraska Good Life District.

City & Bellevue Chamber Partnership

Longtime Bellevue resident Diane Bruce took over the leadership of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce in March 2023. Diane has worked with a dedicated group of Chamber Board Members, Ambassadors, and the City to help keep the Bellevue Chamber moving forward. The Chamber does an excellent job of providing networking and educational opportunities for their members and serves as a strong advocate for businesses in the area. The City of Bellevue is proud to partner with the Chamber to help recruit more businesses to Bellevue and support existing businesses in our great community.



Diane Bruce, Bellevue Chamber President



Happy Buddha's Ribbon Cutting



Cake Expressions Ribbon Cutting



The Light House Café Ribbon Cutting

NC3 Project Supports Growing Needs of STRATCOM

The City of Bellevue realizes the importance of supporting the needs of Offutt Air Force Base. The NC3 Project at Prairie Hill Farm represents a proactive response to the evolving needs of the United States Strategic Command (STRATCOM), headquartered at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue. Facilitated by the Nebraska Defense Research Corporation, this initiative engages various stakeholders in advancing the modernization of Nuclear Command, Control, and Communication Systems (NC3). At the heart of this endeavor lies the Research, Engineering, and Architecture Collaboration Hub (REACH), a \$250 million commercial facility designed to facilitate both public and confidential work in support of NC3 objectives. Serving as a pivotal element, the REACH facility spurs the development of a proposed 100-acre neighborhood and community hub.



Inland Port Authority Created to Support High-Tech Development

The new Bellevue Inland Port Authority was established in 2023 and is located just east of Highway 75 along Highway 34. The Inland Port Authority's five year plan includes development of port facilities and intermodal travel around a high-tech manufacturing hub with a targeted goal of over \$2 billion in development and thousands of good paying jobs.

The city is excited to see this project move forward to help develop projects that create high paying high-tech jobs right here in Bellevue.



Key Elements for the Inland Port Authority include:

- An Economic Development Zone controlled by an independent board.
- As of 2014, two other Inland Port Authorities exist in the state.
- Only five such zones are allowed in Nebraska.





Bellevue Public Library Update

After nearly 20 years of discussions, planning, and studies, the City of Bellevue celebrated an official groundbreaking at the site of Bellevue's new Public Library in July of 2023. Numerous City officials, library staff, library board members, the Bellevue Library Foundation and Friends of the Bellevue Public Library, along with members of the public, attended the event. Since the groundbreaking, construction has rapidly moved forward at the new site, including renovation work that will add new rooms in the existing building. A new addition is also being built to house a reading area and the bulk of the library's book collection.



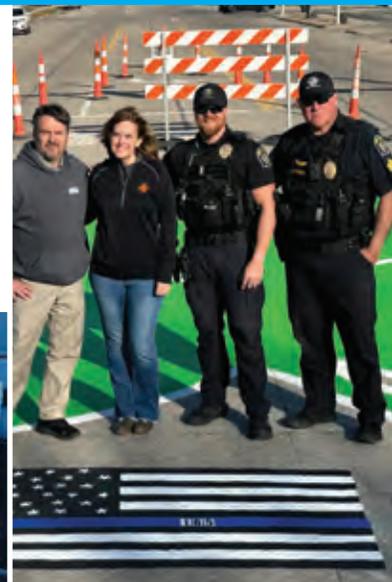
A section of the existing Bellevue Professional Center at 2206 Longo Drive, centrally located near the intersection of Cornhusker and Ft. Crook Road, is being transformed into over 23,000 square feet of new state-of-the-art library space. The new library will have an exciting modern look with new furnishings along with these impressive new amenities:

- A meeting space with a kitchenette that allows for concurrent meetings, or can be opened up for larger events or gatherings.
- Quiet study rooms.
- Defined children's and teen areas.
- A bookstore room.
- A makerspace.
- A convenient drive-through service window for library patrons.

At the time of this publication, the construction of the new library is ahead of schedule and is expected to be completed in late summer 2024.

Bellevue Honors Officer Abbott

Bellevue Police Officer Chris Abbott passed away unexpectedly in November of 2023 after over 22 years of service. Officer Abbott meant so much to the communities of Bellevue, where he worked, and Glenwood, Iowa, where he lived with his family. He is greatly missed, and our thoughts remain with his family and friends!



BELLEVUE PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS & RECREATION

Comprehensive Plan

The City of Bellevue Planning Department is in the process of developing a new comprehensive plan and long-range transportation plan



for our community. Our Future View, the name of this planning effort, is helping to set the long-term vision for the city and focus on land use, development, character, housing, economic development, all modes of transportation, the natural environment, and more.

