

neighborhood news



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Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference

Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE

Passionate about arts, culture and community? Intrigued by the latest technologies? Want to test drive an electric vehicle? Curious about reducing your environmental footprint? Concerned about affordable housing? Come join us at the Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference and see where the city is headed for the future.

The conference is all about innovation, inspiration and connection! It only happens every two years and is your chance to spend the day with other civic-minded individuals who are passionate about Bellevue and the Eastside. The day launches with continental breakfast and keynote speaker, Marc Berejka, Director of Government and Community Affairs at REI, who will share REI's vision, values and "why" they will make their new corporate home on the Eastside.

Choose from 16 workshops in four thematic areas: our stories/our community, innovation in transportation, urban growth and environment, and conservation. For a sneak preview of the conference, visit <https://youtu.be/1WKHoqGDI7I>

Continental breakfast, lunch and the opportunity to network with other Eastside leaders is included in the fee. Early bird \$35 registration fee ends April 7 so sign up today! Registration is \$50 after April 7 if space is still available. Scholarships are available on request. View the full conference catalog at www.bellevuewa.gov/NeighborhoodsConference and register now at: <https://neighborhoodsconference.eventbrite.com>. Space is limited; workshops fill on a first-registered basis.



Shelter Land Use Code Amendment Workshop

Tuesday, April 3, 5:30-8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE

A community workshop on the Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) process for homeless shelters will be held this month. Residents will have an opportunity to learn more about what goes into developing a LUCA, hear about the results from a recent Citywide Permanent Shelter Survey, discuss key components involved in homeless shelter permitting, and see the next steps in the process.

The event will also include a facilitated listening session with **roundtable discussion** from **6:45-8 p.m.** This optional session is intended to stimulate conversation among community members about how land use regulations can help make a shelter, that's located in Bellevue, be successful.

If you are unable to attend the April 3 workshop, two additional, smaller **information sessions** will offer opportunities to get questions answered and learn about next steps in the process. The sessions are scheduled for **Thursday, April 5** at the following locations:

Crossroads Community Center 10-11:30 a.m.

South Bellevue Community Center 5:30-7 p.m.

The Land Use Code is a permitting tool that governs the location, design and approval process for development in the city. A LUCA will add regulations to the code to determine how and where a homeless shelter can be sited in Bellevue. The City Council has set a goal of developing a permanent citywide shelter LUCA for adoption by the August recess. Councilmembers are encouraging broad outreach to the community.

Residents can continue to provide direct feedback at any time during the LUCA process by emailing their comments to ShelterLUCA@bellevuewa.gov. More background on the LUCA process and homeless shelter discussion is available on the city's website at www.BellevueWA.gov/ShelterLUCA





Connections Café

Skill-building Workshops

Thursdays, April 5, April 19 and May 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Ave. NE.

Would you like to have skills for connecting better in our diverse community and dealing with the rapid change we are all experiencing? Connections Café: Skills for a Well-Balanced Life is a series of three workshops focused on helping people learn skills to connect with themselves and each other in an increasingly complex, fast-changing and diverse community.

This educational series is a partnership between the Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation Program and Bellevue Parks & Community Services.

April 5, Art of Listening

The class will highlight listening as an art form. Did you know that we learn 85 percent of what we know by listening, and yet only 2 percent of Americans have had formal education in listening? Bellevue Mediation Program Co-Manager Marcia McReynolds will help attendees understand how to listen consciously, actively and deeply.

April 19, Resiliency Skills

The class will help you learn techniques to build inner strength and optimism to weather life's storms.

May 3, Challenging Conversations

The class will focus on developing a toolkit of skills to employ when discussing difficult topics or differences of opinion.

Preregistration is highly recommended. You can register by calling 425-452-4106 or online: <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>. For more information on the Neighborhood Mediation Program, please visit <https://planning.bellevuewa.gov/community-development/conflict-assistance>.

Day of Sharing and Caring

Deadline May 31

Overwhelmed with yardwork or outside maintenance on your home? Residents who are in need of outside home maintenance can apply for help from a team of volunteers who will do one-day yard clean-ups or single story exterior painting on about 20 Bellevue homes.

