

neighborhood news



October 2018

news for and about
Bellevue neighborhoods

Northeast and Northwest Bellevue begin Neighborhood Area Planning

Northeast Bellevue (Identical Listening Sessions)

Wednesday Oct. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. or
Saturday Oct. 13, 10 a.m.-noon

Bennett Elementary School
17900 NE 16th St.

Northwest Bellevue (Identical Listening Sessions)

Thursday Oct. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bellevue
Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE

Saturday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-noon
Chinook Middle School, 2001 98th Ave. NE



All Northeast and Northwest Bellevue residents are invited to join us to learn about neighborhood planning and share what they believe will enrich their area. Neighborhood Area Planning is a grassroots, collaborative effort with residents to ensure each of Bellevue's neighborhoods can adapt to changing needs while preserving their distinct character.

Earlier this year, the City Council agreed on the initial sequencing of the city's Neighborhood Area Planning

program. The schedule calls for two plans to be completed each year and the process will kick off this fall. Each of the plans will include a community profile; neighborhood opportunities map; the plan's relationship to the larger Comprehensive Plan; and vision, goals and strategies. The Northeast and Northwest Bellevue areas will each work on their plans in 2018-19, with completion scheduled for December 2019.

Last month, Community Development staff Deborah Munkberg, Doug McIntyre and Mark Heilman met with the community as part of the "discovery phase" of Neighborhood Area Planning. They visited the Downtown Bellevue and Crossroads farmers markets, and gathered about 100 responses to the question: "What is the one most important thing that would enrich your neighborhood?" This month, staff will be walking with residents to experience their neighborhoods and to hear their ideas. In addition, staff are continuing to meet in neighborhoods and planning "pop-up offices" as well as other informal times to chat with individuals, multifamily communities, senior associations, neighborhood associations, HOAs and school staff. More details of these events will be available soon. If you would like to schedule a meeting for Community Development staff with your group, please email mheilman@bellevuewa.gov.

To learn more about the Neighborhood Area Planning program visit <https://BellevueWA.gov/NAP>.



Kelsey Creek Farm Fair delivers old-fashioned fun

Event celebrates Bellevue's
agricultural heritage

Saturday, Oct. 6, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th Pl. SE



Parents of overzealous electronics-loving children can rest easy at the 36th annual Kelsey Creek Farm Fair this

month. The technology-free line-up includes tractor-pulled wagon rides, pumpkin picking and farm animals.

The fair runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes the following: live entertainment by Cowboy Buck and Nancy Stewart, barnyard animals and pumpkin decorating. Admission is free, with costs for specific activities ranging from \$1 and up. Cash is required and there is no ATM on-site.

Free shuttles will run to Kelsey Creek Farm from Bannerwood Sports Park, 1790 Richards Road and the Wilburton Park and Ride, 720 114th Ave. SE to Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th Pl. SE. The last shuttle will leave the farm at 4:15 p.m.

The annual fall gathering started in 1982 when art classes pooled their crafts for an old-fashioned holiday arts fair. Over 200 visitors briefly enjoyed the pasture decorated with bows and ribbons before the goats ate the decorations.

Over time, the Kelsey Creek Farm Fair has grown in popularity, becoming a fall staple with over 5,000 visitors annually. For more information, call 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

“Coffee with a Cop”

Wednesday, Oct. 3

9-11 a.m., Starbucks Coffee
1350 156th Ave NE, Bellevue

1-3 p.m., Woods Coffee
625 116th Ave NE, Bellevue



The Bellevue Police Department will again be hosting “Coffee with a Cop” this month, an event designed to build trust and create relationships between the Police Department and the community. In the morning, join local officers for coffee at the new Starbucks store located in the Crossroads Neighborhood, just north of Chipotle on 156th Ave NE. In the afternoon, officers will be available to visit with you at the new Woods Coffee, just south of Chick-fil-A on 116th Ave NE.

At “Coffee with a Cop”, there are no speaking programs, just an opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers that work in your neighborhood! “Coffee with A Cop” was launched in Hawthorne, California in 2011 when Officers from the Hawthorne Police Department were looking for ways to interact more successfully with the citizens they served each day.

