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Bellevue Family 4th

Daylong celebration culminates with fireworks at Downtown Park!

Celebrate our nation's birthday at the Bellevue Family 4th, the Eastside's largest celebration, on Thursday, July 4, 2-10:40 p.m. at Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St.

Enjoying the festivities

The Bellevue Family 4th, presented by The Bellevue Collection, features live music, family entertainment, a food court and fireworks set to live music by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra at 10:05 p.m.

The PACCAR Main Stage will feature live music by the Dimestore Prophets at 3:45 p.m. (feel good/groove), Lowdown Drifters (country) at 5:30 p.m. and the Nines! (dance) at 7:15 p.m. The Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone will include ticketed inflatables, and free children's activities and entertainment from 2-8 p.m.

To set the stage for the fireworks at 10:05 p.m., Bellevue Fire Department's Honor Guard will present the colors followed by a performance of the National Anthem by the International School Jazz Choir.

For patriotic pups and their owners, the Bellevue Downtown Association is producing its Bellevue Four on the 4th Dog Jog & Walk at Ashwood Park on July 4 at 9 a.m. The event benefits the city's branch of the Seattle Humane Society. Dogs and their humans will take a 4-kilometer (2.5-mile) route from Ashwood Park

through the streets of north downtown, beginning at 9 a.m., with festivities upon their return to the park.

Getting there and back

Several streets will be closed for the Family 4th to keep people safe and minimize delays; early arrival is highly encouraged. Please be patient, observe posted signs and obey police officers directing traffic.

Visitors are encouraged to walk, bike, take the bus or carpool to the event.

A drop off area is located on the west side of the park on 100th Avenue Northeast. Please note the street will be closed from 9:30-11:30 p.m., or until police re-open after the fireworks show.

Transit service to the Bellevue Transit Center (located at Northeast Sixth Street and 108th Avenue Northeast) from Seattle and many

surrounding areas is also available. Comprehensive information about travel options can be found at ChooseYourWayBellevue.org.

Complimentary event parking is offered after 6 p.m. at Bellevue Square, Lincoln Square and Bellevue Place. Parking for people with disabilities is located in the Red Lot off of 100th Avenue Northeast.

Staying safe

The Bellevue Fire Department reminds residents and visitors that the sale, use and possession of fireworks are prohibited.

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Please be aware that dogs and other pets are not allowed at Downtown Park after 2 p.m. In addition, grills, barbecues, camp stoves and other cooking devices are prohibited. Small tents or canopies are allowed outside of the concert seating area until 8 p.m.

The City of Bellevue and Bellevue Downtown Association co-produce the Bellevue Family 4th presented by The Bellevue Collection.

For more information, contact the Bellevue Downtown Association at 425-453-1223 or bellevuedowntown.com.

New System Gives Residents Easy Way to Report Illegal Use

of Fireworks

By Camari Olson,
Bellevue Fire
Department

Although the use of fireworks has been illegal in Bellevue since 1994, complaints are regularly received about their use, especially around the July 4th holiday. In an effort to curb this problem, the fine for violations was increased in 2018 from \$100 to \$1,000, and emphasis patrols were added. There were still multiple reports of illegal fireworks being used, and several citations were written. In addition to these measures, a new method for reporting illegal use of fireworks is in place for 2019.

On July 4th and the early morning hours of the 5th, the MyBellevue app, currently used to report other activities or submit requests to the city, will also have the capability to report locations fireworks are being used. The app can be accessed online at BellevueWA.gov or downloaded to a cell phone and will allow the user to input the location. These reports will be used to generate a heat map (pictured below) that will be accessible the joint Police/Fire emphasis patrols.

