



Bellevue Police Foundation

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BOLD FOR THE BLUE - A BOLD TURNOUT!



Thank you to all who attended the Bold for the Blue Breakfast and donated to the Bellevue Police Foundation. This year was especially important given the events of the past two-years and we were thrilled to have over 280 guests reuniting in support of our officers.

With individual gifts and corporate sponsorships, the Bold for the Blue Breakfast raised over \$150,000 for new technology, specialized training, and access to resources to build positive police engagement. [Click here to see photos from the event!](#)

Thank you to all who attended, including our sponsors who made the breakfast possible. The ability to come together in-person and share what has been accomplished and what is on the horizon is an important part of our mission.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

The Bellevue Collection, Bruce R. McCaw Family Foundation, G.L.Y., Union Bank, Accutint of Bellevue, The Allen Family Trust, AvalonBay Communities, Bellevue Club Hotel, Cadman, Overlake Medical Center, PerkinsCoie, Sterling Realty, T-Mobile, Wallace Properties, WSECU, HMART, Parker Smith & Feek, and SweeneyConrad.

2022 CRAIG HANAUMI SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Every year the Bellevue Police Foundation Board of Directors honors a Bellevue police officer who has demonstrated a pattern of professional achievement, personal commitment, strong community service and contribution to public safety.

This year the Foundation honored three officers who have

demonstrated these qualities.

We are proud to announce that the 2022 Craig Hanaumi Award went to **Detective Jenny Robertson, Officer Lucas Porter, and Officer Joseph Tellier**. [Click here to read more about their service to Bellevue.](#)

Thank you for all that you do every day to build community and keep us all safe!



From left to right, Officer Joseph Tellier, Detective Jenny Robertson, and Officer Lucas Porter

[Register Now for our Inaugural Golf Tournament on August 2nd at the Newcastle Golf Club.](#)



You are invited for a day of relaxation and community connection at our inaugural golf tournament to support the Bellevue Police Department. Capping 350 hilltop acres, the Golf Club at Newcastle is a premier Pacific Northwest course and the perfect place to spend time on a summer day – all in support of our officers.

Starting at 10:00 a.m. join your fellow golfers to play 18 holes of golf followed by an awards banquet in one of the Club's elegant spaces. If you can't join us for golf stop by the banquet as a much-needed break from a day of meetings. The Club is renowned for its Northwest inspired menus and beautiful spaces with views of the Puget Sound and Olympic Mountains.

[Registration is open now!](#)

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Bellevue Police Foundation recently welcomed two new board members to our leadership team. Please join us in welcoming Melinda DeBruler of Accutint Bellevue, and Gabe Levijarvi from AvalonBay Communities. Each of them brings a unique perspective, lots of energy, and a passion for the City of Bellevue.

All of us at the Foundation are grateful to each and every board member for their generous time, commitment and contributions to making Bellevue a very special city.



Gabe Levijarvi
Vice President, Property Operations, AvalonBay Communities

Born and raised in northern California, Gabe moved to the Pacific Northwest in 2019 with publicly traded AvalonBay Communities and has assumed the role of Vice President of Property Operations with oversight of a 6,000 unit portfolio, many of which are in Bellevue, WA.

He now lives in Issaquah, WA with his wife and young children. Together, they enjoy skiing, basketball, soccer and mountain biking.



Melinda DeBruler
Owner, Accutint Bellevue

Melinda was born and raised in Seattle and spent over 45 years working in the insurance, financial planning and travel industries before she and her husband acquired Accutint Bellevue in 2010. She is an active fundraiser and has volunteered for Overlake Hospital, Bellevue Police, and Suquamish ambulance and fire departments and strongly supports the Bellevue Police's "Community Oriented Policing" approach. As a small business owner, Melinda has attended and donated at many Bellevue Police Foundation breakfast events and her company became a corporate partner in 2021.

In her spare time, she enjoys her family, dogs, reading, bicycling, hiking, and motorhome travel.

BELLEVUE POLICE FOUNDATION HONORS SUSAN ALLEN

Susan Allen - Volunteer Extraordinaire!

You can find her helping at almost any Bellevue Police Department event. Or on Thursdays at the Crossroads substation, kindly assisting people who have all kinds of questions. Or spending countless hours putting on a breakfast fundraiser from soup to nuts. Or at a Foundation board meeting, where her institutional memory is priceless. No matter where you look,



Susan is there, generously giving her time and energy to help people.

We thank her for over 40 years of volunteering faithfully for our community and Police Department. No words can express our appreciation for all she does.

THANK YOU, SUSAN!

K-9 CORNER



Niko at a recent training session

Bellevue Police is excited to welcome a new officer in training to its K9 Unit - Officer Niko is a 20 month old Belgian Malinois, still a young dog. Since coming to Bellevue earlier in the year, Niko has completed about 200 of his 400 hours of training needed before he can be certified, and subsequently deployable. Niko lives and works with Human Officer Ryan Lange, his family, and K9 Officer Ghost (retired) so he gets plenty of stimulation and daily training which is extremely important for his development.

"In the future, Niko will be assisting patrol as a tracking dog searching for fleeing suspects, says Sergeant Robin Peacey, who heads up the K9 Unit for Bellevue. "It's possible that Niko and Officer Lange may work some day to early evening hours to help facilitate patrol and the Downtown Unit with calls and missions. It's far too early to tell what other cross training will work best for Niko, but it's possible he could train for narcotics detection sometime down the road."

The Department hopes to bring a third dog into the program later this year, and already is training an officer who is willing to make the years long commitment to living and working with a canine partner.

The Bellevue Police Foundation has a long history of providing support to the Department through our funding of the K-9 program in Bellevue Police Department. We are proud to support Niko and welcome him to Bellevue!

Donate to Support Your Police

Bellevue Police Foundation fosters business and community support to fund equipment, training, tools of accountability and efforts that build connections between the Police Department and the community. You can help provide critical support by donating now.

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