Now in its 11th year "Day of Sharing and Caring" is a partnership of the City of Bellevue and Jubilee REACH, a Bellevue based nonprofit. The deadline for submitting a request for assistance is May 31. A committee representing Jubilee REACH will review applications and select projects. Residents whose projects are selected will be notified by July 17.

"Day of Sharing and Caring" improvements will take place late July into the month of August. To be considered for this special opportunity, you must own and occupy your home in Bellevue. Home selection is need-based; residents facing economic or other life challenges are encouraged to apply. Residents can request more information or a home improvement application by contacting Ken Carpenter at 425-818-4106 or kenc@jubileereach.org.

For more information on Minor Home Repair Services (for income-eligible homeowners) offered through partnering organizations contact Carol Ross at cross@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7917. For more information about City of Bellevue Home Repair 0% Interest Loan or Grant/Weatherization Programs, contact Sam Ezadean at SEzadean@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6884



“What’s in a Name?”

Tuesday, April 24, 1-2:30 p.m.

Crossroads Community Center,
16000 NE 10th St



Participants in Cultural Conversations, a program now in its eighth season of diverse women in the community sharing stories, transforming relationships and gaining new perspectives on a variety of cross-cultural topics, will discuss at their April meeting “What’s in a name?”

A given name, or a first name (different from a surname) can be assigned for a number of reasons, or none. The first name may be selected to honor a loved one, accompanied by a special ceremony or ritual, or simply reflect a baby naming trend or a cultural icon. Who chooses the name, whether the name is embraced by the person who carries it, and whether or not one keeps their name are also considerations. In April’s Cultural Conversations, we will explore the hidden and surprising stories behind our names.

Please join us for tea and conversation, and experience connection 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 plan arrangements for childcare. Please RSVP to Carol Ross at cross@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7917.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program Update



Northwest Bellevue Kick-off Meeting

Wednesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St

Bridle Trails Open House

Thursday, June 14, 7-8:30 p.m.

Cherry Crest Elementary School, 12400 NE 32nd St

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) is a \$5 million, city-funded, capital improvements program that allows Bellevue residents the opportunity to propose and select projects that improve their neighborhood’s quality of life and enhance its character. The program rotates through the city’s 14 NEP Neighborhood Areas, serving two areas each year. Since 2015, NEP has rotated through the Eastgate/Factoria, Cougar Mountain/Lakemont, West Lake Sammamish Neighborhood, Northeast Bellevue and Bridle Trails areas.

This month, the NEP process will launch in Northwest Bellevue, with more than \$300,000 in available funds. Come join your city staff and your neighbors at the Northwest Arts Center on April 18. We will provide a brief overview of the program guidelines and schedule, answer questions, and invite folks to share, discuss and submit project ideas. Following the kick off meeting, each household in Northwest Bellevue will receive a prepaid NEP Project Request Form in the mail. Residents are encouraged to use this form, or the online project request form on the NEP website, to submit as many NEP project requests as they like by May 28, 2018.

The Bridle Trails area, which launched the NEP in January, has finished its project idea submission phase and is now in the project scoping phase. Projects selected for ballot voting will be presented at an open house on June 14.

To find out which NEP Neighborhood Area you call home, when NEP will be in your area and how much funding your area has been allocated, please visit <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep>. For more information about the program, please contact NEP Coordinator Theresa Cuthill at tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov.

Bellevue Way Southbound HOV Lane Open House

Thursday, April 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Enatai Elementary School Cafeteria, 10700 SE 25th St

You’re invited to an open house to receive a project design update on the Bellevue Way southbound high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lane project!

You will have the opportunity to see the project’s design, the updated cost and the cost/benefit of the construction-phasing options. We would like to find out whether you support the construction-phasing approach. If you are unable to attend, an online open house is available for your convenience: www.Bellevue_way_HOV_online.publicmeeting.info. For more information or questions, please contact Marina Arakelyan at 425-452-4632 or Marakelyan@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, 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 |