We ask that you make this the preferred method for reporting rather than calling 9-1-1, except in cases of fires or injury. To be prepared, please take the time to download the app now. For more information, go to fire.BellevueWA.gov or contact fire_prevention@bellevuewa.gov

**YOU LIGHT IT,
WE WRITE IT**

**USE FIREWORKS
& BE FINED
\$1,000**



2019 Neighborhood Walks

Following the first two walks in West Bellevue and the ERC Trail, there are three more Neighborhood Walks scheduled for this summer! You're invited to walk and visit with Bellevue's Leadership Team, including the city manager and department directors. Come together with your neighbors and share your unique neighborhood, as well as your concerns and ideas.

Questions? Reach out to mheilman@bellevuewa.gov.

Woodridge

Wednesday, July 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Start/End: Woodridge Elementary School
12619 SE 20th Pl, Bellevue

West Lake Sammamish

Wednesday, July 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Start/End: Sunset Elementary School
4229 W Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE, Bellevue

Eastgate

Thursday, July 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Start/End: Eastgate Elementary School
4255 153rd Ave SE, Bellevue





Attention Downtown and BelRed

Residents: Your Vote Matters!

Submit your ballot with your top 3 Neighborhood Enhancement Project Choices. Deadline is July 24.

A mini off-leash dog park at NE 12th and 124th?

New ADA-accessible tables and more picnic area amenities in Downtown Park?

Utility box artwork throughout Downtown and BelRed?

These and other fun options are available to your neighborhood as part of the 22 Neighborhood Enhancement Program projects that are included on your NEP ballot!

Be a part of the voting, and tell us which projects you'd like to see funded with almost \$500,000 in available funds that the city has allocated for your neighborhood area. Simply return the pre-paid ballot included inside the voter's pamphlet that each neighborhood

household received in June. Voting is limited to one ballot per household, allowing you to rate - in priority order - which three projects you feel are most deserving to be funded. Projects will be assigned points: three for first choice, two for second, and one for third. Responses will be tabulated and the highest-scoring projects will receive funding.

Project specifics and a map showing the project locations for the 22 Downtown/BelRed NEP projects can be reviewed on the City of Bellevue's NEP website in the Downtown/BelRed Neighborhood Area section at BellevueWA.gov/nep

Ballots must be post marked by July 24 to be included in the voting process.

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program is a city-funded program that allows residents to propose and select modest, capital projects to enhance their neighborhoods. The program rotates through the city's 14 NEP neighborhood areas over the course of seven years, serving two areas each year. The \$5 million program allocation is distributed among each of the NEP neighborhood areas, according to the number of households in each area. In 2019, NEP has been in the Downtown/BelRed and Lake Hills neighborhood areas. NEP comes to Crossroads and Wilburton in 2020.

Please contact NEP Coordinator, Theresa Cuthill at tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4186 with questions. Detailed program information can be found at BellevueWA.gov/nep.



Don't Be an Easy Target!

By Meeghan Black, Police Public Information Officer



Summertime can be prime burglary time, so take precautions now to avoid becoming a victim. When temperatures rise, people cool off by opening the doors and windows. But when you forget to lock them back up, it's easy entry for burglars. Other factors like an overgrown garden and poor lighting can also make your home appealing to criminals. Here are some easy steps to take to help prevent yourself from becoming the next victim.

Lock up – Make sure your home is secure. Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave or go to bed. Even if it's for a short time, lock your doors.

Close your garage – burglars love to see all the stuff you have in your garage. So, if you're not in the immediate area, close the garage door.

Light it up – Leave some lights on in the house when you go out to make it look like someone is home. Also, improve exterior lighting and install sensor lights to shine a spotlight on potential burglars. Light is the number one deterrent.

Cut it back – Overgrown bushes and trees give criminals a place to hide. Trim tree branches 7 feet off the ground and prune shrubs under 3 feet from the ground.

Don't let it pile up – If you are leaving on vacation, get a house sitter if you can. If not, have your mail and newspapers stopped or have someone pick them up. Leave inside lights on timers to create the impression someone is home.

Neighborhood watch – It's a good time to reintroduce yourselves to your neighbors if you haven't said hello in a while. Safety improves when neighbors watch out for each other by reporting suspicious activity and in-progress crimes to 911.

