

neighborhood news



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news for and about
Bellevue neighborhoods

Summer Chats with the City Manager

Monday, August 14 11am-12:30pm

Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way



Grab iced tea or coffee and pull up a chair. Share what's important to you in your neighborhood. City Manager Brad Miyake, who will be joined by several department

directors, is stepping out this summer to meet with residents in their neighborhoods. We want to hear what's on your mind about our city and about issues important to you!

The community is welcome and no RSVP is necessary. Please contact Neighborhood Outreach at Neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov for more information or questions.

Transportation Improvement Strategies Need your Input

The City of Bellevue Neighborhood Transportation Services is currently developing traffic improvement strategies in two areas:

- Newport Heights Elementary along 119 Ave SE between SE 56 St and Lake Heights St.
- Tye Middle School and the Eastgate neighborhood along the following streets: 138 Ave SE and 136 Pl SE, from Allen Road to SE 37 St; SE 40 St, from 136 Pl SE to 146 Ave SE; and 146 Ave SE, from SE 42 Pl to SE 37 St.

The 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 in the neighborhood.

This summer and fall, City staff will be meeting with stakeholders, identifying partners, and working together with the school community and neighborhood residents to develop short and long-term actions to increase traffic safety. The actions may include improved crosswalks, additional pavement markings, and various other features to calm traffic.

Responses to our online survey will help us determine what measures will encourage safer and more responsible driver behavior, deter cut-through traffic, and confirm specific locations of concern. The survey will take only about 10 minutes to complete and your valuable input



will provide great insight as we move the projects along.

For Newport Heights and 119 Ave SE, follow this link for the

online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewportHeights>

For Tye Middle School and Eastgate, follow this link for the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TyeandEastgate>

For more information or questions, please contact Vangie Ann P. Garcia, City of Bellevue Senior Project Manager at vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6103.



Under Our Skin:

What Do We Mean When We Talk About Race?



Under Our Skin Event Challenges Assumptions about Race

On May 31, over 100 residents explored The Seattle Times “Under Our Skin” project. A video presentation highlighted personal reflections and stories from diverse people who participated in this project and inspired all of us to think and talk about issues of race in a deeper way. If you missed the event, you can now watch the video:

<https://youtu.be/otkZ04-LAek>

City to Evaluate Use of Pedestrian Crossing Flags

City staff is evaluating the use of pedestrian crossing flags with a pilot project at two crosswalks on Main Street in Old Bellevue.

While other cities have tried this low-tech approach as a way to enhance pedestrian safety, it's the first time the brightly-colored flags will be available in Bellevue.



The intended purpose of the flags is to improve safety for all roadway users at marked crosswalks. Over the course of one year, traffic engineers will evaluate the flags' effectiveness in preventing pedestrian-vehicle incidents since few transportation studies have examined their use. If the system is found to be effective, other crosswalk locations in the city may be considered for the flags.

Crossing flags are easy to use (watch video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUS1IM_r2Cg&feature=youtu.be) First, grab a high-visibility flag from a bucket located near the crosswalk. Next, stand at the curb, hold the flag up, and wait for traffic to stop. Once vehicles

have stopped, you should look both ways and walk across the street, using caution, while holding the flag out. When you reach the other side, place the flag in the holder.

Members of the public interested in helping with the pilot project can do so by:

- Reporting when flags are missing from their buckets by calling 425-452-6856 or emailing Senior Transportation Engineer Kurt Latt at klatt@bellevuewa.gov.
- Giving feedback on use of the flags by emailing klatt@bellevuewa.gov.
- Redistributing the flags evenly if one side of the street has more flags than the other.

Bellevue Police Citizen Academy

August 31 - November 16

The Bellevue Police is now accepting applications for the fall Community Police Academy, which will be held on Thursday evenings from 7-10 p.m. The Community Academy is a 12-week program for Bellevue residents and those who work in Bellevue to become acquainted with how their police department operates. On completion of the academy, graduates will have gained a better understanding of the law enforcement role in the criminal justice system, and an appreciation for the many challenges facing law enforcement in today's complex society. The Community Academy is primarily classroom-based, with hands-on lessons about law enforcement, patrol procedures, firearms, 911 communications, narcotics, K-9, major crime investigations, major accident investigations, defensive tactics and hostage negotiations. Individuals interested in attending this fall's Community Academy are encouraged to apply online by visiting <https://www.cognitofirms.com/BellevuePoliceDepartment/BellevuePoliceCommunityAcademyApplication>





East Link Construction Updates

South Bellevue

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

Central Bellevue

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

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- Lane closures: on NE 20 Street, 130 Ave. NE, 132 Ave NE, 136 Place NE, NE Spring Blvd.

The City and Sound Transit partner in communications regarding construction updates about the light rail project. One of project goals is to complete it on time but construction schedules often change. The best way to prepare for construction impacts is to be informed.

Who to Contact For East Link Construction

With East Link construction on the rise along the part of the alignment in Bellevue, residents and businesses may have questions and concerns about what's happening now and what's coming next. The City and Sound Transit have dedicated outreach staff to help you.

| City of Bellevue Transportation Department | Sound Transit Community Outreach Department |
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| Marie Jensen 425-452-2064 mjensen@bellevuewa.gov | East Link Extension Outreach Office 206-398-5465 eastlink@soundtransit.org |
| transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/east-link-light-rail | https://www.soundtransit.org/eastlink |

For issues that need immediate attention after normal business hours call the 24-Hour Construction Hotline at 1-888-298-2395

Other Construction Projects Update

Construction continues in August for a number of roadway improvement projects; however, one major one will be about done: Northrup Way Corridor improvements. Continue to stay tuned for a possible project celebration.

U-Turn on Eastbound NE 8 Street being relocated as part of the 120 Avenue NE Project

In early August, the U-Turn movement from eastbound NE 8 Street to westbound NE 8 Street will be relocated for improved traffic conditions and safety. The recent 120 Avenue NE project



made improvements to this intersection, with the plan to move the U-Turn to this new location.

Lane or full road closures:

- **Bellevue Way and Main Street Intersection:** Work started the week of July 24 and it will continue until the end of September to improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Work will occur Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Work will shut down July 27 at 12:00 noon through July 30 during the Bellevue Arts & Crafts Fair).
- **108 Avenue SE, between Bellevue Way to Main Street:** Early this month, the pavement overlay will replace the existing speed humps, install a new raised crosswalk near SE 3 Street, and install “Sharrows,” which are shared bicycle legends on the roadway.

- **Northrup Way Connection to SR 520 Trail:** Construction will be coming to an end. However, final touches continue: 7 am – 4 pm, Monday through Friday.
- **120 Ave NE, Stage 2: NE 8 St to NE 12 St:** Work will continue on the retaining walls on the west side of the roadway.

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

- Traffic Advisories webpage: <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/traffic-conditions/traffic-advisories>
- Follow the Transportation Department on Twitter: @BvueTrans
- Capital Project (Interactive) Map: <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/capital-projects/>
- Sign up for email alerts on project webpages: <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/>



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/enviro_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 |
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| 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 |

