



## Neighbor Link Program

Blossoms on the trees, grass getting greener, sun high in the sky; these are signals that we are moving into the time of year when we start planning get-togethers with our neighbors and friends!

Neighbor Link, a program of Neighborhood Outreach runs from June 1 to October 1 and is designed to provide resources to encourage Bellevue's residents to connect as a community. The gatherings, large and small, provide an opportunity for roughly 3,000 neighbors every year to meet or reconnect with one another, share a meal, create distribution lists for communication and safety and choose a service project to benefit those in need within the local community. Last summer there were 36 events coordinated through Neighbor Link. Is your neighborhood ready for an event this summer? Give us a call!

Our offerings include colorful flyers and signage to promote your event and connections for a planned Police visit or the Fire Department to arrive with a truck. We'll also help you safely close your street so that you can increase your nearby neighbor attendance at your event; bring the party to them and they will come!

### New this year:

- Welcoming Banner for those planning neighborhood parties
- A New Theme – Planning for your Preparedness Party

## Why Plan a Preparedness Party?

Let's face it, thinking about the possibility of preparing for an emergency, where a family or community may need to shelter in place for 3 days or more is very daunting. Living in the Pacific Northwest, we've been told not if, but when, to prepare for a very large scale earthquake. Emergency Preparedness also means being prepared for the possibility of a wind or snowstorm that knocks out power for days at a time.

The summer is a great time, as you plan your get-togethers to add an element of education around preparation. Neighbor Link in collaboration with Fire's Office of Emergency Management, encourages those who live or work in Bellevue to start with the basics and build an emergency kit for your home, office and/or car. It's also a great time to meet the individuals who are trained in emergency response in your neighborhood. In the event of an emergency, as neighbors, you will be each other's first responder and providers.

Not interested in a Preparedness Party but like the idea of sharing this emergency information with your neighbors? How about incorporating an information table/or swap table into your planning, displaying a sample kit, and creating a sign-up list for neighbors that might be interested in this topic at a later date?

See our program guide for fun ideas to lighten a heavy topic and get prepared; including creative edible appetizers to learn about best foods to stockpile for an emergency.

For more information on Neighbor Link, contact Carol Ross, [cross@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cross@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7917.



# Under Our Skin:

## What Do We Mean When We Talk About Race?



### Better Together Spring Series

## Under Our Skin: What Do We Mean When We Talk About Race?

*Wednesday, May 31, 6:30pm*

*Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE*

Join us in a facilitated discussion about race and inclusiveness as we explore the Seattle Times “Under Our Skin” project. Video presentation will highlight personal reflections and stories from the diverse people who participated in this project and will inspire all of us to think and talk about issues of race in a deeper way.

For those who freeze up at the prospect of talking about race, this will help break the ice. For those who tend to take sides right away when the issue of race comes up, Under Our Skin will challenge your assumptions and build common ground.

Please RSVP to [neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-5372

## Artspace Coming to Bellevue

*Public Meeting | Wednesday, May 10, 7pm*

*Bellevue City Hall Council Chambers,  
450 110th Ave NE*

As a means to leverage the incredible community development and placemaking potential of the arts, the City of Bellevue has contracted with Artspace, a Minneapolis-based non-profit developer of affordable space for artists and arts organizations, to conduct a feasibility study looking into the potential of such a development in Bellevue. Artspace will be coming to Bellevue



May 9th through the 11th to conduct a series of focus groups and to host a public meeting to get a better sense of the community’s needs, leadership’s vision, and other topics.

Artspace is the leader in building affordable artist developments with 49 projects in operation or development in 37 cities across the country. Locally, they have built and now operate The Shack in Everett and three projects in Seattle including the Mount Baker Lofts at the Sound Transit Mount Baker Station, and two developments in Pioneer Square that form the heart of Seattle’s arts community. Each of their projects have a focus on developing community space and create a lasting and transformative impact on the community.

Join us this month at City Hall to talk about the transformative value of the arts and what their projects can bring to the community. For more information about Artspace and the important work they do, please visit [www.artspace.org](http://www.artspace.org). For information about the public event, please contact Scott MacDonald at 425-452-4852 or email at [smacdonald@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:smacdonald@bellevuewa.gov).



Chaplin's Subaru, Overlake Medical Center and the City of Bellevue present the

## 6th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride

*Saturday, June 3, Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 164th Ave SE*

*Registration: 8am, Ride starts: 9am*



Come join us for an enjoyable, non-competitive, recreational ride for the whole family. The 5th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride starts and finishes at the Lake Hills Community

Park. The event benefits Bellevue Youth Camp Scholarship Fund.

