

neighborhood news



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May is Bike Everywhere Month



May is Bike Everywhere Month, an annual activity that attracts thousands of participants and encourages casual bicyclists to ride more.

May also marks progress on

several projects intended to make bicycling safer and more accessible for the general population. To help keep up with recent changes, the city has updated its Bellevue bike map. Advisory – Please ride safely; drivers, expect more bicyclists on the road and stay vigilant.

Bike Month in Bellevue is a collaboration between the City of Bellevue, King County Metro, Sound Transit, Cascade Bicycle Club and the Bellevue Downtown Association. Here are some highlights:

- **Bike Everywhere Challenge, May 1-31:** [The Challenge \(http://wabikes.org/growing-bicycling\)](http://wabikes.org/growing-bicycling), sponsored by Washington Bikes, is a fun and free competition.
- **Bike to School Day, Wednesday, May 9:** Take part in the nationwide [Bike to School Day \(https://www.cascade.org/\)](https://www.cascade.org/). Locally, families can learn more about [Bellevue's School Pool program \(http://www.chooseyourwaybellevue.org/school-programs\)](http://www.chooseyourwaybellevue.org/school-programs) and what schools are participating. School Pool is a partnership that encourages sustainable transportation options.
- **F5 Bike Everywhere Day, Friday, May 18:** In Bellevue from 6-9 a.m., Choose Your Way Bellevue will host celebration stations at the Bellevue Transit Center and on the I-90 Trail in Enatai. TransManage and the City of Kirkland will host a station on the SR 520 Trail at Evergreen Point.

Shelter Land Use Code Amendment Process Continues

Following a concentrated public outreach process throughout March and April, the City Council is set to further discuss



a proposed citywide Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) for shelters. A draft LUCA was presented to councilmembers during the April 23 extended study session. Additional discussion on the topic is tentatively scheduled for the following meeting dates (all briefings will take place at City Hall. More details on exact times will be available in the future):

- May 7
- May 21
- June 11 (public hearing)

The council has set a goal of developing citywide shelter LUCA adoption by the August recess. 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.

Residents can continue to provide direct feedback at any time during the LUCA process by emailing their comments to ShelterLUCA@bellevuewa.gov. For more updates on the process, please check BellevueWA.gov/ShelterLUCA.





Now in its 6th year, Bellevue Essentials is recruiting the Class of 2018.

Bellevue Essentials is a 9-week introduction to the inner workings of city government. Join a cohort of 35 exceptional individuals who will be selected to learn, engage and simulate day-to-day challenges and opportunities Bellevue faces. Class meets every Wednesday night, 5:30 – 9 p.m., through November 14.

Individuals interested in deepening their knowledge of Bellevue city government and their own commitment to civic engagement should apply. This class is for people who are curious about civic engagement and local government, and committed to the future of Bellevue by serving their community.

Applications for the 2018 class are due by August 1, 2018. Tuition is \$125 and fee waivers are available based on financial need. Brochures and applications are available now at <https://planning.bellevuewa.gov/community-development/neighborhoods/classes-and-events/bellevue-essentials>. For more information or to request a hard copy packet, contact Neighborhood Services at 425-452-6836 or neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov.

Bellevue Essentials Information Meeting
Wednesday, June 13, 6-7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, Room 1E-112

Join us for an orientation to the Bellevue Essentials program. The evening includes an overview of the program, testimonials from several graduates, and an opportunity to ask questions and mingle with potential classmates. Attendance is not required to apply, but you will walk away with a clear picture of what Bellevue Essentials is all about!

Neighbor Link Program

June 1-October 1

Neighbor Link, a city program that fosters neighbor-to-neighbor connection through supporting neighborhood gathering events, is available again this year. In 2017, there were more than 40 neighborhood events with over 3,000 residents celebrating what they love about where they live.



Neighbor Link program can provide colorful promotional flyers and signage to promote your event. We can help evaluate the best way to close your street to traffic, so that you can bring the party to your neighborhood. We'll also help you make connections with police officers or firefighters for a friendly and educational visit. These visits from Bellevue's public safety professionals are very special and are not just the delight of children alone!

Is your neighborhood ready for an event this summer? Give us a call! For more information on Neighbor Link, contact Carol Ross cross@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7917.

