

neighborhood news



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news for and about
Bellevue neighborhoods



September 15-24

Bellevue, along with other eastside cities, non-profit partners, faith organizations, and community groups will be hosting a variety of activities in honor of “Welcoming Week.” This annual series of events reinforces the inclusive environment Bellevue is

known for and recognizes the importance of engaging immigrants, refugees, and native-born residents.

In 2014, the City Council adopted the simple vision statement: “Bellevue welcomes the world. Diversity is our strength.” Since then, Bellevue has led a strategic effort to engage all residents through many programs including the Diversity Advantage Initiative. Last fall, Bellevue became the largest city in Washington State to have a majority population of people of color.

In 2017, the City of Bellevue officially became a partner in the national welcoming network, sponsored by the organization Welcoming America. Bellevue is also joined by the local communities of Kirkland, Tacoma, Seattle, and King County. Welcoming America is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that supports cross-sector local efforts of organizations who are dedicated to ensuring a welcoming environment for all people. We hope you join us for all the events on the Eastside. To see a list of Welcoming Week activities throughout the eastside please visit Welcome Eastside <https://ericmembers.wordpress.com/calendar-2/>. A sample of the events include:

World Dance Basics

Hosts: King County Library System

Fridays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 6, 6:15-7:30pm,

Crossroads Community Center,

16000 NE 10th St, Bellevue

Welcoming America Resource Fair

Host: Hopelink

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 12-4pm

Bellevue Center,

14812 Main St. Bellevue

Eastside Timebank Welcoming Potluck

Host: Eastside Timebank

Thursday, Sept. 14, 6:30-8:30pm

North Bellevue Community Center,

4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue

Welcoming 101: Walking Our Talk

Hosts: Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition, the City of Bellevue, the City of Redmond, the City of Kirkland

Friday, Sept. 15, 2-4pm

Redmond Library, Meeting Room 2,

15990 NE 85th St. Redmond

Move & Groove with Community!

Hosts: Wellness Professionals Network and the Bellevue Family YMCA

Saturday, Sept. 16, 6:30-8pm

Bellevue Family YMCA,

14230 Bel Red Rd. Bellevue

For any questions about Welcoming Week, please contact Mark Manuel, Diversity Outreach and Engagement Administrator, at mmanuel@bellevuewa.gov or 425-425-7886.



A New Season of Cultural Conversations

“Creating a Welcoming Space for Others to Share”

Tuesday, September 19, 1-2:30pm

Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St, Bellevue

As we return to this season’s Cultural Conversations and participate in “Welcoming America Week”, a nationwide program that kicks off in Bellevue and across America September 15-24th, we are reminded as part of welcoming others how much there is to learn to increase our cultural understanding in how we communicate both verbal and non-verbally. Cultural Conversations, a program entering its seventh season, has transformed relationships and perspectives among diverse women in our community through education and storytelling since 2010.

What if we considered our role of listening and self-awareness to be just as impactful as speaking? What if we learned the skills needed to create a safe and comfortable space for all who want to tell their stories? Our storyteller, Spring Cheng of “Resonance Path Institute” will share her deep learning which occurred upon her immigration from China, which provided a personal and professional awakening in learning the value and gifts of both Individualized “I” (focused on self) cultures and collective “We” (focused on the group) cultures.

Connecting through our stories is the basis for building community, and we hear from Cultural Conversations participants: “I don’t really have a cultural story; my life is not remarkable enough to share my stories”; “I am not accustomed to sharing and don’t want to interrupt when others have the floor” or “I have learned to feel comfortable sharing my voice and my stories when people create the space for me.” Making it easy for others to share is where we begin to prepare for the connection in conversations as a welcoming America. Please join us for tea and conversation and be inspired to connect with others in your community.

Women of all ages, faiths and cultures are welcome to attend. To fully participate in the sharing, attendees are encouraged to make arrangements for childcare. Please RSVP to Carol Ross at cross@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7917.

We Need Your Help



As fall approaches, the Bellevue street maintenance workers are looking to residents for help in keeping city streets clean. Many neighborhoods have overgrown trees and vegetation blocking access to sidewalks and travel lanes. While crews can trim along main roads, the city lacks the resources to clear all of the residential trees.

