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Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

Introducing New Director of Planning and
Community Development

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m.

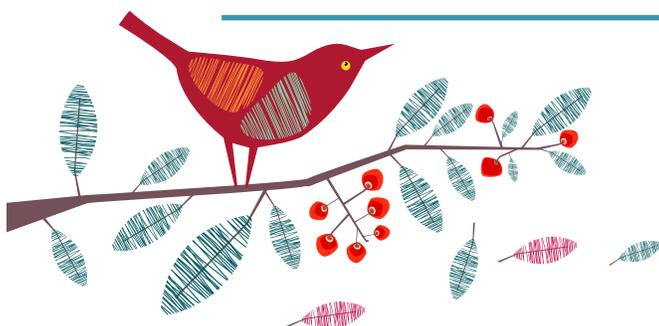
Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-108
450 110th Ave NE

Meet Mac Cummins,
Bellevue's relatively new
director of planning and community development.
Mac joined the city in July 2017. He came to Bellevue
from Westminster, CO, where he served as planning
director for nine years. Mac serves as a key advisor to
the City Council on economic development, land use
and growth issues that face the city. Mac is enthusiastic
about Bellevue's emergence as a vibrant international
center for innovation and commerce balanced with
safe, attractive neighborhoods.



Mac will spotlight the philosophy that drives growth
and development in Bellevue citywide and in our
neighborhoods. Don't miss this opportunity to hear
about current planning efforts underway that will
shape Bellevue into the future.

The Neighborhood Leadership Gathering is a semi-
annual gathering of neighborhood leaders who
come together to share and learn from each other.
Anyone invested in the health and quality of life of
their neighborhood is welcome. Light refreshments
will be served. Please RSVP to 425-452-6836 or
neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov.



Cultural Conversation Returns to City Hall

"Exploring Beyond What
We See"

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7-9 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall Council Chamber, 450 110th Ave NE

Cultural Conversations, Bellevue's popular discussion
group aimed at increasing cultural understanding,
will host its 4th annual evening event this month at
City Hall. The program, titled "Exploring Beyond What
We See," will feature stories from local residents and
smaller interactive table conversations. Speakers
will share their experiences in moving past initial
assumptions in addition to how to create opportunities
for discovering common ground when meeting others
for the first time



Experiment in Progress

Prashant grew up in India and has lived in the Pacific
Northwest for more than a decade. It was here that his
profound transformation began by choosing experiences
that allowed him to grow beyond his comfort zone. It was
sparked after a series of conversations with an Indian
colleague of a different social status, someone who he
might never have had a personal conversation with in
India, let alone be friends with.

That's Funny...You Don't Look Jewish

Ngina, life coach, spouse and mother, moved to
Bellevue four years ago, expecting that the city's
reputation as a diverse community would include
families like hers. She'll share her experience as an
African-American living in a city where changing
demographics challenge us to move past initial
assumptions about race and ethnicity..

Getting Past the First Glance

Karen, born and raised in Jamaica, is a former
journalist and technical editor whose reality is often

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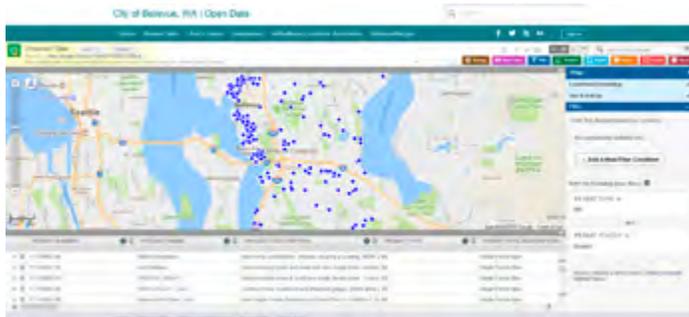
Permit Data Now Available on the Open Data Portal

As a high-performance organization, the City of Bellevue continuously looks for ways to improve customer service and transparency by implementing innovative technologies.

In December 2017, Development Services sought to improve customer service and transparency and reduce the need for people to submit public-records requests by publishing permit data on the city's Open Data portal: <https://data.bellevuewa.gov/>.

Permit data (1998 to present) is available 24/7 and updated daily. The public can explore all permit data or filter the permit data to their liking (e.g., by address or permit type). There are also 23 standard reports available that cover permit topics like:

- All Major Projects (Permit Issued or Project Completed)
- Design Review Applications
- New Single-Family House Permits Issued



Bellevue College Community Conversations



Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7-8 p.m.

Bellevue College Room A140
3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue

Join Bellevue College Vice President Ray White to learn what's happening on the 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 agendas for the sessions, just open Q&A. The event will begin in room A140 and participants may visit other sites or tour campus as appropriate. Parking is free in the evening.

Calling Guide Now Available in Six Languages



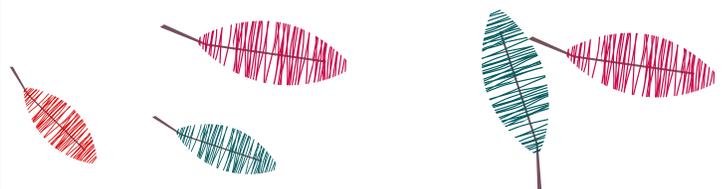
To better serve our diverse population, the city has translated the "Bellevue by the Numbers" calling guide into Russian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish and Korean.

The free guide has contact information for hundreds of Eastside organizations and resources. It's available at City Hall (Service First), Mini City Hall at the Crossroads Shopping Center and at the Crossroads, North Bellevue and South Bellevue community centers.