Bellevue Police believe watch groups are the foundation of community crime prevention.

Criminals commit crimes when given the opportunity. Don't make it easy for them, and take simple measures to protect yourself. If you'd like more information, visit the crime prevention section at BellevueWA.gov.

Bellevue Essentials

Bellevue Essentials applications are due Aug. 2

Bellevue Essentials provides an entry point for emerging community leaders. This transformational nine-week program highlights the structures and inner workings of city government in many arenas. Topics include demographics, public process, city planning, economic development, human services, utilities, finance and transportation, public safety and much more. Graduates are well-equipped to get more involved in the city and non-profit arenas on the Eastside, and to become members of the Bellevue Essentials Extended Alumni organization, a networking and civic engagement group.

The admission process involves a short application and essays. Applicants must live or work in Bellevue and be committed to attending at least 7 of the 9 sessions. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning Sept. 25 and concluding Nov. 20.

Bellevue Essentials 2019 Brochure BellevueWA.gov/sites/default/files/media/pdf_document/mc3510A%20Bellevue%20Essentials%20BrochureWEB.pdf

Bellevue Essentials 2019 Application BellevueWA.gov/sites/default/files/media/pdf_document/mc3510Ac%20Bellevue%20Essentials%20Application%202019.pdf





Campus-Community Conversations

Tuesday, July 23

6-7 p.m.

Bellevue College, Room #K100p
3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue

Bellevue College area, we're your neighbor and we're on the move!

Join Vice President Dennis Curran, to learn what's happening on campus, share your comments, and ask questions about growth, events, programs and more. The informal conversations are designed to improve communication and create connections with our surrounding residential and business communities. There is no set agenda for these sessions, just open Q&A. We will begin in K100P and may visit other sites or tour campus as appropriate. Parking is free in the evening.



The Art of Listening Workshops

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30 at Bellevue Downtown Library

Do you listen well? Have you experienced what it's like to be truly listened to? Becoming skilled in how you listen to others can dramatically improve your focus, your relationships, your inner peace and your professional life. In this 4-week workshop series you will learn how to be a more artful, peaceful and attentive listener, and have the experience of being truly listened to.

Co-sponsored by the City of Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center and King County Library System. Registration recommended. Please contact bcrc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4091 to reserve your spot.

Telephone Conciliation

Training 2019

3-day training

Tuesday, Sept. 10 and 17, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.,
Lewis Creek Visitor Center

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.,
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-112

Are you a natural listener and a good communicator? Do you want to learn skills to help create peace in our community? Are you culturally sensitive? Do you live or work in Bellevue? Got some time to share? Become a conciliator with the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center, which helps people in the Bellevue community resolve their conflicts.



There is no charge for the training, and attendance at all sessions is required. Upon completion, selected attendees are invited to volunteer in our office for a three-hour weekly shift during business hours. Both the training and subsequent volunteering are steps to becoming a future certified mediator with our program.

Please email us at bcrc@bellevuewa.gov to express interest in this training or call 425-452-4091.



Save the Date!

National Night Out August 6

Did you participate in or organize a National Night Out last year for your neighborhood? If you did, you know what a success it can be! National Night Out is a great community building event to get to know your nearby neighbors, talk about neighborhood concerns and meet and build relationships with Bellevue's safety professionals from the fire and police departments. In addition to learning about crime prevention and sharing safety tips to protect your home and community, residents have commented that part of the excitement is that police and fire staff bring their cool vehicles! It's a great opportunity to get everyone involved!

How do you participate? To register your party, send an email to crimeprevention@bellevuewa.gov and to the fire department fireinfo@bellevuewa.gov. Provide them with the location, time of your event and the approximate number of people participating.

If you are planning to host a party this year and want to close your street to traffic, I'll walk you through the city's new paperless permitting process. Also, we can help you with flyers and signage for your event. For more information contact Carol Ross at 425-452-7917 or cross@bellevuewa.gov.



Join the Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network!