Residents are responsible for trimming trees and shrubs on residential streets and keeping sidewalks near their homes clear of vegetation and debris. Such maintenance ensures access for cars, trucks, pedestrians and street sweepers. Here’s what you can do to help:

- Trim vegetation back one foot behind sidewalks, seven feet above sidewalks, and 15 feet over roadways. The City owns two street sweepers to keep roads clear for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. But if trees have grown over curbs, sweepers can’t safely clear away leaves and other debris. This can cause damage to the sweeper, or lead to flooding due to clogged storm drains.
- Remove leaves and other debris from storm drains near your home to help prevent flooding. City workers remove leaves as part of routine maintenance, but in the fall, there is no way to keep all 30,000 storm drains clear without the public’s help.

For questions about the maintenance of streets, sidewalks, other right of way structures or landscaping, please call 425-452-7840 or email O&MSupport@bellevuewa.gov



Northeast Bellevue NEP Open House

Tuesday, September 12, 6-8pm

*Sherwood Forest Elementary School Gym,
16411 NE 24th St*

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) is a \$5M, city-funded, capital improvements program that empowers residents to propose and select moderate projects that improve the quality of life and enhance the character of their neighborhoods. The program rotates through the City's 14 NEP Neighborhood Areas over the course of seven years (2015-2022), serving two areas each year. To find out which NEP Neighborhood Area you call home, when NEP will be in your area, and how much funding your area will receive, please visit <https://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep.htm>

We are thrilled to announce that we received nearly 100 project requests for Northeast (NE) Bellevue! The NEP team has used the past few months to evaluate the accessibility, feasibility, cost and maintainability of each request to determine which are eligible for the ballot. Popular project requests in NE Bellevue included sidewalks, crosswalks, entry treatments, streetlights and park amenities. Popular project locations included Northup Way, Ardmore Park, 164th Avenue NE, 173rd Avenue NE, NE 8th Street, 168th Avenue NE and West Lake Sammamish Parkway.

The NE Bellevue NEP Project Open House will be held on September 12, 6-8pm at the Sherwood Forest Elementary School gym. The meeting will provide a brief overview of the project ideas we received, visuals that describe and show each project proposed for the ballot, and the opportunity to offer your comments on the proposed projects. All open house materials, including the project description boards and presentation, will be available on the NEP website (<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep.htm>) the week of September 12.

For more information about the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, please visit the website or contact Ying Carlson at y Carlson@bellevuewa.gov.

Bellevue is Plugged In to National Drive Electric Week

Monday, September 11, 4-7pm

Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St

Come celebrate plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) with the people who drive them every day. Learn the latest information about PEVs from those who know about the exciting advances just this year. The City of Bellevue has made its Downtown Park available for the gathering. There is plenty of room for people to bring their PEVs for display in this fabulous, family friendly location in the heart of downtown Bellevue. Don't miss this event!

There are several ways you can participate:

- Sign-up (<https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=1019>) as someone planning to attend the event so you can receive updates on activities scheduled for the event.
- Register (<https://driveelectricweek.org/event-attend.php?eventid=1019>) (for free) to display your PEV in the park
- Volunteer (<https://driveelectricweek.org/volunteer.php>) to help organize the evening's activities

Seattle Metro Area's Eastside has one of the highest rates of PEV registrations in the nation. Learn about the City of Bellevue's commitment to accelerating adoption of zero emission vehicles and meet other residents to learn about their experience owning and driving a PEV.

To learn more, go to: www.driveelectricweek.org



Traffic Safety Open House

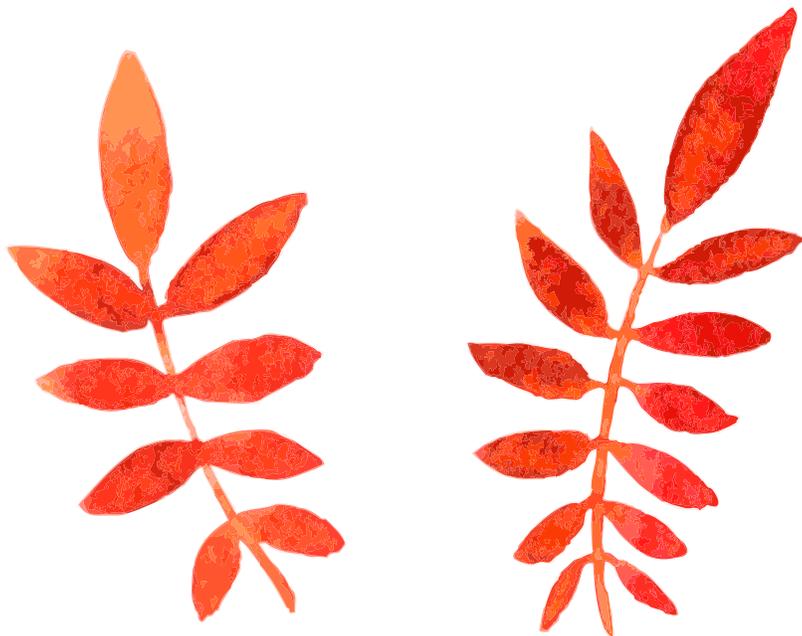
Share your traffic issues & concerns in the Eastgate area near Tye Middle School

