

neighborhood news



July 2018

news for and about
Bellevue neighborhoods

Bellevue Family 4th of July



Bellevue Downtown Park, 2-10:30pm

Join us for the 27th annual Bellevue Family 4th presented by [The Bellevue Collection](#). Celebrate our nation's birthday with free admission, live music, kid's activities, a variety of food options and family entertainment, all leading up to a spectacular fireworks show set to a rousing performance by the [Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra](#)

Activities kick off early afternoon on Wednesday, July 4, with the [Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone and Family Plaza](#) along with live music on the [PACCAR Main Stage](#). More than 60,000 people will gather in and around the festive 20-acre park for this packed lineup of evening events, concert and fireworks. The celebration will also feature the Placement of the Colors Presentation by the [Bellevue Fire Honor Guard](#) and the National Anthem performed by the Sammamish High School Jazz Choir - Totem Voices.



Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy Bellevue's iconic venue. Leave pets, personal barbecues and alcohol at home. No personal fireworks allowed! Small umbrellas or beach tents are permitted but must be

taken down by 8 p.m. Enjoy a picnic from home or visit the Food Court in the southwest corner of the park by Inspiration Playground from 2-10 p.m.

Participants are highly encouraged to arrive early, be patient, observe posted signs and obey police officers directing traffic. Carpooling is encouraged and transit service is available to the Bellevue Transit Center from Seattle and many surrounding areas. Complimentary event parking is also available after 6 p.m. at Bellevue Square, Lincoln Square North, Lincoln Square South and Bellevue Place. <https://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/family-4th>

Update on Citywide Draft Land

Use Code Amendment for Shelters

The City Council will continue to discuss, and possibly adopt, the draft Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) for shelters and homelessness-related services in July. During an extended study session on June 25, councilmembers considered a number of proposed amendments to the LUCA. Additional changes are expected to be discussed on July 2, with possible adoption anticipated on July 16.



At a public hearing on June 11, the City Council heard from over 70 community members on a draft Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA)

for shelters. Councilmembers considered community input provided at the hearing and numerous comments received via email as they discuss proposed amendments to the draft LUCA on June 25.

The draft LUCA is a direct result of a robust public outreach effort which occurred throughout March and April. The initiative included a citywide online survey, one large workshop at City Hall, an optional "listening session" and two "Q&A sessions" at local community centers.

In addition to providing comments during oral communications at council meetings, residents can continue to provide direct feedback by emailing: ShelterLUCA@bellevuewa.gov.

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.

For the latest updates on the process, please check BellevueWA.gov/ShelterLUCA.

Bellevue Essentials

Application deadline August 1

Class of 35 to begin 9-week course September 26

Bellevue Essentials, the City's civic engagement program, provides an 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 – 9pm, 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 and 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 hardcopy packet, contact Neighborhood Services at 425-452-6836 or neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov.



Neighborhood Walks

Bellevue College and Lewis Creek Park Walks in July

We've had a great time walking and chatting with you during four Neighborhood Walks, with two more to come! It's been enjoyable and informative to have extended time to see first-hand what you are proud of and what you're concerned about in your neighborhood. We've heard about the history of unique homes, the value of the tree canopy, dangerous crosswalks and speeding, gratitude for specific city services and programs, concern about the addition of new apartments, and the desire to connect with other neighbors. So far, our walkers have ranged in age from 8 to over 80!

On June 21, we walked in the Crossroads and Northeast areas, and learned about the history of strawberry fields and walked through a trail that is being replaced. We stopped to pet a couple of dogs and we were greeted on NE 20th Street by four residents who shared the value to them of the Bellevue Technology Center trees and concern about traffic. They also shared with staff the various species of wildlife that live in their neighborhood.

The walks are about 1 ½ - 2 miles and take a total of about 2 hours to complete. Our next walks are scheduled July 18 (Bellevue College) and July 25 (Lewis Creek Park). Specific locations and details are available at bellevuewa.gov/bellevuewalks or email mheilman@bellevuewa.gov.





Organize Your First Neighbor

Link Gathering

Then Enjoy Mariners Baseball

Over the past five years in managing the Neighbor Link program, we have had the great fortune to meet so many interesting residents who care about their neighborhoods and want to find ways to connect and get to know their neighbors.

Have you thought about organizing a neighborhood gathering? While the range of gatherings supported by Neighbor Link has included those of large neighborhood or community associations coming together in a park or residents closing their streets for the first time, we encourage first-timers to think about very simple gatherings that don't take much work and don't require a permit.

Allow us to share some of the organizing magic of Bellevue's communities and how these gatherings can be held in single family or multifamily connected housing. In both instances, organizing gatherings sometimes requires an extraordinary act of social courage to step out and invite others but consider the benefits! Neighborhoods that have hosted small fun gatherings have resulted in connecting long-time residents who didn't know one another, making newcomers feel welcomed, and creating a network for support and community contribution, reducing loneliness, and creating safer, healthier neighborhoods.