There are two unique routes that take riders through Bellevue's award winning park system exploring hidden treasures of Bellevue: a mostly flat 9-mile Greenbelt Loop route and the Lake Loop which is a more challenging 22-mile route.

Both routes are approximately 80% on-road and 20% off-road gravel. This event is recommended for ages 9 and up. Riders under age 9 must be in a tag-a-long or trailer. Volunteers are needed.

Entry fees are low. Participants receive a custom t-shirt. Pre-registration is welcome and participants will pay a \$15 entry fee instead of the \$20 entry fee on the day of the event. Day of event registration opens at 8am and first riders depart at 9am. Lots of goodies at post ride fest. To register, please visit <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> with activity code #117822. Phone registration please call 425-452-6885. For more information, please visit event website at <http://bellevuewa.gov/lake-to-lake-bike-ride.htm> or call 425-452-4882 or email [bikeride@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bikeride@bellevuewa.gov)

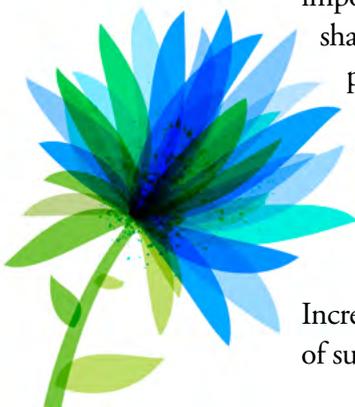
### Cultural Conversations

## Resiliency and Compassion in the Darkness of Human Trafficking

*Tuesday, June 6, 1-3pm | Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St, Bellevue*

At its June meeting, the women's group Cultural Conversations will focus on the resiliency of the human spirit and the compassion of community found within the reality of human and sex trafficking. While we may think that human trafficking is outside of the realm of our daily interaction, the pain of trafficking is a local and global issue that is closer than we think. The June program will increase our awareness and most importantly

share stories about how individuals, professionals and non-profits are working to help women break this bondage. Learn how women across the world and here at home have found the strength to move forward in the most unlikely places. Increasing awareness and sharing stories of survival, hope and compassion:



Captain Lisa Patricelli, Bellevue Police Department, will share what human trafficking is and what it looks like locally. As a professional in public safety, Captain Patricelli will share her philosophy of meeting individuals at their comfort levels. She will also share how compassion, respect and consistency can be the key to someone who may be looking for a lifeline.

Elaine Adams, manager of the Escape to Peace Center, [www.escapetopeace.org](http://www.escapetopeace.org) located in downtown Bellevue, will share her story of survival and overcoming personal obstacles to help others. The Escape to Peace Center, founded by Carol Loya, is Eastside King County's only anti-sex trafficking facility. It recently opened in late 2016 and provides survivors with the resources to begin the process to heal from the trauma.

Lila Ghising, Friends of WPC Nepal, [www.friendsofwpcnepal.org](http://www.friendsofwpcnepal.org) will provide a global perspective. Lila, sharing her own story of escape,

grew up in the slums of Nepal where the lack of education and poverty contribute to this human rights disaster. We'll be inspired by the resiliency of this fierce yet gentle spirit, who has dedicated her life to help and support of women and their families who are in similar danger, and give them an opportunity for a better future.

Cultural Conversations, a Bellevue women's group, was formed in 2010 to increase cultural understanding and connection. Events are free,



## Bellevue College Community Conversations

*Wednesday, May 17 and June 14, 7-8pm*

*Bellevue College Room L100,  
3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue*

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

For more information, please contact Divya Nair at 425-564-5669 or email [divya.nair@bellevuecollege.edu](mailto:divya.nair@bellevuecollege.edu)



refreshments are served, and women of all ages, faiths, and cultures are welcome to attend. To fully participate in the sharing, we encourage you to make arrangements for childcare. For more information and RSVP for this space limited program, please contact Carol Ross 425-452-7917, [cross@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cross@bellevuewa.gov) or Barb Tuininga 425-452-2800, [btuininga@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:btuininga@bellevuewa.gov).

