

neighborhood news



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Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

You are invited

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

Bellevue City Hall Council Chamber
450 110 Ave NE

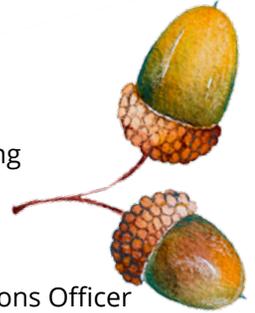
Be part of making Bellevue the city where you want to be for years to come by attending the semi-annual Neighborhood Leadership Gathering at city hall. Join in conversation with City Manager Brad Miyake, department directors and neighborhood leaders about local issues that are important to you.

This evening event will provide an opportunity to hear about current city priorities while also being able to ask questions and share your ideas for the city to move forward in the right direction. The evening concludes with a dessert reception and the chance to mingle with city leadership and other neighborhood leaders.

The panelists are:

- Brad Miyake, City Manager
- Dave Berg, Director of Transportation
- Mike Brennan, Director of Development Services

- Toni Call, Director of Finance
- Mac Cummins, Director of Planning and Community Development
- Nav Otal, Director of Utilities
- Lenka Wright, Chief Communications Officer



Anyone invested in the health and quality of life of their Bellevue neighborhood is welcome. Please RSVP by email, neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov, or call 425-452-6836.

This summer, the city manager along with department directors hosted Summer Chats as well as attended local neighborhood gatherings and block parties in neighborhoods across Bellevue. Through these gatherings, they listened and learned what is on people's minds and how the City of Bellevue is doing in serving our community. The Neighborhood Leadership Gathering will keep this conversation going and is another way for you to participate further in advancing Bellevue's potential.

The Neighborhood Leadership Gathering is a semi-annual gathering of neighborhood leaders who come together to share and learn from each other. These conversations provide actionable feedback to the city and help to shape our future together.

"When We Gather: Skills for Connecting as Listeners and Storytellers"

Tuesday, October 31, 1-2:30pm

Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10 St, Bellevue



On October 31, The Cultural Conversations group will continue the theme of connection and the practice of creating the environment to enhance participants' experiences as both listeners and storytellers at their monthly gathering as well as in other parts of their lives. 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.

Cultural Conversations offers an opportunity for rich storytelling and sharing between women from diverse backgrounds. The table conversations that take place hold great potential for deepening our understanding of others and for inspiring new friendships, but open sharing and meaningful connections aren't always a given. Last month, we learned that how we relate can be strongly influenced by culture and the deeper stories we carry. Being mindful of those influences, what are some additional ways as participants, might we strengthen our ability to foster connection when we gather?

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Debbie Lacy, Director of the Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition, a Storyteller Coach, and member of Cultural Conversations, will share resources she's found to be effective in creating safe spaces for inclusive community dialogues across cultures. Participants will have the opportunity to practice skills related to active listening, mindful inquiry, "sharing to be heard," and communicating across culture.

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.

Neighborhood Noise

Saturday morning, around dawn. After a long, hard week, you're enjoying one of the great pleasures in life... sleeping in. Suddenly, a neighbor fires up his chain saw. Across the back fence someone starts banging nails. Your cherished slumbers are rudely terminated. For a while you vainly cover your head with the pillow, and then, discouraged and cranky, you get up to face the day.

Chronic noise problems often cause irritation and frustration. They can also be hard to resolve. Laws and ordinances protect us from some noise disturbances. But many people are reluctant to call the authorities on their neighbors. And some bothersome noises may be within legal limits — a fact that probably won't make the noise less disturbing.

Going to the authorities over a noise problem can be tricky. Your neighbors may see your action as hostile. Neighborly relations can deteriorate. Even worse, your neighbors might retaliate, for example by calling Code Compliance over that shed you constructed near the property line. Neighborhood feuds can rapidly snowball in this manner.