The City of Bellevue is currently taking applications of residents interested in joining the Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network. A city manager-appointed advisory board, BDAN advises and provides insight to city departments on how to better communicate and serve our diverse community.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15.

The city defines diversity broadly, and is looking for a wide range of representation. Members of the group are a two-way connection between the community and the city to ensure that Bellevue is a culturally-responsive organization guided by the principles of equity, access, inclusion, opportunity and cultural competency.

Interested applicants need to meet the following requirements:

- Work or live in Bellevue;
- Have cultural connections and knowledge of the city's diverse population;
- Possess a willingness, curiosity and interest in bridging cultural gaps to strengthen community;
- Volunteer 2-4 hours a month, including monthly advisory board meetings; and
- Commit to serving a two-year term.

To learn more, visit our website at: BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity/bellevue-diversity-advisory-network or:

Join us at one of the following information sessions.

Wednesday, July 17, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
at Bellevue Botanical Gardens, Room C

Tuesday, July 23, 6:30-8 p.m.
at Bellevue City Hall, 1E-112

Thursday, July 25, 6:30-8 p.m.
at Highland Community Center, Fireside Room

Bellevue embraces diversity as a major asset positively impacting the community's economy, culture and education. In 2014, the City Council adopted the vision statement: "Bellevue welcomes the world. Our diversity is our strength."

To learn more about BDAN, please contact Yuriana Garcia Tellez, Diversity Outreach and Engagement Administrator (ygarcia@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886).





Workers install a new block wall on 150th Ave SE, part of a congestion reduction project.

Transportation System Upgrade Work Ramps Up in July

Several road construction projects will get underway across the city in July, in addition to ongoing work. New projects include:

- **Newport Heights Traffic Safety:** Improvements to address pedestrian safety for students at Newport Heights Elementary School. Partially funded by the Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy.
- **Eastgate/Tyee Traffic Safety:** Includes a new mini-roundabout, new crosswalk, new sidewalk and other improvements. Partially funded by the levy.
- **Lakemont Boulevard Southeast repairs:** Work locations include Lakemont at Newcastle Golf Club Road, at the Lewis Creek Culvert Crossing and a new mini-roundabout at 164th Avenue Southeast and Southeast Newport Way. Partially funded by the Levy.
- **179th Place Northeast and Northeast 10th Street sidewalk repairs:** Curb and sidewalk upgrades, replacing asphalt roadway.

In addition to the new projects starting in July, construction continues at other locations: Work on a new segment of Spring Boulevard, near Northeast 12th Street and 116th Avenue Northeast; congestion reduction work on **150th Avenue Southeast, from Southeast Newport Way to Southeast 38th Street**; and repaving work at multiple locations as part of the city's annual Pavement Management Program.

Some of the work listed above will require lane closures and will cause delays. Thank you for your patience as the city and its contractors work to improve the transportation system. Please obey flaggers and drive safely through the work zones.

For the latest information on road construction impacts, check the city's Traffic Advisories webpage: BellevueWA.gov/trafficadvisories

Learn About King County's Coal Creek Sewer Upgrade Project

King County Wastewater Treatment Division is designing a project to replace the Coal Creek Trunk Sewer. This project will add needed capacity for Bellevue and move much of the active pipe away from Coal Creek. That's a benefit for the community, but there will be temporary impacts to traffic.