- How about setting aside a night for an ice cream social? A suggestion for this summer could be National Night Out Against Crime on August 7. Create a gathering with a few tables and coolers, your own chair/blanket, pints/quarts of your favorite ice cream, cups/spoons and a willingness to connect. For this event, you can even extend an invitation for a police officer by emailing crimeprevention@bellevuewa.gov.



- How about a garden walk or visits? What a perfect way to get to know your neighbors, share plants and offer

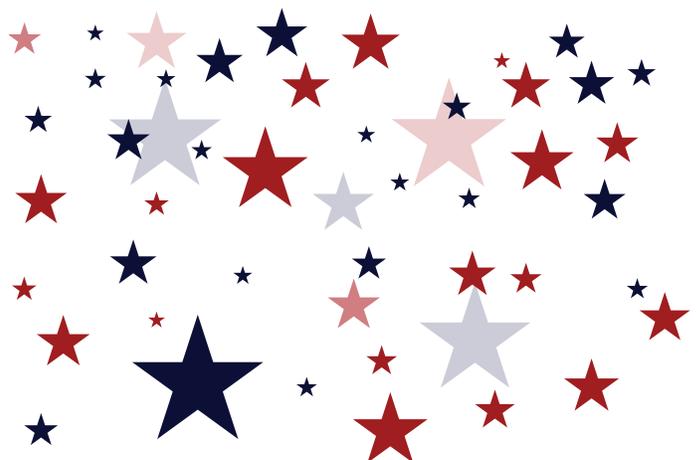


garden tips! Another version of a garden visit might be showing neighbors how to plant a container garden. Those who are first time homeowners or renters can learn tips such as how to create attractive containers, properly use garden tools, how to fertilize and how often to water. In both scenarios, neighbors could share their harvest or sub-divide plants, which creates more opportunities for connection.

- Or bring some fun outside for a game night! How great would it be to learn cultural variations of familiar games?



Tell us what YOU are planning! The first 10 neighborhoods that register with Neighbor Link and create a first-time gathering of at least 10 neighbors are eligible to receive a pair of Seattle Mariners baseball tickets. The event must be held by August 31. Tickets can be enjoyed by the organizer or used as a giveaway at the event. For more information or to register your event, contact Carol Ross at 425-452-7917, cross@bellevuewa.gov.



Attention Bridle Trails Neighbors!

NEP Ballots Due August 1

The voting phase for the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) is happening now in the Bridle Trails Neighborhood.

In June, each Bridle Trails household received a voter's pamphlet and ballot in the mail with project descriptions for 29 proposed enhancement projects.

New Crosswalks or streetlights? Upgraded trail on 134th? Park improvements at Corner, Viewpoint and Cherry Crest mini parks? Neighborhood entrance signage replacement? New pickleball court at Goldsmith Park? These are just a few of the projects on the ballot for Bridle Trails neighbors to choose from.

NEP is a city-funded, capital improvement program that empowers residents to propose and select small-scale projects that improve the quality of life and enhance the character of their neighborhood area.

There's ONLY ONE BALLOT per household and it allows the opportunity to rate, in priority order, which three projects residents feel are most deserving of the more



than \$350,000 in funds available to Bridle Trails. Projects will be assigned points: three for first choice, two for second and one for third. Responses will be tabulated with the highest-scoring projects receiving funding.

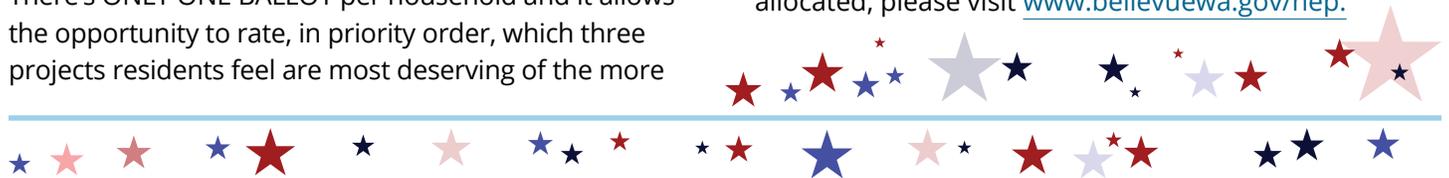
Ballots must be postmarked by August 1, 2018 to be included in the voting process.

If you didn't receive your ballot, please contact NEP Coordinator Theresa Cuthill at tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov.

Individual project specifics and a map of the 29 project locations can be found at

https://planning.bellevuewa.gov/community-development/neighborhoods/neighborhood-improvement/neighborhood-enhancement-program/neighborhood-areas/bridle_trails/.

NEP is currently in the scoping phase for the Northwest Bellevue Neighborhood and will present that area's balloted projects in September. Next on the list for NEP projects in 2019 are the Downtown/Bel-Red and Lake Hills neighborhoods. 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 www.bellevuewa.gov/nep.



City of Bellevue participates for the first time in Pride Parade, Sunday, June 24

BELLEVUE FIRE IS LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN THE TEAM!



