

neighborhood news



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Bellevue neighborhoods

Bellevue Arts Survey Now Live!

Arts and culture are the soul of our city. It can bring people together, build bridges to cultural understanding and provide a sense of community identity and possibility.



Bellevue is updating its vision for the arts and culture here, and we would love to know what you're interested in. Please add your voice by taking our 10-minute Arts & Culture survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Bellevue_Arts_and_Culture_Survey_2019

In 2004, the city adopted [Cultural Compass: A Strategic Vision for the Arts & Culture](#) to guide how arts and culture grow in the community. The goal was to turn Bellevue into the cultural hub of the Eastside.

The Cultural Compass plan provides direction in areas, from artists and nonprofit organizations. Over the years, the plan has helped the city invest in new facilities for arts education, expand public art in parks and neighborhoods, and designate cultural areas such as the BelRed Arts District.

What do you think about the arts in Bellevue? Your input will help us to determine the future of Bellevue. For more information about the current vision please visit: BellevueWA.gov/arts.



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"Bellevue depends on you: Community preparedness for disasters"

Save the date!



Office of Emergency Management

Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

Tuesday, Sept. 17

7-9 p.m., City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE

Minor earthquakes and unusual weather are "wake-up calls" to prompt us to prepare for more significant events.

Widespread disasters will require coordinated efforts – including neighbors being ready to help each other.



Join the City of Bellevue's Emergency Manager, Curry Mayer, to learn about the importance of being prepared for the next potential disaster. We will tour the Bellevue Emergency Operations Center and learn about the city's role in preparedness, response and recovery.

Participants will be a part of a hands-on activity to explore what you can do to prepare your family and neighborhood for an emergency. Staff will also share further training and leadership opportunities available to Bellevue residents.

Neighborhood Leadership Gatherings are open to all who are invested in the quality and health of their neighborhoods. Dessert and coffee will be served.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to:
neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov

City of Bellevue Presents: Greener Living Class Series



City of Bellevue Utilities is pleased to partner with King County Library System to offer FREE environmental classes:

Green Cleaning Classes:

Learn how to avoid products that harm your health and our environment, choose and make green cleaners, take home a green cleaning kit that includes recipes to make your own green cleaners.

- Thursday, Aug. 22, 12-1 p.m.
Bellevue Library 1111 110th Ave NE
- Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7-8 p.m.
Lake Hills Library 15590 Lake Hills Blvd.
- Thursday, Oct. 3, 7-8 p.m.
Bellevue Library 1111 110th Ave NE
- Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7-8 p.m.
Newport Way Library 14250 SE Newport Way
- Wednesday, Oct. 23 12-1 p.m.
Lake Hills Library 15590 Lake Hills Blvd.

Zero Waste Hero Classes:

Learn how to reduce food waste, properly sort your recyclable items and recycle unusual items like batteries. You'll receive a reusable recycling bag, a recycling kit with posters of how to sort and a composting container for your kitchen.

- Monday, Aug. 12, 12-1 p.m.
Bellevue Library 1111 110th Ave NE
- Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1-2 p.m.
Newport Way Library 14250 SE Newport Way
- Monday, Sept. 30, 7-8 p.m.
Newport Way Library 14250 SE Newport Way

- Wednesday, Oct. 9, 12-1 p.m.
Lake Hills Library 15590 Lake Hills Blvd.
- Monday, Oct. 21, 7-8 p.m.
Bellevue Library 1111 110th Ave NE

Registration for all classes is required. Please email Utilities at recycle@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-6932 to register. Space is limited, and on a first-come, first-served basis. Adults and children over 7 are welcome to attend!

Senior Day at the Market

The Bellevue Farmers Market and Bellevue Network on Aging will honor older adults with "Senior Day at the Market" on Thursday, Aug. 8! In addition to luscious veggies, fruits, flowers and food, Senior Day will feature:

- music from the North Bellevue Community Center's Sounds of Swing Quartet,
- information and demonstrations from vendors,
- non-profit groups who support and assist our community's seniors,
- and discount coupons for the first 50 seniors who visit the Network on Aging booth.

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Come and celebrate with us!

The Bellevue Farmers Market is held at Bellevue Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, 3-7 p.m. Parking is free.





Drowning Prevention

By Camari Olson, Bellevue Fire Department

One of the many appeals of living in, and visiting, the City of Bellevue is the access to water recreation. Whether you enjoy our shorelines, fantastic beach parks or swimming in community and private pools, water plays an elemental role in our summer activities. Too often, however, recreation turns to tragedy; drowning incidents claim approximately 3,500 lives each year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death in children ages 1-4, the majority of which occur in home swimming pools.

The Fire Department in collaboration with Bellevue TV has put together a compelling story of a local mother sharing her personal tragedy. Her hope is to prevent others from having to deal with the same devastating loss from drowning. bit.ly/2LPvdX7

For information on swimming lessons, visit the Bellevue Aquatics Center at Bellevue Parks & Community Services (BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/parks/sports-and-athletics/bellevue-aquatic-center/swim-lessons-and-programs).

