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## **Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Dazzles with Lasers, Fireworks and Live Music in Downtown Park**

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BELLEVUE, WA – Live entertainment, children’s activities and family fun will fill the **Bellevue Downtown Park** this Independence Day as the Bellevue Downtown Association and City of Bellevue host the Northwest’s only laser light and fireworks display during the twelfth annual **Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration**.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the park will come alive with the **Puget Sound Energy Family Fun Zone**, food and live music, featuring remote radio broadcasts from 96.5 The Point and KISS 106.1. At dusk, fireworks and lasers light up the sky, synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Philharmonic, televised live on Q13!

### **Main Stage Schedule of Events**

- 6:00 p.m.**     **Swiggle Ditties Entertainment** *Fun, interactive music for kids with Dana!*
- 7:00 p.m.**     **The Beatniks** *High energy music of the ‘60s and ‘70s*
- 9:15 p.m.**     **Special Ceremony to Honor Bellevue’s 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday** *Featuring Chinese Lion Dancers, Bellevue Chamber Chorus, and the Bellevue Firefighter and Police Department Color Guard.*
- 9:45 p.m.**     **Bellevue Philharmonic** *The Eastside’s largest performing arts group takes center stage to present a special Independence Day performance. The sixty-piece philharmonic is directed by Fusao Kajima.*
- 10:30 p.m.**    **Northwest’s Only Fireworks and Laser Light Display!**

### **Puget Sound Energy Family Fun Zone**

- 6:00 p.m. –**    **Children’s Activities** *A variety of children’s activities and entertainment,*
- 9:00 p.m.**    *including jugglers, stilt walkers, roaming puppets, mascot characters, balloon artists, face painting, a climbing wall, miniature train rides and more! Enjoy a performance by Mad Science at 7 p.m. and a magic show at 8 p.m.*

Bellevue Downtown Park is located at 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Bellevue, one block south of Bellevue Square. Admission to the 2003 Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration is **free**. Free parking is available at Bellevue Square after 6 p.m.

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**Other Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Activities**

Live Onsite Broadcasts: Stop by the KISS 106.1 and 96.5 The Point booths beginning at 6 pm for fantastic giveaways and to meet on-air personalities. Also catch the Q13 news team in action as they broadcast the fireworks show on live television!

Food and Refreshments: Enjoy a Fourth of July family picnic with a wide selection of food and refreshments available in the Family 4<sup>th</sup> Food Court, located at the southwest corner of the park.

**General Information**

For general information, call the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department at (425) 452-4106 or visit **bellevuedowntown.com** after June 1 for a 2003 schedule of activities.

**For press information and event photos, call Jessica Shambora at (425) 453-3113.**

*The Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration is produced by the Bellevue Downtown Association and City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department, and is sponsored by: Overlake Hospital, Puget Sound Energy, GLY Construction, Bellevue Arts Commission, Nintendo of America, The Seattle Times, Q13 FOX/WB22, KISS 106.1, 96.5 The Point, Monaghan & Company and Bellevue Square.*

Bellevue Downtown Association Mission

To lead the continuing evolution of downtown Bellevue as the economic and cultural heart of the Eastside.

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