Bellevue Fire Department is hiring two AmeriCorps members. These positions help Bellevue Fire promote risk reduction and personal preparedness in the community. The AmeriCorps members begin service this fall and help Bellevue Fire be proactive as a risk reduction entity for the community.

Additionally, the AmeriCorps members partner with other community organizations to accomplish risk reduction objectives. The AmeriCorps members recruit "community advocates" to increase the reach of Bellevue Fire's community risk reduction efforts. Community risk reduction involves identifying and prioritizing risks, selecting and implementing strategies, monitoring and evaluating activities, and involving community partners, all to better protect residents of our community as well as first responders.

AmeriCorps members are also responsible for supporting all phases of emergency management, such

as developing trainings, drafting emergency plans, conducting research and supporting the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Public outreach is another focus area for AmeriCorps members, including building stronger resiliency among Bellevue's increasingly diverse community. In fact, 39 percent of the city's population is foreign-born. Outreach to vulnerable populations will include limited English proficient residents, children less than five years in age and adults over 65 years of age, those who identify as having access and functional needs, and the population of residents whose income is at or below the poverty line. During emergencies, AmeriCorps members may have to respond to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Follow this link to apply: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=80438&fromSearch=true>.





TRAFFIC CORNER

Ride the bus, ride your bike or walk to the

108th Ave NE Demonstration

Bikeway Project

Celebration & Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

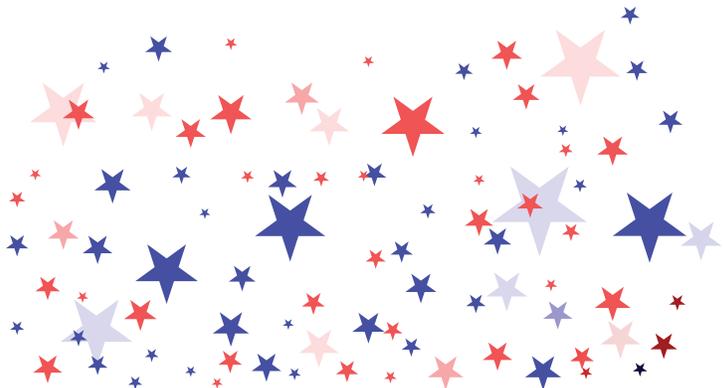
Bellevue Corporate Plaza
(600 108th Avenue NE)

The City of Bellevue Transportation Department is collaborating with the Bellevue Downtown Association, Cascade Bicycle Club and multiple other local businesses to host a ribbon cutting event celebrating the first north/south demonstration bikeway in the middle of downtown. Attendees will be invited to a free electric bike test ride, can peruse several bike-friendly information booths and enjoy refreshments from a couple of nearby establishments. Mayor John Chelminiak and other dignitaries will speak and cut a ceremonial ribbon at noon to celebrate the completion of this Neighborhood Levy Project.

If you have any questions, please call Franz Loewenherz, principal transportation planner, at 425-452-4077 or floewenherz@bellevuewa.gov or Tresa Berg, public involvement manager, at 425-452-4638 or tberg@bellevuewa.gov.



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Roadway Construction

Continues in July

The 2018 Pavement Overlay Program has started paving several roadways located south of Interstate 90 and will move north to a couple of areas this construction season. The following neighborhoods will see some roadway repaving into the fall: Eastgate, Factoria, Hilltop, Lake Hills, Lakemont, Newport and Somerset. A busy intersection of 150th and Southeast 38th Street will also be improved and repaved for bicyclists.

Another roadway that will include bike lanes is 156th Avenue Southeast, between Southeast 24th Street and Lake Hills Boulevard, as part of the Pedestrian & Bicycle Implementation Initiative.

To be aware of upcoming paving construction, please watch for Pavement Overlay Program vinyl information signs, construction barricade signs and electronic message boards indicating that paving work will begin. Work will take place Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. and is dependent on dry weather.

If you have questions or comments, please call Teresa Becker, pavement overlay manager, at 425-452-7942 or tbecker@bellevuewa.gov To see a complete list or map of the paving projects, please refer to: <https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/safety-and-maintenance/street-maintenance/pavement-overlay-and-bridge-maintenance/>



New Sidewalks Being Installed in the Wilburton Neighborhood

The Wilburton Area Sidewalk Projects will continue through July to complete missing sections of sidewalk on 118th Avenue Southeast, 128th Avenue Southeast, Northeast 2nd Street and Main Street. The project also includes decorative intersection leaf treatments at three locations:

- 128th Avenue Southeast at Southeast 4th Place
- 128th Avenue Northeast at Northeast 2nd Street
- Northeast 2nd Street at 126th Avenue Northeast

Work hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will continue to require occasional lane closures.



If you have any questions about the sidewalk project, please contact Jun Suk An, project manager, at 425-452-4230 or Jan@bellevuewa.gov.

More information about all levy projects can be found online, <https://bellevuewa.gov/transportationlevy>.



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