“Coffee with a cop” events are now held in all 50 states and is one of the most successful community oriented policing programs across the country. The program has also expanded to outside the United States to Canada, Europe, Australia, Africa and Latin America. The key to “Coffee with a Cop’s” growing success is that it opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together.

Be sure to stop by and enjoy “Coffee with a Cop” at one of the scheduled Bellevue locations.



BELLEVUE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE



**Saturday, October 13, 2018
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Take pictures, take a tour, ask questions of firefighters

Hands only CPR instruction

Discharge a fire extinguisher

Try on real firefighter bunker gear

Enter to win the "Red Hot Ride to School" contest

and more – see reverse side for list of Fire Stations

Cookies and light refreshments



**SMOKE ALARMS:
A SOUND YOU
CAN LIVE WITH**



BELLEVUE FIRE STATIONS:

- **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 Newcastle Way (Newcastle/Newport Hills)

In addition, fire stations 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9 will have a stove top fire display.
Watch a live demonstration involving real fuel and fire.
View how to properly extinguish a kitchen fire.



“Interfaith pilgrimage of the middle passage”

Tuesday, October 30, 1-2:30 p.m.

Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th St, Bellevue

In October’s Cultural Conversation, Tizita Assefa, who immigrated to the US from Ethiopia as a child will share her journey of walking history, and how that experience has profoundly changed her life and understanding of racism in America and the legacies that we co-create. The Middle Passage was the forced voyage of enslaved Africans across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas.



Tizita’s journey, like her story is remarkable; she views the world both as an African and as African American. She will share about the importance of learning our histories, both celebratory and painful, and how that knowledge can contribute to building a healing bridge. In

her presentation of gifting communities in song and/or dance, we will understand the role that ceremonies and rituals play in carrying stories forward. When you know where you have been, you know where you are going.

Cultural Conversations, a program entering its ninth season, has transformed relationships and perspectives among diverse women in our community through education and storytelling since 2010. Please join us for tea and conversation and be inspired to connect 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 for childcare. Please RSVP to Carol Ross at NeighborhoodOutreach@Bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6836.

NEP Update for Northwest Bellevue and Bridle Trails

NW Bellevue residents: Vote for your top three project choices. Please return the prepaid ballot each household received in the mail. One ballot per household is allowed and must be postmarked by **October 26th** to be valid. Information on the 17 enhancement projects on your ballot can be found at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep>. In the Neighborhood Areas line, click on Northwest Bellevue.



Bridle Trails residents: Please let us know how you liked the NEP process in your area. You have 3 new capital improvement projects that will be coming to the Bridle Trails neighborhood area:

1. Enhanced Walkway on NE 40th between 140th Ave NE and 146th Ave NE
2. Cherry Crest Elementary Intersection Improvements
3. Cherry Crest Mini Park Improvements

Please return the prepaid evaluation form each household received in the mail or submit your comments online using the NEP evaluation form found at www.bellevuewa.gov/nep. Evaluations must be postmarked or submitted by **Oct. 20**.

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program is a city-funded program that allows residents to propose and select modest, capital projects to enhance their neighborhoods. The program rotates through the city’s 14 NEP neighborhood areas over the course of seven years, serving two areas each year. The \$5 million program allocation is distributed among each of the NEP neighborhood areas, according to the number of households in each area.

For more information, please contact NEP Coordinator, Theresa Cuthill at tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4186.





“Seeing the City for the Trees”

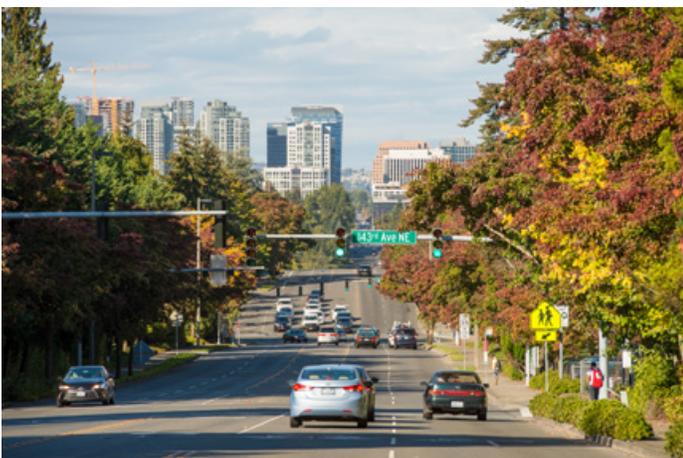
Beautiful forests define the Pacific Northwest, and they define Bellevue, too! Bellevue has been named a “Tree City USA” annually for more than 20 years, living up to its name of a “City in a Park”. But just how many trees are there in the community, and what do they do for us?