## Bellevue Essentials

### Everything You've Always Wanted to Know about the City of Bellevue!

*Application available May 5*

*Information Meeting*

*Wednesday, June 14, 6-7pm*

*Bellevue City Hall Room 1E-112  
450 110th Ave NE*

Bellevue Essentials is now recruiting the Class of 2017. Bellevue Essentials is a 9-week introduction course to the inner workings of City government. 35 exceptional individuals will be selected to learn, engage and participate hands-on with the current challenges and opportunities Bellevue faces.

If you have a desire to deepen your knowledge of Bellevue city government and your own commitment to civic engagement, apply by August 1 to be part of the 2017 class. The course begins in September.

Join us next month for an informational meeting to learn more about the Bellevue Essentials program. Brochures and applications will be available starting May 5 on our website <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-essentials.htm>. For more information or to request a packet, contact Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-5372 or [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).



# STARTUP425

## Startup425: Founders Learning Series

*May 3: Business Structure & Licensing*

*May 10: Business Plan*

*May 17: Networking & Mentoring*

*May 24: Financing & Accounting*

*May 31: Marketing*

**6:30-8:30pm, Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE**

Have a great idea for a product or business? Not sure how to get started? Join Startup425 and seasoned professionals from Greater Seattle SCORE for a series of workshops focused on bringing your ideas to reality, from developing a business plan to crafting a financing and marketing strategy.



Each session will focus on a different aspect of the startup process, and participants may choose to attend one, multiple, or all sessions, depending on individual needs and interests.

All events run on Wednesdays from 6:30pm – 8:30 tpm at Bellevue City Hall, and include a light dinner.

This program is part of Startup425, a collaborative effort on the part of Eastside communities—Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah, and Renton to provide easy-to-access

resources for early-stage small businesses and promote economic development. Already Startup 425 has hosted a number of workshops and sponsored a delegation of startups attending Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Spain. Watch for further workshops and partnerships as we build out our programming.

Learn more and sign up for the Founders Learning Series at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/founders-learning-series-tickets-33350025825?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>. To learn more about Startup 425 at <http://www.startup425.org/>.

For questions, please contact Anthony Gill, Economic Development Analyst for the City of Bellevue, at 425-452-4114 or [agill@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:agill@bellevuewa.gov).



## Neighbor to Neighbor: Working Together to Create Safer Communities

**Thursday, May 25, 6:30pm | Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue**

Map Your Neighborhood is a state-wide disaster preparedness program that empowers neighborhoods to prepare for emergencies and disaster situations. The program helps save lives, reduces the severity of injuries and trauma, and reduces property damage.

At the Neighbor to Neighbors Meeting, participants will learn:

Steps to take immediately after an emergency

- Identify the skills and equipment each neighbor has that will benefit your family and neighbors in the event of an emergency.

- Create a Neighborhood Map to identify natural gas, power and water locations for quick action.
- Create a contact list of neighbors with specific needs, like young children at home, elderly, or disabled, who may need extra help.
- How to work together to build a stronger, safer and connected neighborhood.

For more information about the event or to learn more about the Map your Neighborhood Program, please contact Sophia Lopez at 425-452-4161 or [SLopez@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:SLopez@bellevuewa.gov).



# TRAFFIC CORNER



## Intersection closure near Downtown Park extended

The intersection at Northeast 1st Street and 102nd Avenue Northeast will continue to be closed to vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians through May 17 for intersection and pedestrian crossing improvements.

The roadway closure, which began in late March, is being extended to address unexpected conditions, utility adjustments, scheduling, and coordination of work and site restoration.

The new crossing will connect to a new south entrance of Downtown Park, which is scheduled to reopen at the end of June, following completion of the circular promenade and a new, universally accessible Inspiration Playground. Designed to integrate with the park entrance, the new intersection will feature a pedestrian-friendly raised surface.



*Intersection near Downtown Park.*

Work at the intersection includes: pavement removal; regrading and repaving; and removal and replacement of the sidewalk ramps.

Construction crews work Monday through Friday, 7am-5:30pm, and

Saturdays, 9am-5pm. Local traffic will have access to parking garages, and deliveries, mail service and garbage collection will continue.

Westbound traffic on Northeast Second Street will be detoured to Main Street at 103rd Avenue Northeast. Eastbound traffic on Northeast First Street will be closed to through traffic at the intersection of 100th Avenue Northeast.

Street parking will be unavailable on Northeast 1st Street from 100th Avenue Northeast to 103rd Avenue Northeast.

## Commute Trip Planning Available to Help You Navigate Park and Ride Closures

Choose Your Way Bellevue program available to Bellevue residents and employees

Now that Sound Transit has announced the closure of the Overlake Transit Center and South Bellevue Park and Ride lots due to East Link light rail construction, residents and businesses may want to turn to a local resource for help.