Another possible problem with going to the authorities is that the remedy they provide may not help you. For example, if you are a night owl who gets up around 10 AM, the standard "quiet time" provisions may not be the quiet time you need. Or, you may succeed in reducing the number of pets your neighbor can keep, only to learn that the neighbor is getting rid of their quiet cat, while keeping their three barking dogs.

An alternative to going to the authorities is to negotiate directly with your neighbor. We know this may not be easy – and we don't recommend trying this right after you've been woken up on Saturday morning. Nor should you wait through months and months of mounting frustration. However, if you prepare yourself and carefully pick the time to speak with your neighbor there is a good possibility that you can negotiate a solution that addresses your specific situation. Sometimes merely raising awareness can be helpful.

The Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation Program is here to help you open up productive discussions. We can coach you through it. The mediation program has highly trained telephone conciliators and mediators who can help facilitate the discussions between you and your neighbor. Mediation can be particularly helpful when the issues are emotional or complex. Through this process the conciliators will help you and your neighbor articulate your concerns in a safe, neutral environment, and then find a solution that works for everyone. Our success rate is over 80%! For more information, please call 425-452-4091, email Mediation_info@bellevuewa.gov or visit our website at <https://planning.bellevuewa.gov/community-development/conflict-assistance>

If you want to explore enforcement options, it's important to know who to call. Here in Bellevue, it depends on the type of noise involved. Bellevue Code Compliance handles noise from a stationary source, such as a generator, heat pump, or compressor (425-452-4570). The City of Bellevue Noise Control Ordinance, Chapter 9.18, has numerous exceptions and special cases. The entire ordinance can be viewed on-line at <https://development.bellevuewa.gov/>. King County Animal Control handles barking dogs (206-296-7387). The Bellevue Police Department handles all other noise problems, such as loud parties (425-452-6917).



Kelsey Creek Farm Fair

Saturday, October 7, 11am-4pm

Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130 Pl SE, Bellevue

Join us on October 7 for our annual Farm Fair event! Enjoy free entertainment by Cowboy Buck and Elizabeth on the stage, participate in hands-on activities presented by Eastside Heritage, meet animals hosted by Kelsey Creek Critter 4-H, and wander through our scarecrow maze. Pumpkin patch and decorating, scarecrow creations, pony rides by Seattle Pony Party, face painting, and food all have nominal fees. Please note this event is cash only and there is no ATM on site.

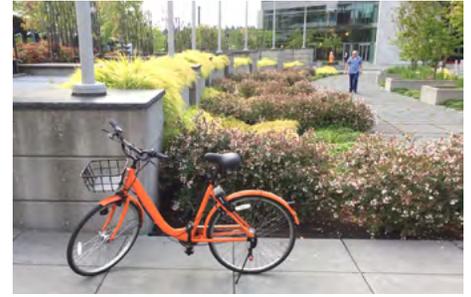


No parking on site day of event. Parking available on local streets and International School. Shuttle

service available from Bannerwood Sports Park, 1790 Richards Road and Wilburton Park & Ride, 720 114 Ave. SE. Pets are not allowed in the barnyard area. If you have further questions or more information please call 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

City Exploring Options for Bike Share Programs

You may have heard that “free-floating” bike share services started operating in Seattle over the summer. In



recent weeks, some of those colorful bikes have made their way to the streets and sidewalks in downtown Bellevue. Against this backdrop, the city is exploring the public’s interest in privately-run bike share services in Bellevue. “We’re committed to providing people a variety of travel options, and bike share could be part of the mix,” said Transportation Director Dave Berg. “We support bicycling and value innovation, so we’re looking at how private bike share operations might work here in Bellevue.” An online survey is seeking the public’s input about bicycling in downtown Bellevue, people’s level of interest in seeing bike share come to Bellevue, and any concerns the city should consider. The survey will remain live through October 20 at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BVUEBIKESHARE>