Saturday, September 30, 3-5pm (presentation at 3:30pm)

Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way

The City of Bellevue Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services is currently identifying existing traffic safety concerns and will be developing strategies for traffic improvement around Tye Middle School and nearby Eastgate neighborhood streets. These strategies will focus on addressing concerns about speeding and traffic volumes as well as the need for safe walking and bicycling to/from school and around the neighborhood.

Attend the meeting this month to provide feedback about the neighborhood traffic concerns identified to date. Your input will help the project team confirm specific locations of concern and determine what measures will encourage safer and more responsible driver behavior, improve streets for people walking and biking and deter cut-through traffic. If you can't make the meeting, you can still provide feedback by filling out our short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TyeeandEastgate> For more information, please contact Vangie Garcia, City of Bellevue Senior Project Manager at vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6103



Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

You are invited

Save the Date for Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30-8:30pm

City Hall Council Chamber, 450 110th Ave NE

Mark your calendar and join in conversation with the City Manager and members of the leadership team. Share what's important to you in your neighborhood. City Manager Brad Miyake will be joined by several department directors to listen to what's on your mind about our city and issues important to you. Please send your RSVP to neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov.

Northup Way Corridor Improvements Project Celebration

Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 1:30-2:30pm

Schoenfeld Interiors, 11555 Northup Way Parking Lot.

Nearby businesses and residents are invited to celebrate the completion of the Northup Way Corridor Roadway Improvement project. With its completion, there are new bike lanes and sidewalk improvements on both sides of Northup Way between NE 24th Street and NE 33rd Place, and many more improvements. This project was jointly sponsored by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). City staff would like to thank the business and residential community for their patience and understanding over the past year and half of construction. Light refreshments will be served. For questions, please contact David Grant at 425-452-4397 or dgrant@bellevuewa.gov.





Eastside Rail Corridor Trail Open House

Saturday, September 9, 1-2:30 p.m.

Bellevue Public Library, 1111 110th Ave NE

This fall, King County will be removing rails in portions of the Eastside Rail Corridor and opening segments of interim gravel trail. A total of five miles of interim trail will open later this year! Come to one of the open houses to learn more about this work and what to expect during construction.

Segments that will be opening include a one-mile-long section from the Cross Kirkland Corridor at 108th Ave NE to Northup Way. This segment will also connect into Bellevue's Spring District south of SR 520, with a connection from the Eastside Rail Corridor to bike lanes on 120th Ave NE by the end of the year. A four-mile -long segment from Gene Coulon Park in Renton to Newcastle Beach Park in Bellevue will also be opening, with connections at either end to the existing Lake Washington Loop Trail.

For more information, please visit the project website at www.kingcounty.gov/parks/eastsiderailcorridor and sign up to receive project updates by email or text. You can also email: erctrail@kingcounty.gov



Construction Projects Update

Construction slows down a bit the month of September. Here are the lane or full road closures for this month:

- Bellevue Way and Main Street Intersection: Work continues until the end of September to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Northup Way Connection to SR 520 Trail: Construction completion is close; however, final punch-list items may continue through the first or second week of this month, 7 am – 4 pm, Monday through Friday.
- Upper Skagit Key Project: The Utilities Department is doing a culvert replacement near 5 Skagit Key in the Newport Shores neighborhood. Through September 15, 2017, work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to complete in-stream construction activities, clear bypass pumps and prepare for the next day's activities.

Construction Information Tools: To stay up-to-date about where construction has lane or full road closures, please use the following information tools:

- Electronic Message boards: Gives dates or times of upcoming lane or road closures.
- Real-time Traffic Map & Cameras: www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap
- Traffic Advisories webpage: www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm
- Follow the Transportation Department on Twitter: @BvueTrans
- Capital Project (Interactive) Map: www.bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm
- Sign up for email alerts on project webpages: www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation.htm



East Link Update

South Bellevue

- Bellevue Way: Intermittent weekend lane closures through November.
- SE 15th Street closed for approximately three years for road-over-rail construction.
- 112th Ave SE northbound lanes closed for through November. Traffic is diverted to the two southbound lanes; one lane in each direction. (Sidewalk on the eastside of 112th Ave SE between NE 8th and Bellevue Way closed; sidewalk access will be maintained on the west side)
- 112th Ave SE south of Main St: Intermittent lane and sidewalk closures.
- SE 4th Street/112th Ave SE: Permanently closed.