Neighborhood Enhancement Program



Northwest Bellevue residents: let us know how you'd like to spend \$300k in your neighborhood area! The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP), the \$5 million, city-funded, capital improvements program that provides Bellevue residents the opportunity to propose and select projects that improve their neighborhood's quality of life and enhance its character, is currently in the Northwest Bellevue neighborhood area.

It's now time for Northwest Bellevue area residents to submit project ideas by returning the prepaid NEP project request form that each household received last month in the mail or by using the online project request form found on the NEP website, <https://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep>.

Project ideas must be received by Monday, May 28. City staff will then review the proposed ideas and present those that are feasible at a public Open House at the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club on Thursday, September 12.

The NEP program rotates through the City's 14 NEP Neighborhood Areas, serving two areas each year. The \$5 million NEP budget is allocated to each designated Neighborhood Area based on the number of households in each area.

Since 2015, NEP has rotated through the Eastgate/Factoria, Cougar Mountain/Lakemont, West Lake Sammamish, Northeast Bellevue and Bridle Trails areas. For more information on NEP, please contact Theresa Cuthill at tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov.

7th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride

Saturday, June 9

Registration: 8 a.m., Ride starts: 9 a.m.

Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 164th Ave SE



Come join us for an enjoyable, non-competitive, recreational ride for the whole family. The 7th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride starts and finishes at the Lake Hills Community Park. The event benefits Bellevue Youth Camp Scholarship Fund.

There are two unique routes that take riders through Bellevue's award-winning park system exploring hidden treasures of Bellevue: a mostly flat 9-mile Greenbelt Loop route and the Lake Loop which is a more challenging 22-mile route. Both routes are approximately 80 percent on-road and 20 percent off-road gravel. This event is recommended for ages 9 and up. Riders under age 9 must be on a tandem, in a tag-a-long or trailer. Volunteers are needed.

Entry fees are low. Participants receive a custom "buff". Pre-registration is welcome and participants will pay a \$15 entry fee instead of the \$20 entry fee on the day of the event. There will be lots of goodies at post-ride fest. To register, please visit <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/lake-to-lake-bike-ride> with activity code # 1802612. Phone registration please call 425-452-6885. Social media #coblk2lk. For more information, please visit the event website, <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/lake-to-lake-bike-ride>, call 425-452-4882 or email bikeride@bellevuewa.gov.

Cultural Conversations

"What we've learned, sharing our stories"

Tuesday, June 5, 1-2:30 p.m.

Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th St



Cultural Conversations, has transformed relationships and perspectives among diverse women in our community through education and storytelling since 2010. As we wrap up this season of Cultural Conversation, join us as storytellers and table conversationalists share what we've learned about ourselves and others by sharing our stories.

Some common themes about participation in Cultural Conversations include: "It's Like Traveling without Leaving Home," "Amazing things have happened since I shared my story," "I didn't think I was remarkable but

people wanted to hear my story," "I've built friendships that I didn't know I could have" and "I am inspired by the courage of others overcoming obstacles and unimaginable change." We all have a story inside of us that someone is waiting to hear. Whether you've been attending this program for a long time or are new to the group, we'd love to hear yours.

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.

Bellevue Achieves High Marks with STAR Communities Rating



STAR Communities recently announced that the City of Bellevue has been awarded a 4-STAR Community

Rating for national leadership in sustainability. The city joins a small group of communities in the nation to receive this recognition from STAR Communities for its participation in the program. The nonprofit organization helps evaluate the livability and sustainability of American cities and counties.

Communities pursuing STAR certification accumulate points for their achievements across seven goal areas, which are used to determine their rating. These areas range from "climate and energy" to "economy and jobs" to "equity and empowerment."

There are three STAR certification levels: 3-STAR Community (250-449 points); 4-STAR Community (450-649 points); or 5-STAR (650+ points). During the evaluation process, Bellevue racked up an impressive score of 549.07.

"Bellevue is the 'city where you want to be' and you can see that reflected in our 4-STAR Community rating," said Mayor John Chelminiak. "Being nationally recognized as a sustainable community further demonstrates our commitment to supporting a healthy environment, strong economy and well-being for all residents in Bellevue."