"By the Numbers" has been available to residents in English for over 10 years and in Spanish over the last few years. Residents find the alphabetical guide a handy reference for services provided by the city and local nonprofit organizations. The guide has listings for categories such as education, health and medical, housing, immigrant assistance, permits, community services and public transportation.

Today in Bellevue, 42 percent of families speak a language other than English at home. To help bridge the language access gap, the city translated the calling guide into the four other most commonly spoken languages in Bellevue.

The guide will help limited-English speakers easily locate available services and resources. Each edition also includes information to access language line interpreters who can provide no-cost help with translation for residents who want to contact services found in the guide. "By the Numbers" is available on request by calling 425-452-2800





The day launches with continental breakfast and keynote speaker, Mark Berejka, director of government and community affairs at REI. Following the keynote, choose from 16 workshop offerings in four thematic areas: diversity, innovation in transportation, planning and urban growth, the environment and conservation. Participants can choose up to four workshops during the day and may mix and match in different thematic areas. Continental breakfast, lunch and the opportunity to network with other Bellevue residents are included in the early bird \$35.00 registration fee through April 7.

Save the Date!

2018 Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference

Innovation, Inspiration, Connection

Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

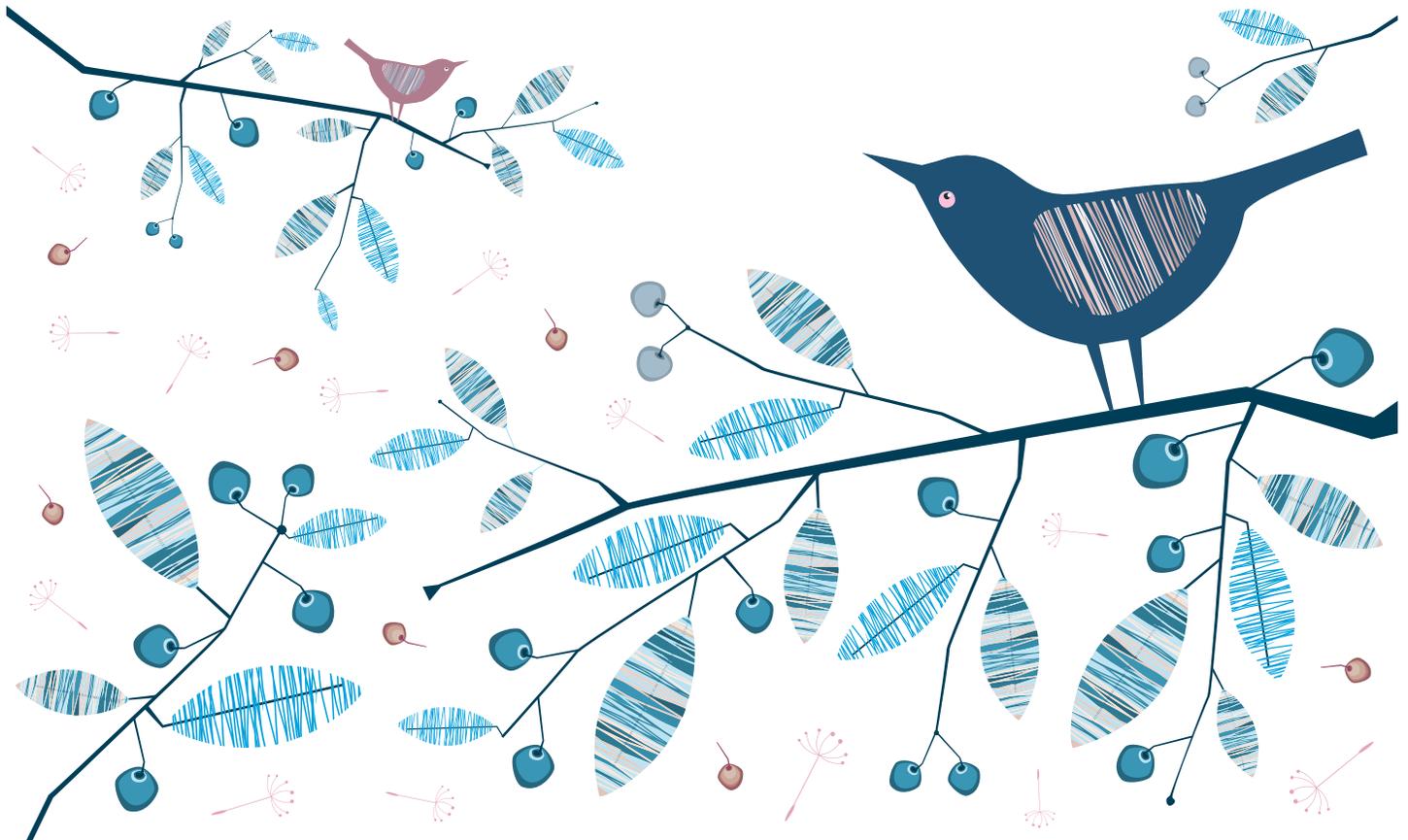
Bellevue City Hall
450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

From our homes to our roads, from our urban spaces to our gathering places, how are technology and innovation improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods and community?

Join us at the Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference to ponder these questions and learn more about the future of Bellevue!



Registration is \$50 after April 7 if space is still available. Scholarships are available on request. Workshop descriptions and registration materials will be available for the Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference on March 1. To receive a registration packet, email jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-5372.





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, 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

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