

# neighborhood news



December 2017

news for and about  
Bellevue neighborhoods

## Garden d'Lights

Now through December 31, 4:30-9:00pm nightly  
(including holidays)

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St

The 23rd Annual Garden d'Lights at the Bellevue Botanical Garden features over half a million sparkling lights formed into the whimsical shapes of plants, flowers, birds, animals, and cascading waterfalls set amid the natural beauty of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Refreshments are available for purchase in the Aaron Education Center, where you can also view the "Gingerbread Castle of Dreams. The Trillium Store will be open every night except December 25 during event hours.



Cost to enter is \$5 per person 11 and over; children 10 and under are free. Free parking available at Wilburton Hill Park and, \$5 premium parking in the BBG lot, cash only, as space permits. A limited number of free, disabled parking spots are available in our parking lot for visitors with limited mobility.

On Dec 4, 5, 6 and 7, the event is free; no reservations or tickets required on those nights. For more information or to purchase advance tickets visit [www.gardendlights.org](http://www.gardendlights.org), or call 425-452-6844.

## Minority, Women Business

## Enterprise and Small Business

## Procurement Event

Tuesday, December 5, 5:30-8pm

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE

Local businesses are invited to learn about the city's procurement Diversity & Inclusion plan. The free event will offer participants a unique opportunity to learn more about Bellevue's processes, meet with government representatives, and network with contractors, service providers and suppliers.

In addition to this networking opportunity, attendees can also attend concurrent sessions on topics including business development and marketing, how to register in public purchase, etc. If you are a Minority, Women Business Enterprise (W/MBE) or Small Business Enterprise (SBE), we encourage you to attend!

For more information or to register, please contact [ProcurementDiversity@BellevueWA.gov](mailto:ProcurementDiversity@BellevueWA.gov) or visit <http://bit.ly/2hq0M8K>.



## Snowflake Lane

Now through December 24, Nightly at 7:00pm

Bellevue Way between NE 4th St to NE 8th St

Snowflake Lane has expanded - now featuring a nightly parade! This year's celebration kicked off on Nov. 24th in downtown Bellevue and continues nightly until Christmas Eve. You can enjoy seeing all your favorites - falling snow, beautiful lights, and delightful holiday music. The nightly parade can be seen from sidewalks on both sides of Bellevue Way. While standing in the street is not permitted, you and your family will enjoy the parade in its entirety. This new parade style celebration will stretch down four city blocks allowing you to enjoy great site lines, no matter where you stand along the street. The extended parade route ensures that everyone will see their favorite holiday characters, drummers and dancers every night, including Santa himself!

For more information regarding parking and other holiday entertainments, please visit [www.snowflakelane.com](http://www.snowflakelane.com).



## Fire Stations Food and Toys Drive

Now through December 24



Station One: 766 Bellevue Way SE  
(Downtown/West Bellevue)

Station Two: 2802 148th Ave SE  
(Eastgate/Lake Hills/W. Lake Sammamish)

Station Three: 16100 NE Eighth St.  
(Crossroads/Northeast Bellevue)

Station Four: 4216 Factoria Blvd. SE (Factoria/Somerset)

Station Five: 9621 NE 24th St. (Northwest Bellevue)

Station Six: 1850 132nd Ave. NE (Bridle Trails/Wilburton)

Station Seven: 11900 SE Eighth St.  
(Wilburton/Woodridge)

Station Eight: 5701 Lakemont Blvd. SE  
(Eastgate/Cougar Mountain)

Station Nine: 12412 SE 69th Way (Newport)

All nine Bellevue fire stations are accepting food and toys this holiday season. The Toy and Food Drive, operated by the Bellevue Firefighters Community Support Foundation will help families in need in our community.

New, unwrapped toys will be handed out at the Crossroads Youth Holiday Party on December. 19. Non-perishable canned and prepackaged food will go to Hopelink, which operates food banks in Bellevue. Gifts will be distributed to Bellevue families experiencing challenges this holiday season.

Toy ideas include:

- for infants, plush animals, toys and gift cards
- for children ages 3-10, new books, games, sports equipment such as soccer balls and basketballs, arts and crafts kits, cars/trucks, dolls and plush animals
- for teens, gift cards to restaurants, malls and clothing and music stores
- cash donations to purchase needed items

For more information about the celebration or donations needed, please contact Vicki Drake; Community Services Supervisor, Crossroads Community Center at 425-452-4874.





Draft Concept for 108th Ave NE, at the Bellevue Transit Center, looking north)

## Where Do You Want Downtown's First 'High-Comfort' Bikeway?

Survey available now through December 31

The City of Bellevue is exploring ways to make downtown a safe, comfortable place for people to ride bikes. One way the public can get involved is by helping choose the location of a demonstration project being considered for installation in 2018. Four streets are candidates for the project: 108th Ave NE, 106th Ave NE, Main St and NE 2nd St.

People who live, work or visit Bellevue are invited to complete an online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BvueBikeDemo> to help pick the street and project design that balances community priorities. The survey will remain available this month. Hundreds of people have already participated, but the city is seeking additional feedback to ensure that everyone's perspectives are considered. In November, three "pop-up" events and an open house were held to provide opportunities for face-to-face contact with city staff.

The survey seeks feedback from the community on questions such as: How safe do you feel riding a bike downtown? Do you support any kind of bike lanes downtown to improve safety for bicyclists? Are impacts to vehicle traffic flow and parking convenience acceptable tradeoffs for providing safe bicycle facilities downtown? On which street would you prefer to see a demonstration bikeway installed?

The survey also includes information about the four candidate corridors and allows those responding to provide specific feedback about the design concepts and trade-offs. More information is available on the project webpage <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/planning/pedestrian-and-bicycle-planning/pedestrian-bicycle-implementation-initiative/downtown-demo-bikeway/>

## The Votes are in for Northeast Bellevue NEP Projects



Thank you to Northeast Bellevue residents for your participation in the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP). Three new capital improvement projects will be

coming to the area, thanks to the over 500 households that submitted ballots.

The Northeast area projects that will be constructed include improvements to the Ardmore Park playground (fencing and playground equipment modifications), landscaping the eastern side of 164th Avenue NE, between NE 8th Street and Northup Way and providing a four-foot-wide, multi-use trail through Ardmore Park.

The Northeast Bellevue NEP kicked off in April of this year with 96 resident-identified projects submitted. Those projects were then reviewed for accessibility, feasibility, cost, timeline and maintainability to determine which were eligible to become ballot projects. 17 projects were chosen and then voted on by neighborhood area residents. The top three projects receiving most votes will be installed over the next 3-5 years.

The NEP program is a commitment from Bellevue's City Council to provide residents with the opportunity to enhance their individual neighborhood areas through city-funded, small capital improvement projects. In 2015, the Council approved \$5 million for the program over a seven-year period to serve two NEP programs a year. The program rotates each year with two neighborhood areas receiving funds. The budget is distributed among each of the NEP neighborhood areas, according to the number of households in each area.

Next on the list for NEP projects in 2018 are the Bridle Trails and Northwest Bellevue areas.

For more information about the specifics of the City's NEP program, contact NEP Coordinator, Theresa Cuthill at [TCuthill@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:TCuthill@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4186.



## 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/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](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](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, Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue Hidden Valley, 1903 112th Ave NE, Bellevue) 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
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