Several efforts stood out among Bellevue's sustainability and livability initiatives. These highlights include:

- 73 percent of Bellevue residents live within 1/3 of a mile walk to a park, open space or trailhead.
- Bellevue's 19 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents greatly exceeds the STAR target of seven acres.
- Per capita greenhouse gas emissions and energy usage in the city are declining.
- Bellevue has a number of programs and incentives in partnership with Puget Sound Energy to reduce energy use.
- The number of businesses in Bellevue is growing, contributing to the city's low unemployment rate.
- Bellevue's schools are safe and educational quality is high, as measured by school violence statistics, third-grade reading scores and overall graduation rates.
- Bellevue residents are highly educated with 66 percent of those 25 years and over having a bachelor's degree or higher.
- Bellevue's Diversity Initiative provides a comprehensive approach to increasing equity, celebrating diversity and building cultural competency.
- Access to and support for the arts and cultural amenities is high in Bellevue and in the region.
- Bellevue's Human Services Needs Update and associated funding strives to meet the needs of Bellevue's vulnerable populations.

"The STAR rating process gives cities a roadmap for how they can refine and improve their operations to drive continuous improvement," said Hilari Varnadore, executive director of STAR Communities. "The City of Bellevue should be applauded for its commitment to sustainability, and for the clarity and transparency provided while achieving its goals."

The STAR Community Rating System was initiated and supported by founding partners ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability USA, the U.S. Green Building Council, National League of Cities and the Center for American Progress. Its work is supported through community subscriptions and generous foundation grants from these national philanthropic organizations.

Bellevue's full report is available online on the Environmental Stewardship webpage: <https://planning.bellevuewa.gov/environmental-stewardship>. The STAR Communities website has a full list of the communities involved: <http://www.starcommunities.org/>.



CHILD SAFETY DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 2 · 11am - 2pm · FREE
*Kids 12 and under. While supplies last. Helmet giveaway begins at 12:30pm.

FREE Bike Helmets



Bellevue Police to Host Child Safety Fair

Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Marketplace at Factoria
4055 Factoria Square Mall SE, Bellevue

The Bellevue Police Department will partner with the Savvy Parents Safe Kids organization to host the annual "Child Safety Day" this month. The event will feature free child health and safety information, activities, music, and giveaways, and an opportunity to touch and sit in some of the latest police and fire vehicles in Bellevue. There will also be a Child ID station, courtesy of the Bellevue Police Department's award-winning volunteer program. On the day of the event, beginning at 12:30 p.m., there will be a free bike helmet giveaway for kids under 12, while supplies last.

Connections Café Skill-Building Workshops Challenging Conversations

Thursday, May 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Ave. NE.

Thursday May 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way.

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 workshops focused on helping people learn skills to connect with themselves and each other in an increasingly complex, fast-changing and diverse community.

In May, the classes will focus on developing a toolkit of skills to employ when discussing difficult topics or differences of opinion. No registration necessary but highly recommended. You can register by calling 425-452-4106 or online: <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>.

This educational series is a partnership between the Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation Program and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. For more information on the Neighborhood Mediation Program, please visit <https://planning.bellevuewa.gov/community-development/conflict-assistance>.

Spring Recycling Event

Saturday, May 26, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bellevue Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE

It's spring cleaning time! You can also feel good knowing that everything you drop off will be recycled at Bellevue's Annual Spring Recycling Event. Don't miss it, this is Bellevue's only collection event for 2018.

What's accepted:

If you haven't been able to find a second life for the following items, please make sure they are safely secured when you are transporting them to the event with tarps, rope, straps, netting or other means. Only cars, passenger vans and pickups are allowed to drop off items. No flatbed or dump trucks are allowed. We reserve the right to refuse oversized, commercial or contaminated loads.