Central Bellevue

- Lane closures: Expect lane closures on 110th Ave NE, NE 6th St., and 112th Ave. SE. Entrance to City Hall from 110th Ave NE closed through late September; enter from NE 6th Street. Expect full closure of a portion of 110th Ave NE for nine months to begin in October.
- 114th Avenue NE cul-de-sac closed for approximately two years. Bicycle detour in place.
- NE 2nd Pl from 110th Ave NE to 111th Ave NE: Closed through 2018.
- Expect lane closures on NE 8th between 116th Ave NE and 120th Ave NE.

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- Lane closures: Lane closures on NE 20th Street, 130th Ave. NE, 132nd Ave NE, 136th Place NE, NE Spring Blvd., 140th Ave NE and 148th Ave NE.

To receive East Link construction alerts via text or email, go to www.soundtransit.org/subscribe. For more about the East Link project, go to www.soundtransit.org/eastlink. 24-Hour Construction Hotline: 1-888-298-2395. For current construction updates, go to transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/east-link-light-rail/east-link-current-news/.



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

(6pm, Bellevue City Hall) Last Tuesday of each month
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bdan.htm>

East Bellevue Community Council (6:30pm, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) First Tuesday of each month
<http://bellevuewa.gov/ebcc.htm>

Arts Commission

(4:30pm, 1E-109) First Tuesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

Environmental Services Commission

(6:30pm, 1E-113) First Thursday of each month
http://bellevuewa.gov/environ_serv_comm.htm

Planning Commission (6:30pm, 1E-113) Second and fourth Wednesday of each month
http://bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

Transportation Commission (6:30pm, 1E-113) Second Thursday of the month of each month
http://bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

Human Services Commission

(6pm, 1E-113) First and third Tuesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

LEOFF 1 Disability Board

(6pm, Room 1E-118) First Tuesday of each month
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/leoff-1-disability-board.htm>

Library Board

(5pm, Lake Hills, Bellevue or Newport Way Library) The third Tuesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm

Parks & Community Services Board

(6pm, 1E-113) Second Tuesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

Network on Aging

(8:30am, 1E-113) First Thursday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

Special Events Committee

(8:30am, 1E-112) Second Thursday of each month
http://bellevuewa.gov/special_events_committee.htm

Youth Link Board

(6pm, 1E-120) Second Wednesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/youth_link_board.htm

Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Office 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 <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-outreach.htm> or call 425-452-6836 or email: neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov

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	6pm, Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8pm, Regular Session	Council Chambers	8pm, Oral Communications
2 and 4 Mondays except in August and December	6-10pm, Extended Study Session	Council Conference Room	6pm, Oral Communications
August - first Monday only	6pm, Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8pm, Regular Session	Council Chambers	8pm, Oral Communications
December - first and second Mondays only	6pm, Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8pm, Regular Session	Council Chambers	8pm, Oral Communications

City of Bellevue Presents Green Cleaning Workshops



FREE!

Attend these fun and informative workshops and learn how to:

 Choose and make green cleaners

 Avoid products that are harmful to your health and our environment

Workshop attendees will receive:

 A FREE green cleaning kit

 Certificate for completing the class



**Wednesday
September 13th**
Bellevue Library
1111 110th Ave NE
7:00-8:00PM
Registration is required*

**Friday
October 13th**
Bellevue Library
1111 110th Ave NE
2:00-3:00PM
Registration is required*

**Thursday
November 2nd**
Newport Way Library
14250 SE Newport Way
7:00-8:00PM
Registration is required*

**Tuesday
October 3rd**
Newport Way Library
14250 SE Newport Way
7:00-8:00PM
Registration is required*

**Sunday
October 22nd**
Lake Hills Library
15590 Lake Hills Blvd
3:00-4:00PM
Registration is required*

**Monday
November 6th**
Lake Hills Library
15590 Lake Hills Blvd
7:00-8:00PM
Registration is required*

All registered workshop participants receive this free Green Cleaning Kit!
Contents may vary



***Advance registration is required.**

To register contact us at recycle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6932

Classes are limited to 20 people.
Children over 7 are welcome with accompanying adult.
The class is geared towards adults.

Produced in partnership with the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County. This information is available in alternate formats on request at 425-452-6800 (voice) or 711 (TTY relay).