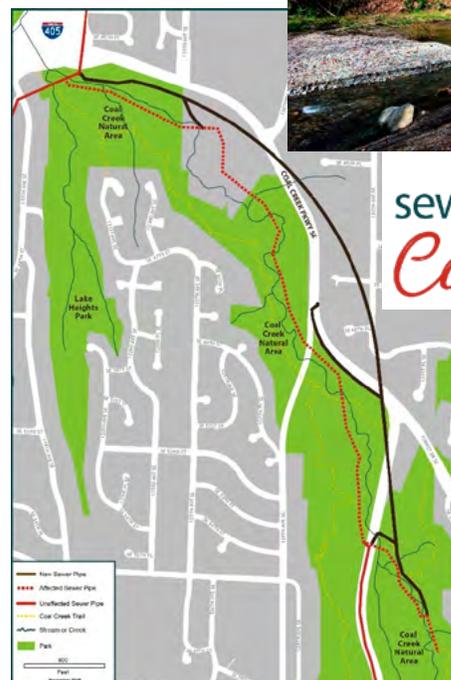
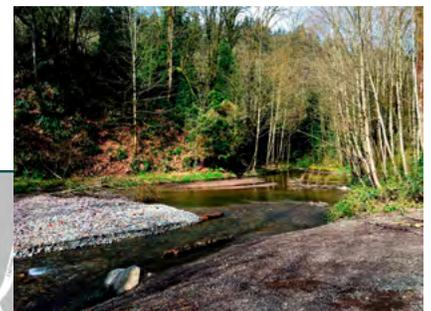
The project is early in design, and King County's team is reaching out to work with project neighbors, commuters, and Natural Area users. Project managers want to make sure everyone who is interested gets a chance to learn about the project, ask questions, and share concerns and suggestions.

How can you get involved?

Visit King County's online open house to learn about the project and fill out a survey, at <https://arcg.is/1OrfXL>

Sign up for updates and watch for onsite events at the Natural Area this summer at www.kingcounty.gov/CoalCreekSewer

Contact Monica Van der Vieren at monica.vandervieren@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-5502.



sewer upgrade
Coal Creek

Boards and Commissions Meetings

(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the City web pages listed below to download agendas.)

Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network

(6 p.m., Bellevue City Hall) Last Tuesday of each month BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity/bellevue-diversity-advisory-network

East Bellevue Community Council (6:30 p.m., Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) First Tuesday of each month BellevueWA.gov/city-government/east-bellevue-community-council

Arts Commission (4:30 p.m., 1E-109) First Tuesday of each month BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/arts-and-culture/arts-commission

Environmental Services Commission

(6:30 p.m., 1E-113) First Thursday of each month Utilities.BellevueWA.gov/conservation-and-the-environment/environmental-services-commission

Planning Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second and fourth Wednesday of each month BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/planning-commission

Transportation Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second Thursday of each month transportation. BellevueWA.gov/planning/transportation-commission

Human Services Commission (6 p.m., 1E-113) First and third Tuesday of each month BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/human-services-commission

LEOFF 1 Disability Board (6 p.m., Room 1E-118) First Tuesday of each month BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/human-resources/retirees-former-employees/leoff-1-disability-board

Library Board (5p.m., Lake Hills, Bellevue or Newport Way Library) Third Tuesday of each month BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/library-board

Parks & Community Services Board (6 p.m., 1E-113) Second Tuesday of each month BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/parks-and-community-services-board

The Bellevue Network on Aging (BNOA) 8:30 a.m., North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue) First Thursday of each month BellevueWA.gov/bnoa

Special Events Committee (8:30 a.m., 1E-112) Second Thursday of each month Parks.BellevueWA.gov/special-events/special-events-committee

Youth Link Board (6 p.m., 1E-120) Second Wednesday of each month BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/youth-link-board

Bellevue's Neighborhood Services Division offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, please visit our website at: BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/neighborhoods or call 425-452-6836 or email: neighborhoodoutreach@BellevueWA.gov.

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City Council <https://bellevue.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Day	Scheduled Meeting(s)	Location	Public Comment Opportunity
1 and 3 Mondays except in August and December	6 p.m., Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8 p.m., Regular Session	Council Chambers	8 p.m., Oral Communications
2 and 4 Mondays except in August and December	6-10 p.m., Extended Study Session	Council Conference Room	6 p.m., Oral Communications
August - first Monday only	6 p.m., Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8 p.m., Regular Session	Council Chambers	8 p.m., Oral Communications
December - first and second Mondays only	6 p.m., Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8 p.m., Regular Session	Council Chambers	8 p.m., Oral Communications