Community input is vital to successful comprehensive and transportation planning. Numerous Bellevue residents have contributed by filling out a survey, participating in workshops and following progress on the project website. The development of both plans at the same time is a unique opportunity to provide a coordinated road map to help guide the city's growth, travel, and development for the next 10 to 20 years. Stay tuned for project updates at www.bellevuecompplan.com.



Bellevue Farmer's Market

The Bellevue Farmers Market is more popular than ever and has established itself as a fun Summer and Fall tradition. The market will return on Saturday, June 1, 2024 and will be held again at Washington Park in downtown Bellevue.

The City of Bellevue has contracted again with Sarah and Matt Milligan to operate the Farmer's Market this year. For vendor information including the application along with rules and regulations visit: www.bellevue.net/recreation-living/farmers-market. The Farmers Market Facebook page will continue to provide weekly updates.

This year's Farmers Market will be open Saturday morning's from 8am - Noon from June 1st through October 5th. We look forward to a fun and exciting 9th season at the Bellevue Farmers Market in Washington Park.



Bellevue University Haworth Park Sports Complex

Watch for the transformation of the new Bellevue University Sports Complex at Haworth Park. The new sports complex is being developed through a public/private partnership, and will include a press box, turf field, locker room facilities, and more. This new sports complex project is slated to be completed in 2024.

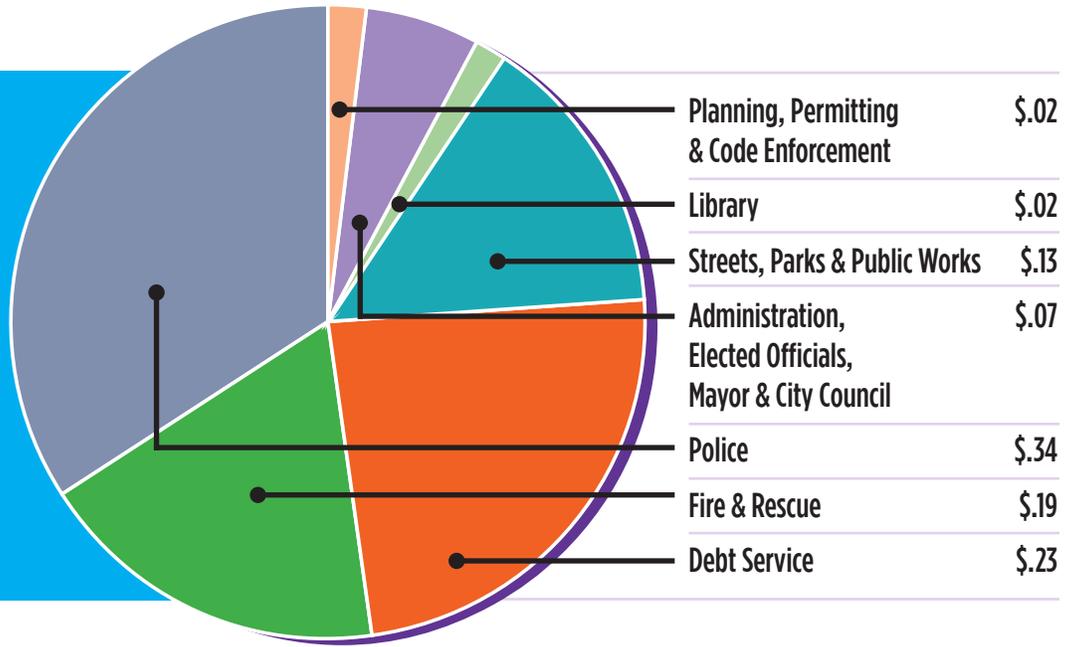


BELLEVUE CITY FINANCIALS

BUDGET BY FUNCTION

Fiscal Year
Ending 2024

How Much of a
Property Tax
Dollar Goes
to Each Function



SPENDING PER CAPITA COMMUNITY COMPARISON



CITY OF BELLEVUE FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Mayor's Office.....	402-293-3020	Fire Department.....	402-293-3153	Personnel Department	402-293-3019
City Administrator's Office	402-293-3022	- If Emergency	911	Street Department	402-293-3126
Mayor's Hotline.....	402-591-4535	Police Department	402-293-3100	Cemetery.....	402-293-3125
Community Development.....	402-293-6085	- If Emergency	911	Community Relations	402-293-3052
City Clerk.....	402-293-3007	Public Works Department	402-293-3025	Code Enforcement	402-293-3050
City Council.....	Visit www.bellevue.net	Planning Department.....	402-293-3026	Permits & Inspections	402-293-3014
Finance Department.....	402-293-3000	Recreation Department	402-293-3142	Wastewater & Trash.....	402-293-3136