Cash-only fee for the following items:

- Appliances and scrap metal (\$33 for air conditioners, \$28 for refrigerators and freezers, \$5 for water heaters with insulation coating)
- Mattresses and box springs (\$15 per item)
- Porcelain toilets and sinks (\$15 per item)
- Residential propane tanks (\$5 per item) and small, empty camping tanks (\$1)
- Tires (limit six for the following: \$1 for each tire, \$3.50 for each tire on a rim, \$5 for each large truck tire, and \$15 for each truck tire on a rim)

Other items accepted include:

- Auto parts (metal and non-greasy)
- Appliances (such as blenders, dishwashers, dryers and washing machines, microwaves, stoves, and toasters)
- Clean scrap wood (untreated and unpainted)
- Electronic equipment (DVD and VCR players, cell phones, computer keyboards and mice, copiers, fax machines, printers, scanners, and stereos)
- Exercise equipment
- Lawnmowers (drain oil and gasoline, remove batteries for electric)
- Lead acid batteries (car, truck, marine and motorcycle)
- Metal lawn furniture

- Rigid plastics (such as buckets, children's toys, coolers, laundry baskets, plastic lawn furniture, PVC pipe, and sports bottles)
- Styrofoam blocks and packing peanuts (white blocks and packing peanuts of any color)

Secure shredding of confidential materials:

Limit 5 file-sized boxes no larger than 15 inches long, 10 inches wide, and 12 inches high

Explore the event flyer online and for full details at bellevuewa.gov/SpringRecyclingEvent.

Cedar Grove Virtual Tour

Have you ever wondered where your yard and food scraps that you recycle curbside go?

Come on a virtual tour of Cedar Grove, and follow your yard and food scraps on their journey from your curbside cart to nutrient-rich compost perfect for topdressing your lawn, mulching your garden beds or amending the soil in your raised bed garden!



Cedar Grove Website:

<https://cedar-grove.com/about-us/tours>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRD385ibwqA&feature=youtu.be>



TRAFFIC CORNER

Transportation Project Open House

You're Invited

Tuesday, May 22, 2018
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Global Innovation Exchange (GIX)
Room 231, 12280 NE District Way, Bellevue

Please drop by and obtain an update on the following BelRed corridor projects: 124th and 130th Avenues Northeast and Northeast Spring Boulevard.



Also, meet with and ask questions of city staff about creative community strategies, economic development, future artwork, streetscape plans, a lookback at BelRed's transformation and an update about East Link construction.

Where is Roadway Construction this Month?

106th Avenue Northeast & Northeast 6th Street Intersection Project

This project implements the Downtown Transportation Plan objective to "...improve the pedestrian environment and make walking the easiest way to get around Downtown." It will provide a continuous pedestrian facility between the Eastside Rail Corridor and Meydenbauer Bay.



When this project is built, it will raise the intersection (in height by six inches and in length by 200 feet) and provide additional on-street parking on both sides of 106th Avenue NE within the project limits. The project will also replace the existing traffic signals; install bollards along the raised section of roadway; replace existing sidewalks, widen the crosswalks and improve roadway markings.

Construction is underway and will be complete by the end of June. Work hours will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

When this project begins, the contractor will be closing Northeast 6th Street west of 106th. This means that drivers will not be able to exit eastbound onto 106th during the duration of the project.

Please make note that there will be a full 21-day roadway closure of the Northeast 6th and 106th intersection. The estimated time frame will be between the last week of May to the end of June. During the closure, pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers will need to follow the guidance of flaggers or uniformed police officers. For drivers, there will be intermittent lane closures before and after the full closure. Watch for electronic message boards for actual dates.

This construction will take place at a popular pedestrian crossing in Bellevue. Bicyclists and pedestrians, please be cautious and be aware of your surroundings as you walk in the area. If possible, use an alternate route. Drivers, please expect traffic delay



in the area. For increased safety, obey construction signing, flaggers and uniformed police officers.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jun Suk An, project manager, at 425-452-4230 or Jan@bellevuewa.gov or Isack Habte, construction inspector, at 425-452-4612 or lhabe@bellevuewa.gov

140th Avenue Northeast: Northeast 5th Street & Southeast 5th Street Curb Ramp Improvements



This project will improve pedestrian connectivity and safety by installing a new rapid flashing crosswalk system at 140th Avenue Northeast & Northeast 5th Street with improved curb ramps. The rapid flashing crosswalk system will feature LED lights that flash to increase driver awareness

of pedestrians using the crosswalk. This project will also improve the curb ramp on the west side of 140th Avenue Southeast & Southeast 5th Street.

Construction is expected to start early May and be completed by early June, weather permitting. Work hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or comments about this project, please contact Todd Hopkins, Senior Construction Project Inspector, 425-452-4251 or thopkins@bellevuewa.gov or Daniel Lam, Design Project Manager, 425-452-2063 or dlam@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