Over the coming months, Bellevue staff will engage the public in a discussion about how to make downtown a more comfortable, safe, and attractive place for bicycling. This will include consideration of permitting privately run bike share operations and options for introducing the first high-comfort bikeway to downtown through a demonstration project. The city is not considering investing local resources to own or operate a bike share system. More information is available on Bellevue’s Bike Share webpage at <https://goo.gl/7jtNsS>



Bellevue Main Club in The Heart of Downtown Bellevue



Join us for Adult Recreation Programs now offered at the Downtown Bellevue Main Club. The facility is a partnership between the City of Bellevue and the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue. The new 27,000 square foot Clubhouse officially opened its doors in early October last year, and houses a gym, tech lab, teaching kitchen, games room, tween/teen multipurpose space and internet café, community room, education center, preschool and administrative offices.

Adult programs at Bellevue Main Club are coordinated by the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department's Northwest Arts Center staff. Samples of classes offered: Fit 4 Mom Stroller Striders Class, Mindful Movement Chi Kung, Strength Training, Wisdom café, Silver Kites Enrichment Classes, Yoga, Art Classes and TELOS Continuing education classes in partnership with Bellevue College.

We want to hear from you! If you would like to be added to our mailing list, or you have an adult program or class you would like offered in this downtown location, please send us an email and let us know day and time of preference. For more information about the club, please visit our website at <http://parks.bellevuewa.gov/mainclub> To Register for Bellevue Main Club adult programs, visit <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or call 425-452-4106 or email: NWAC@bellevuewa.gov

Bellevue Fire Station Open House



Saturday, October 14, 10am-4pm
All nine Bellevue fire stations

In conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, which runs October 8-14, 2017, the Bellevue Fire Department will be hosting our annual open house on Saturday, October 14. All nine fire stations will be open to the public.

Join us for fire extinguisher, fire safety and hands-on CPR demonstrations, station tours, and refreshments. Try on bunker gear, talk with firefighters, and enter to win a ride-to-school in one of our fire engines!



TRAFFIC CORNER

East Link Construction

Weekend closures of Bellevue Way continue for utility work: Bellevue Way will be reduced to one northbound lane for the weekends of Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Oct. 7-8, and Oct. 14-15. Typical closures will involve three lanes to be closed from 5:30 am Saturday through 9 pm on Sunday. Construction schedules are subject to change. Access to I-90 from Bellevue Way will be prohibited. The eastbound I-90 ramp to Bellevue Way will also be closed. Westbound I-90 to northbound Bellevue Way will be open.

Northern portion of 110 Ave. NE at NE 6 Street: Full lane closure begins early October: In early October, Sound Transit's contractor will begin a long-term closure of a portion of 110 Avenue NE at NE 6 Street. The full closure (all lanes; all directions) is needed to build the East Link north tunnel portal near Bellevue City Hall. Closures on 110 Avenue NE will occur in three phases, lasting through spring 2019.

To subscribe to East Link construction alerts, go to www.soundtransit.org/subscribe
For current updates on East Link construction occurring in Bellevue, go to <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/projects/east-link-light-rail>.



Other Construction Impact:

108 Ave SE: SE 21 Street to Bellevue Way: Work begins in the area to improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities until the end of October. Traffic impacts may occur Monday through Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm.

Richards Road & Lake Hills Connector: Construction will begin at the intersection of Richards Road and SE 36 Street and continue north to the Lake Hills Connector. From there, it will continue west on Lake Hills Connector to SE 8 Street. Crews will remove and replace the sidewalk ramps at the corners of the intersections. New sidewalk ramps and audible-pedestrian-signal equipment are necessary to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Work hours on the site will vary by the work activity and the location. Work between SE 32 Street and SE 36 Street will occur at night. Lane closures between SE 32 Street and Lake Hill Boulevard will occur during the daytime, with the intent of avoiding commuter traffic when possible.

Construction Information Tools: The best way to avoid construction delay is to stay as informed as you can with the use of the following information tools:

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

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, Bellevue Youth Theater, 16051 NE 10th St, Bellevue) 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