For other Departments or City of Bellevue Information please go to www.bellevue.net

SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2023 & 2022 (\$ In Millions)

City-Wide Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balance (Cash Basis)

	2023 Fiscal Year		2022 Fiscal Year	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
SOURCES OF REVENUE				
Local - Property Tax	\$33.6	37%	\$30.4	30%
Local - Sales Tax	\$17.5	19%	\$17.0	16%
Local - Charges for Services	\$9.8	11%	\$9.3	8%
Local - Occupation and other Taxes	\$2.9	3%	\$2.9	3%
Other - Federal, State & Local Grants & other	\$14.8	16%	\$19.0	22%
Bond Proceeds	\$0.0	0%	\$5.5	9%
Business Type - Sewer	\$12.1	14%	\$11.8	12%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$90.7	100%	\$95.9	100%
FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
PERSONNEL				
Public Safety - Police	\$16.3	41%	\$14.6	40%
Public Safety - Fire	\$11.0	28%	\$10.1	28%
Public Works - (Streets, Cemetery and Maintenance)	\$5.7	14%	\$5.2	14%
Culture, Community, & Admin	\$6.9	17%	\$6.6	18%
Subtotal Personnel	\$39.9	44%	\$36.5	38%
DEPARTMENTAL				
Public Safety - Police	\$2.1	10%	\$2.0	12%
Public Safety - Fire	\$2.0	9%	\$1.2	7%
Public Works - (Streets, Cemetery and Maintenance)	\$11.6	55%	\$8.1	50%
Culture, Community, & Admin	\$5.6	26%	\$5.1	31%
Subtotal Departmental	\$21.3	23%	\$16.4	17%
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Public Safety - Police	\$0.7	9%	\$0.8	4%
Public Safety - Fire	\$0.7	9%	\$0.1	1%
Public Works - (Streets, Cemetery and Maintenance)	\$4.4	57%	\$11.5	55%
Culture, Community, & Admin	\$1.9	25%	\$8.2	40%
Subtotal Capital Projects	\$7.7	9%	\$20.6	22%
Bonds Payments	\$7.4	8%	\$11.5	12%
Business Type - Sewer	\$14.8	16%	\$11.3	11%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$91.1	100%	\$96.3	100%
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$(0.4)		\$(0.4)	

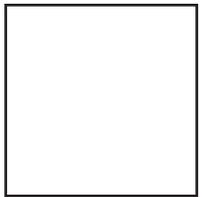
Government-Wide Statement of Net Position (Accrual Basis)

	September 30, 2023		September 30, 2022	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
ASSETS				
Cash & Equivalents	\$40.1	18%	\$41.4	19%
Receivables - Net	\$8.7	4%	\$15.2	7%
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)	\$162.1	72%	\$153.3	71%
All other Assets and Deferred Outflows	\$13.3	6%	\$5.0	3%
TOTAL ASSETS	\$224.2	100%	\$214.9	100%
LIABILITIES & NET POSITION				
Long-Term Debt	\$70.3	31%	\$76.1	36%
All other Liabilities and Deferred Inflows	\$29.6	13%	\$35.1	16%
Subtotal Liabilities	\$99.9	44%	\$111.2	52%
Net Position	\$124.3	56%	\$103.7	48%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	\$224.2	100%	\$214.9	100%



We Influence The World!

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Bellevue, NE Annual Report: This report provides a variety of community, financial, and upcoming project information. For questions about this report please contact Phil Davidson, Bellevue Community Relations Coordinator at 402-293-3052 or email phil.davidson@bellevue.net.

FREE LIVE MUSIC

THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH



LOCAL BANDS:
DYSFUNCTION & RED DELICIOUS
PLUS
FAMILY DISCOUNT
CARNIVAL NIGHT!
5 PM - 11 PM
DISCOUNT RIDE WRISTBANDS

FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH



RESURRECTION
A TRIBUTE TO JOURNEY



**THE ULTIMATE
KING OF POP**
A TRIBUTE TO
MICHAEL JACKSON

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH



LONESTAR



KAYLYN SAHS



THE HIT MEN OF COUNTRY

BELLEVUEROCKSTHERIVERFRONT.COM



PRESENTED BY: BELLEVUE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

TITLE SPONSORS:



JUNE 6-9

AMERICAN HEROES PARK
BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA

FREE ADMISSION
DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED
4PM - MIDNIGHT
(SUNDAY CARNIVAL ONLY NOON - 5 PM)

CARNIVAL • FOOD • BEER GARDEN

PREMIER SPONSORS:



VIP EVENT SPONSORS:

