

# We Influence the World!





# BELLEVUE IS FOR YOU...



### A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR HIKE

Thank you Bellevue, for entrusting me to represent our city for another four years. Bellevue is an amazing community, and our citizens are definitely the reason why. During the past year we have had the fortune of keeping our projects on track and I am looking forward to adding plans for several large economic booster projects to our city over the next year.

The Highway 34 corridor and the interchange at Highway 75 have been in my vision for much longer than I have had the honor of serving as Mayor, and big things are now happening in this entire area. With the expansion of the South Sarpy Sewer System and Bellevue's plans to bring MUD water to the area, we have some game-changing projects that are now laying the groundwork for development. The NC3 project is no secret and is now well into the planning stages. This project should bring hundreds of



high-paying software development jobs to the area and we are looking for construction to begin in the Spring of 2024. Also, complementing this project, will be a large entertainment district composed of a large water park and natatorium, along with other family entertainment venues, hotels, and the potential of having a horse track and casino included. Groundbreaking for this project should start before this summer ends.

A drive around town will make it obvious that there is a lot of development taking place everywhere. Housing is also strong in Bellevue whether it is single family homes, townhomes, or apartments. Lakewood West is currently being graded and will add almost 300 new home sites as well as apartments and commercial bays. Several affordable type housing projects are expected to add to Bellevue's already very livable community.

Many more great things are taking place here in Bellevue and I hope you enjoy this annual report, which is loaded with much of that 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.

Rusty Hike

Bellevue Mayor

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# 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 Planning Assistant



Phil Davidson Community Relations



Ashley Decker Human Resources Director



Julie Dinville Library Director



Mark Elbert Community Development Director



Perry Guido Fire Chief



Abby Highland CDBG Specialist



Todd Jarosz Fleet Maintenance Superintendent



Jani Jennings Risk Manager



Susan Kluthe City Clerk



Annie Mathews
Assistant City Attorney



**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







## BELLEVUE IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!

We are so lucky to live, work, and grow here in Bellevue, NE. We truly have the best of both worlds, a friendly small town vibe along with being part of a major metropolitan area.

Bellevue is Sarpy County's largest city and the third largest city in Nebraska. We are a hard-working community with good people that really care about the quality of life we enjoy.

We enjoy a wonderful selection of residential choices, from new housing developments to friendly existing neighborhoods. Public safety is a top priority for our community with progressive police, fire and rescue departments.

When it comes to quality of life, Bellevue is a great place for excellent schools, patriotism, higher education, quality healthcare, shopping, local merchants, parks, trails

and where Bellevue Rocks! We also have a terrific selection of locally owned restaurants for delicious barbecue, famous burgers, amazing sushi, and so much more!

We encourage you to explore everything Bellevue has to offer.













# CORE VALUES: SERVICE COURAGE INTEGRITY 2023 BPD INITIATIVES: "CHASING PERFECTION"

Early in 2022, the Bellevue Police Department (BPD) was able to complete its build-out to 111 officers. This build-out was the result of a two-year effort, in response to the continued growth of Bellevue, and the City Administration prioritizing public safety.

BPD is one of the few law enforcement agencies in the nation to remain at full capacity. This speaks volumes to BPD's personnel, their training and professionalism, and the morale of the Department. While BPD responded to over forty-six thousand calls for service yet again in 2022 (46,781 to be exact), nearly every crime category continued to fall in 2022 – for the second straight year.

Due to our increased staffing, we were able to complete significant proactive patrolling that wasn't previously possible. We were also able to conduct 106% more selective enforcement efforts (those are our targeted enforcement efforts revolving around our complaint areas), our traffic stops were up 25% (from 9,671 to 12,153), and our vacation watch checks were up 50%. These increased efforts, along with our increased visibility throughout the city, can at least partially be attributed to a 23% decrease in burglaries. Our increased traffic enforcement may also be helping us curb our rising traffic crash numbers, as those crashes fell slightly in the last year as well.

BPD 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.















## Milestone Year for Full-Time Fire Department

The year 2022 was a milestone year for the Bellevue Fire Department. In June, with the completion of two fire academy classes of newly hired firefighters, the Department finally completed the 13-year process of transitioning from an all-volunteer department, to a combination of part-time and full-time firefighters, to all positions being filled with full-time paid personnel. To manage personnel and delegate responsibilities, six Fire Apparatus Engineers and two Captains were promoted. In addition, three acting Paramedic Shift Supervisor positions were made permanent on July 3, 2022.

For the calendar year 2022, the Bellevue Fire Department responded to 6,550 calls for service, approximately 18 per shift. That number includes 4,665 EMS calls, 301 vehicle accidents with injuries, 208 fire calls, 9 rescues, 157 hazardous conditions, 454 fire alarms, 408 general assistance, and 348 miscellaneous calls for service.

WE SHALL STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR DUTY THROUGH TRAINING. EDUCATION AND THE WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVE OURSELVES.

#### SUPPORTING BELLEVUE'S GROWTH:

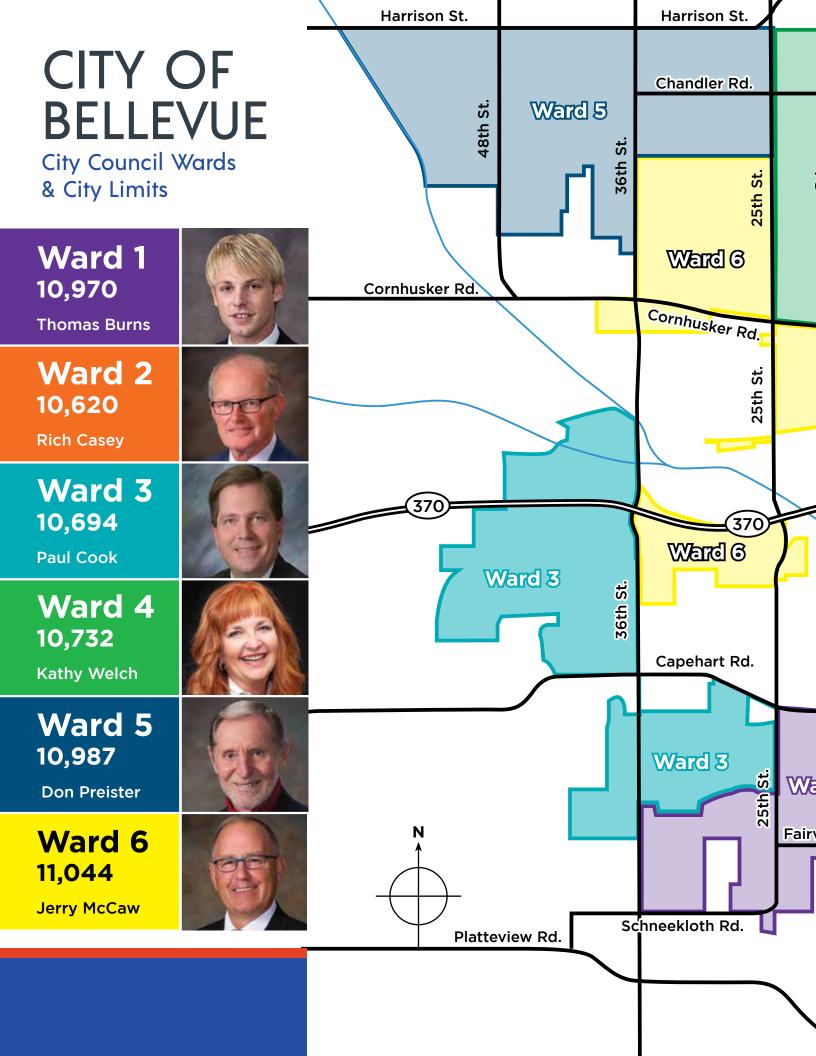
- In August 2022, the BFD held an awards ceremony to honor our firefighters who went "above and beyond the call of duty." The awards included both Emergency Medical responses and Fire responses. Chief Guido along with Mayor Hike handed out 136 awards.
- In March of 2022, the BFD reinstated its smoke alarm program. The
  program provides free smoke alarms to Bellevue citizens who do not
  have an alarm. The program was suspended during the Covid pandemic.
- With the help of the Public Works Department, a new pitched roof training prop was built and installed at the BFD Training Center. The new training prop allows BFD firefighters to simulate pitched roof operations at ground level ensuring safe roof operations training.
- The BFD received an AFG grant to purchase new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA). The department will replace all of our existing 10+ year old SCBA's with new Scott SCBA's.

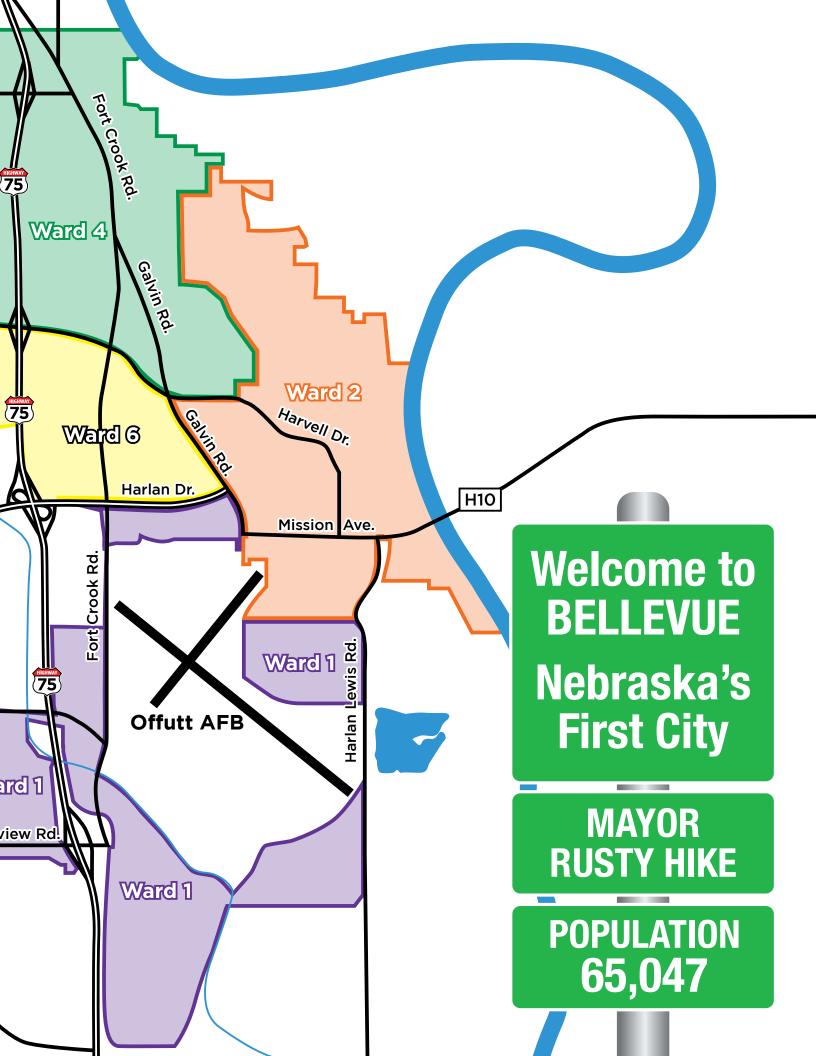












## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



### **Bellevue Community Branding Continues!**

In an effort to promote Bellevue's many assets, raise awareness, and enhance our community image, the City of Bellevue's new community branding initiative will continue to develop. Some new branding elements being planned include new pole banners, neighborhood branding, a new radio campaign, trailblazing signage for Bellevue attractions, a new "Bellevue Is For You" Facebook page, and more.

## High Speed Fiber is Coming to Bellevue!



The City of Bellevue has

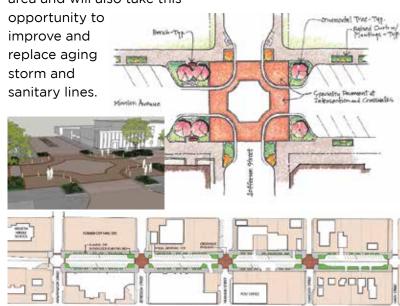
recently entered into formal agreements with Fastwyre/American Broadband and Allo Fiber to install a high speed fiber network within Bellevue. Fastwyre has already started construction in our community and Allo is expected to start installation soon.

Once the construction is completed, Bellevue residents will have more choices for their fiber access internet provider with a wide variety of speeds available. Fiber optics communications are considered to be very reliable, extremely fast and stable compared to some existing technology.

As construction is ongoing, you may see construction crews in your area working within the utility right-of-ways. You may also notice flag markings and paint markings in and around your area before construction begins. Both companies have assured the City that any disruptions to yards, sprinkler systems, or other amenities will be fixed at the expense of the company performing the installation.

# Streetscaping Planning for Downtown Bellevue!

The City of Bellevue is in the beginning stages of conceptual design for a streetscaping and reconstruction project on Mission Avenue between Wayne Street and Main Street. The project goal is to provide a downtown anchor for city residents by creating a pedestrian friendly area and improved parking accessibility to businesses. With this project, the City expects to promote redevelopment in the area and will also take this



#### City & Bellevue Chamber Partnership

The City of Bellevue is proud to partner with many groups and organizations that benefit the Bellevue/Offutt Community. We are excited to work with the new President of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, Diane Bruce, to foster great relationships with the businesses in our community and work together to bring more business to our city.



## Bellevue University Grows Sports Footprint

Bellevue University continues to grow its sports facilities. There are two major Sports Facility projects being developed here in Bellevue.

#### New Bellevue University Athletics Fieldhouse

In October 2022, Bellevue University broke ground on its brand new Athletics Fieldhouse, currently being built just west of the existing campus. Once completed, this State-of-the-Art Facility will feature two levels with over 72,000 square feet of athletic facilities, including a weight room, practice courts, training center, as well as seating for over 1,000 Bruin fans! It will also be the home of a Hall of Fame lounge that could also be transformed into viewing areas with additional seating. The new Fieldhouse is projected to be completed in the Fall of 2025. What a great addition to the Bellevue Community.



#### Bellevue University Haworth Park Sports Complex

The new sports complex, through a public/private partnership is a 3 to 5 million dollar project. It will include a turf field, press box, locker room facilities, and more. This project will be levee protected and is estimated to be completed in the Spring of 2024.



### Technology Center Coming to Bellevue

The City of Bellevue is excited about the ongoing NC3 Project. It will consist of approximately 200,000 square feet, and will house DOD Contractors with a Technology Center for Software Development. Phase 1 of this project which consists of securing the property has been completed. Phase 2 is scheduled to start construction by Spring of 2024. This project has the potential to create over 500 high paying jobs right here in Bellevue.

### Nebraska National Guard Readiness Center Being Built In Bellevue!

Federal and local leaders have broken ground and construction has started on the Nebraska National Guard's new \$36 Million Bellevue Readiness Center. This is being built on 40 acres adjacent to Willow Lakes Golf Course near the 25th Street and Capehart Road intersection. Once completed this facility will include offices, training grounds, a large kitchen,

classrooms, and maintenance bays for National Guard vehicles. This facility which has been described as "world class" will bring National Guard members from all over the state of Nebraska for regular training and is expected to be open by the end of 2024.





### BELLEVUE PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS & RECREATION

## Phase I - 36th St. Widening Project Completed

The 36th Street widening project is an important project to the citizens of southwest Bellevue and the entire community. The purpose of this three-phase project is to improve local traffic operations along 36th Street between Bline Avenue and Platteview Road. This will help facilitate safe and efficient





movement of existing traffic, and accommodate future traffic volumes and travel demands along the 36th Street corridor, which has become one of the most traveled areas in the city.

#### Here's a Breakout of the Entire 36th Street Widening Project:

- **Phase 1** of the 36th Street Project has been completed and is now open to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. This completed phase provides improvements to 36th Street between Bline Avenue and Sheridan Road. The construction cost for phase 1 of the project was approximately \$18.3 million.
- **Phase 2** of this project which entails 36th Street corridor work further south from Sheridan Road to Platteview Road is slated to start construction in 2024.
- **Phase 3** of this project will provide corridor improvements on 36th Street from Highway 370 to Cornhusker Road. This phase of the project will start in 2024 and will include widening 36th Street to four lanes plus the replacement of two bridges.

New dedicated left turn lanes in each direction have been designed to improve efficiency of the intersections and minimize delay times in the area. The new 10 foot wide sidewalks will greatly improve pedestrian accessibility and safety on this roadway.

New Faulkland Park Playground & Pavillion Opening Spring 2023 Community Fishing Night
June 22, 2023

American Heroes Park Lake

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









#### Bellevue Farmer's Market

The popular Bellevue Farmer's Market will be returning to Washington Park under new management this year starting on Saturday, June 3rd. The City of Bellevue would like to give a huge shout-out of thanks to former Market Manager and current State Senator Carol Blood, who started and grew the Farmer's Market from its infancy to the thriving Market it is today.

The City of Bellevue has contracted with Sarah and Matt Milligan to operate the Farmer's Market this year. The website https://www.bellevue.net/recreation-living/farmers-market is up and running, and this is where you will find the rules and regulations along with the vendor application. Our Farmer's Market Facebook Page will continue to provide weekly updates. We thank Carol for helping us make such a seamless transition.

This year's Farmer's Market is scheduled to run through Saturday, September 16th and we look forward to an exciting 8th season of the Bellevue Farmer's Market at Washington Park.





### **Pickleball Courts**

Pickleball has become a very popular sport in the United States and the City of Bellevue has made it easier for you to join in on the fun! The Bellevue Recreation Department has announced that "Pickleball" is now available at dedicated courts at Thompson Park, which is located near 27th and Franklin, south of Mission Avenue in Bellevue!

We hope these brand new Pickleball courts provide hours of entertainment to Bellevue residents.



## New Public Library Moves Forward

Bellevue's exciting new public library continues to make progress. Bids have recently been received on the renovation project that will transform a portion of the Bellevue Professional Center on Longo Drive into our new, modernized Bellevue Public Library.

Bellevue Library Director Julie Dinville is excited about this project and said that the Library's goal has been, "to create a space that provides even better services and programs for our community while meeting their diverse needs." Once work is completed on this project in the Summer of 2024, the new library will have up to 17,000 square feet of Library space that will have a more modern look, complete with updated furnishings, state-of-the-art technology, and a drive-through window.

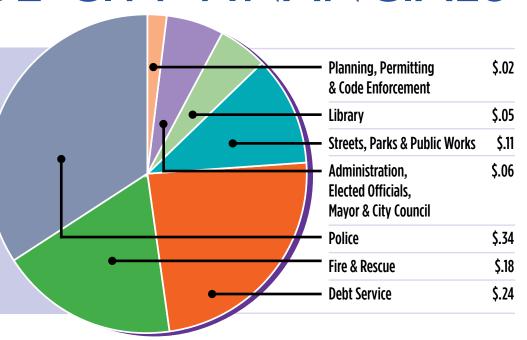
This project has a renovation budget of 4.5 million dollars with some of this cost to be absorbed by the positive cash flow received from rent of other businesses in the complex.

# BELLEVUE CITY FINANCIALS

## BUDGET BY FUNCTION

Fiscal Year Ending 2023

How Much of a Property Tax Dollar Goes to Each Function



#### SPENDING PER CAPITA SARPY COMMUNITY COMPARISON

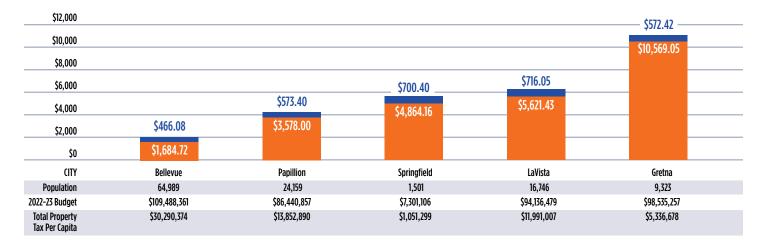
#### SPENDING PER CAPITA

PROPERTY TAX PER CAPITA

TOTAL SPENDING PER CAPITA

#### DOING MORE WITH LESS

MAKING YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO FURTHER



#### CITY OF BELLEVUE FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Mayor's Office	402-293-3020
City Administrator's Office	402-293-3022
Mayor's Hotline	402-591-4535
Community Development	402-293-6085
City Clerk	402-293-3007
City Council	Visit www.bellevue.net
Finance Department	402-293-3000

Fire Department	402-293-3153
- If Emergency	
Police Department	
- If Emergency	911
Public Works Department	
Planning Department	402-293-3026
Recreation Department	402-293-3142

402-293-3019
402-293-3126
402-293-3125
402-293-3052
402-293-3050
402-293-3014
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, 2022 & 2021 (\$ In Millions)

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

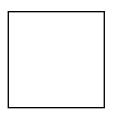
	2022 Fiscal Year		2021 Fiscal Year	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
SOURCES OF REVENUE				
Local - Property Tax	\$30.4	30%	\$29.5	30%
Local - Sales Tax	\$17.0	16%	\$15.2	16%
Local - Charges for Services	\$9.3	8%	\$8.2	8%
Local - Occupation and other Taxes	\$2.9	3%	\$2.8	3%
Other - Federal, State & Local Grants & other	\$19.0	22%	\$20.9	22%
Bond Proceeds	\$5.5	9%	\$8.8	9%
Business Type - Sewer	\$11.8	12%	\$11.1	12%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$95.9	100%	\$96.5	100%
FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
PERSONNEL				
Public Safety - Police	\$14.6	40%	\$12.2	39%
Public Safety - Fire	\$10.1	28%	\$8.5	27%
Public Works - (Streets, Cemetery and Maintenance)	\$5.2	14%	\$4.7	15%
Culture, Community, & Admin	\$6.6	18%	\$6.2	19%
Subtotal Personnel	\$36.5	38%	\$31.6	41%
DEPARTMENTAL				
Public Safety - Police	\$2.0	12%	\$1.8	11%
Public Safety - Fire	\$1.2	7%	\$1.3	8%
Public Works - (Streets, Cemetery and Maintenance)	\$8.1	50%	\$8.1	49%
Culture, Community, & Admin	\$5.1	31%	\$5.4	32%
Subtotal Departmental	\$16.4	17%	\$16.6	22%
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Public Safety - Police	\$0.8	4%	\$0.4	5%
Public Safety - Fire	\$0.1	1%	\$1.3	14%
Public Works - (Streets, Cemetery and Maintenance)	\$11.5	55%	\$5.0	55%
Culture, Community, & Admin	\$8.2	40%	\$2.4	26%
Subtotal Capital Projects	\$20.6	22%	\$9.1	12%
Bonds Payments	\$11.5	12%	\$10.7	14%
Business Type - Sewer	\$11.3	11%	\$8.7	11%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$96.3	100%	\$76.7	100%
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$(0.4)		\$19.8	

#### **Government-Wide Statement of Net Position** (Accrual Basis)

	•	September 30, 2022		September 30, 2021	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	
ASSETS					
Cash & Equivalents	\$41.4	19%	\$41.3	22%	
Receivables - Net	\$15.2	7%	\$9.5	5%	
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)	\$153.3	71%	\$135.9	70%	
All other Assets and Deferred Outflows	\$5.0	3%	\$5.3	3%	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$214.9	100%	\$192.0	100%	
LIABILITIES & NET POSITION					
Long-Term Debt	\$76.1	36%	\$80.2	42%	
All other Liabilities and Deferred Inflows	\$35.1	16%	\$26.1	14%	
Subtotal Liabilities	\$111.2	52%	\$106.3	56%	
Net Position	\$103.7	48%	\$85.7	44%	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	\$214.9	100%	\$192.0	100%	
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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.



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## JUNE 8-11, 2023

AMERICAN HEROES PARK - BELLEVUE, NE
THURS - SAT: 4PM - MIDNIGHT
SUNDAY: NOON - 5 PM CLEAR BAG
CLEAR BAG
POLICY ENFORCED

FREE ADMISSION DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED

FREE MUSIC · CARNIVAL · FOOD · BEER GARDEN



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BELLE VUE DOWNS Horse Track







**SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH** 





