The Bellevue Fire Department offers CPR courses (BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/fire/medical/cpr-training) to include adult, child and infant as well as use of an AED. Water safety tips can be found at The American Red Cross (redcross.org/take-a-class/swimming/water-safety/water-safety-tips-training).



City's First Bike Signal Installed in Factoria Neighborhood

City crews have installed Bellevue's first bike signal at the intersection of Southeast Newport Way and Factoria Boulevard Southeast, near Newport High School. The work is part of a larger project to enhance and extend bicycle lanes on Newport Way, from Somerset Boulevard to Factoria Boulevard.

At this location, many vehicles make right turns north onto Factoria Boulevard and conflict with people bicycling west on Newport Way, especially those trying to make a left turn south onto Factoria Boulevard. The bike signal will improve safety by keeping people bicycling and driving separate as they travel through the complex intersection.

With the new bike signal, bicyclists will only turn left once the bike signal turns green. If the vehicle signal turns green and the bike signal is red, people riding bikes may not turn left. People driving should proceed through the intersection only if the traffic signal is green. If the bike signal is green and the vehicle signal is red, drivers may not turn right.



A loop buried in the pavement and marked with a small, white bicycle symbol indicates where bicyclists should stop. A sign next to the bike lane will illuminate to confirm the bike signal has detected their presence. The bike signal across the street — to the right of the vehicle signals — will then show a green light only when all vehicle signals display red, allowing people bicycling to safely enter the intersection.

Bike signals are now used in many U.S. cities. Although they may extend intersection wait times slightly, bike signals have been found to increase compliance and to reduce the number of crashes compared with other traffic control options. More bike signals are planned in Bellevue as the city strives to achieve its Vision Zero target to eliminate fatal and serious-injury crashes by 2030.

The overall project is funded by the Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy. It cost approximately \$50,000 to design and build; the bike signal installation represents about \$25,000 of the total.

Telephone Conciliation

Training 2019



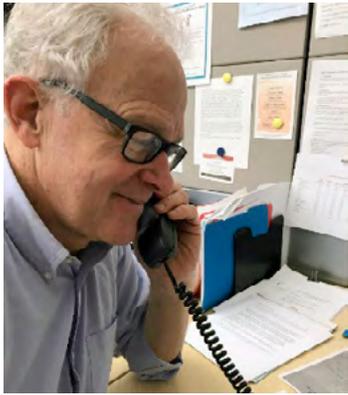
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Tuesday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Lewis Creek Visitor Center

Tuesday, Sept. 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? Possibly speak a second language? Do you live or work in Bellevue? Got time?



If so, you are encouraged to apply to become a conciliator with the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center which helps people in the Bellevue community resolve their conflicts. Conciliators assist callers in understanding their issues, exploring options and developing strategies for problem resolution. In this training, you will learn conflict theory, advanced communication skills, negotiation, coaching, database usage and procedural tools. These skills are useful even if you don't volunteer.

There is no charge for the training. 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. We will send you details and a registration form when available. Class size is limited. Phone interviews will follow

Questions? 425-452-4091

Application deadline is Aug. 30, 2019.