The City's [Choose Your Way Bellevue](#) online resource for non-drive-alone travel options offers custom commute planning, trip-planning resources, maps, and guides. By signing up on the [Rewards](#) page, you can even enjoy discounts offered by local business and rewards for trying a non-drive-alone mode.

Request a [custom commute plan](#) and visit at [www.ChooseYourWayBellevue.org](http://www.ChooseYourWayBellevue.org) where you can learn more about taking transit, carpooling, vanpooling, walking, bicycling and even removing a trip altogether with teleworking and compressed work schedules.

The parking lots at Overlake will close May 1 for up to six years; the South Bellevue parking closes May 30 for up to five years. Sound Transit will work with its contractors to open the lots earlier if possible. Transit serving the South Bellevue Park-and-Ride and Overlake Transit Center will continue to serve nearby stops during construction.

These two park and ride lots serve many commuters, including those who live and work in Bellevue. Sound Transit has secured alternate commuter parking lots and identified existing ones that are under-utilized. For an interactive map on available lots, go to [www.soundtransit.org/eastlink](http://www.soundtransit.org/eastlink).

## Construction Projects Update

Construction continues in May for a number of projects and begins for a number of pavement



overlay programs. The following locations serve a high volume of traffic so, if possible, use an alternate route, especially on 140th Avenue NE and 164th Avenue NE:

### Lane or full road closures:

- **Northrup Way Connection to SR 520 Trail:** Work continues on sidewalks, bike lanes and intersection projects east of I-405. Continue to expect construction delay from 7am – 4pm, Monday through Friday.
- **120th Ave NE, Stage 2: NE 8th St to NE 12th St:** Work continues on the retaining walls on the west side of the roadway.



Please watch for electronic message boards indicating when work will need to be done in the NE 8th Street and 120th Avenue NE intersection to relocate the existing U-turn.

- **120th Ave NE, Stage 3: NE 12th St to NE 16th St:** The roadway is closed until May 2017 to build a bridge with five lanes and bike lanes between the 1400 block and 1600 block. The good news is that the roadway is expected to open ahead of schedule.
- **NE 1st St and 102nd Ave NE:** This intersection will be closed through May 17, 2017 from 7am to 3:30pm Both drivers and pedestrians will need to adhere to the posted detours. Northbound 102nd will be closed to thru traffic at Main Street.
- **140th Avenue NE** between NE 8th Street and NE 24th Street will have roadway repaving work.
- **164th Avenue NE** between NE 8th Street and Northrup Way will have roadway repaving work.

Besides City of Bellevue projects, here are some construction impacts related to East Link light rail:

### South Bellevue

- **112th Ave SE south of Main St:** Intermittent lane and sidewalk closures to haul dirt from the south portal tunnel excavation project.
- **South Bellevue Park and Ride closes May 30.** Alternate commuter lot information at [www.soundtransit.org/eastlink](http://www.soundtransit.org/eastlink).

### Central Bellevue

- **Lane closures:** Expect lane closures on 110th Ave NE, NE 6th St., and 112th Ave. SE starting May/June.
- **NE 2nd Pl from 110th Ave NE to 111th Ave NE:** Closed through 2018 for construction staging.

### BelRed

- **Overlake Transit Center Park and Ride closes May 1.** Alternate commuter lot information at [www.soundtransit.org/eastlink](http://www.soundtransit.org/eastlink).
- **Lane closures:** Expect lane closures on 130th Ave. NE, NE Spring Blvd., and 132nd Ave. NE starting May/June.

**Please note:** This list does not include the current lane closures due to private development projects being constructed in downtown Bellevue. For information about those projects, please refer to: [www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Development%20Services/lu\\_MajorProjects.pdf](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Development%20Services/lu_MajorProjects.pdf)

**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](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap)
- Traffic Advisories webpage: [www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic\\_advisories.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm)
- Follow the Transportation Department on Twitter: @BvueTrans
- Capital Project (Interactive) Map: [www.bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm)
- Sign up for email alerts on project webpages: [www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation.htm)

## 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](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](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](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](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](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](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](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](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](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](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](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov)*

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

Day	Scheduled Meeting(s)	Location	Public Comment Opportunity
1st and 3rd Mondays except in August and December	6pm, Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8pm, Regular Session	Council Chambers	8pm, Oral Communications
2nd and 4th 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