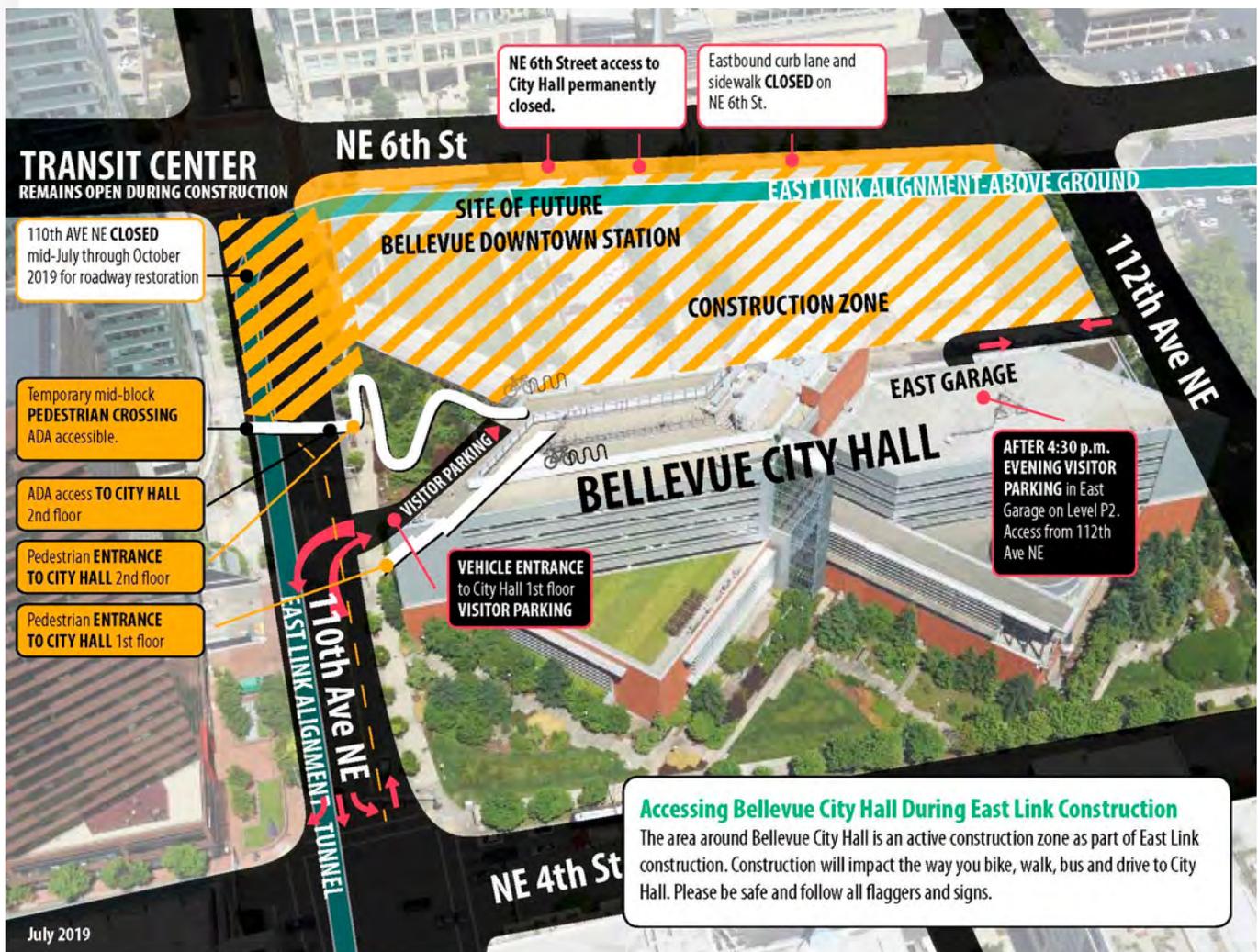
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Road closure by City Hall

Access visitor parking from northbound 110th Ave NE

If you're planning a visit to City Hall, access to visitor parking can only be made from northbound 110th Avenue Northeast. This is because the northern portion of the roadway (between the City Hall driveway and Northeast Sixth Street) is closed in both directions as Sound Transit restores the roadway. The closure, needed for the East Link light rail project, will be in place for up to four months.

Visitor parking is prioritized for customers who are conducting business with the city or attending city-sponsored public meetings and hearings. Free evening public parking is available after 4:30 p.m. in the East Garage (P2 level), accessed from 112th Ave. NE.



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Get ready for I-405 Aug. weekend lane and ramp closures affecting downtown exits

Sound Transit has received approval from Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to implement directional closures on Interstate 405 (I-405) in downtown Bellevue over two weekends in August. The closures are needed for crews to remove the temporary columns and beams that supported construction of the elevated guideway over I-405.

Generally, the two weekend closures on I-405 are configured as ramp closures starting on Friday night (10 p.m.) and transition to mainline closures starting late Saturday night (around midnight) and possibly lasting through early Monday morning (but no later than 5 a.m.)

A southbound direction closure is planned for **Aug. 9 through 12**; a northbound direction closure is planned for **Aug. 16 through 19**. The downtown exits impacted by the closures are at Northeast Fourth, Sixth and Eighth streets.

The best way to prepare for these closures is to plan your weekends day-by-day and have an alternate route in mind or use a navigation app. Details about the closures, including alternate route maps, can be found at BellevueWA.gov/accessbellevue.

East Link aerial guideway over I-405 in downtown Bellevue



NE 12th Street to close Aug. 16-19 for pedestrian bridge removal

Crews working for the city will remove the Northeast 12th Street Pedestrian Bridge the weekend of Aug. 16-19. This will require the full closure of Northeast 12th Street, between 108th and 110th Avenue Northeast, from 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, to accommodate the demolition.

The street will be closed to all vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic. A signed detour route will be in place directing traffic to 108th Avenue Northeast, Northeast 10th Street and 110th Avenue Northeast. The work will include some nighttime noise and construction lighting.

The bridge was closed to pedestrians in August 2018 after inspectors discovered rot on a bridge support had compromised the structure.

Consultants who evaluated the structure estimated the cost to replace it, and to comply with federally-mandated accessibility requirements, at \$6 million. The contract to remove it, awarded to Razz Construction, is for \$275,000. A nearby crosswalk at 108th Avenue Northeast provides a safe alternative for pedestrians.



Originally built in 1969 as a pedestrian path across Northeast 12th Street, the span provided a route to the old Ashwood Elementary School from neighborhoods to the north. The 386-foot long, timber arch bridge previously was rehabilitated in 1994 and in 2007.



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. To subscribe to this newsletter, visit: BellevueWA.gov/neighborhood-news

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