The short answer to both questions is: lots! Bellevue recently wrapped up its 2017 Tree Canopy Assessment, which found that there are almost 8,000 acres of tree canopy in the city. Tree canopy covers 37% of the city, and while 65% of city parks are forested, the majority of the total trees are in residential neighborhoods. That means your community is directly receiving the benefits of these urban trees!

These benefits touch all parts of life. Trees help mitigate pollution by pulling contaminants out of the air and filtering stormwater that would otherwise run straight into the lakes. And urban trees are helping the planet, too, by sequestering carbon dioxide – taking it out of the atmosphere – and combating global

warming. These ‘ecosystem services’ not only keep people healthy, they also save the city over \$42 million dollars per year. Further, many studies have shown how the presence of trees improves property values, mental health, and even children’s immune systems!

Conserving urban trees is a priority for Bellevue and the recent Tree Canopy Assessment gives us the tools to make informed, data-driven decisions. To help your neighborhood conserve trees, check out the guide on proper tree care in the Environmental Stewardship section of our website at www.bellevuewa.gov/trees



Good Neighboring Tips

What to do when you've had it with your neighbor

You've had it; your neighbor's trashcan (or car, overgrown yard, noise, fence, dog, etc.) can't be ignored. You've groused to your spouse and friends about it long enough. It's time to talk to your neighbor.



Knowing how and what to say with someone with whom we are in conflict can save us a lot of anguish and money. The Gottman Institute, a researched-based consulting firm specializing in relationships, says the "outset begets the outcome." How we initiate these touchy conversations can directly impact how well the conversation goes.

It is best to take a moment, let the anger subside, and look at one's own part in the story. Does this remind you of some other troublesome situation? Are you using your neighbor as a convenient place to vent? How might you have contributed to this? Wait until you are cooled off.

Written notes are not advised. It is too easy to vent anger in writing, or for the reader to interpret the note as angry even if the writer was painstakingly civil. If you feel you must write a note, then the note should refrain from blaming language, speak the facts and make a clear request. Resist ALL CAPS and exclamation marks!! Avoid blaming and letting them know how "we" do it. Assume no malice on their part.

When approaching the neighbor, call ahead or make a written appointment to talk to them. Say "I'd like to meet so we can work out something about the fence/tree/etc. that works for both of us." When you get there, thank them for meeting with you. Repeat that you want to work this out and recognize they

may have a differing perspective. State the facts about the situation and how it impacts you. Then ask about their view of the situation. LISTEN. Then you can make a request for what you want "What do you think about repairing the hole in the fence?" Or ask them to offer ways the issue can be resolved, leaving it between the two of you to negotiate, "How can we get the fence repaired?"

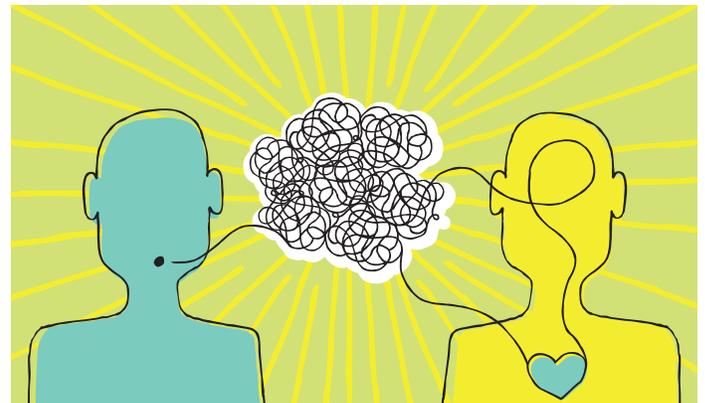
If you feel that you just can't approach your neighbor, give us a call at Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center. We can coach you through it. It's best to give your neighbor a call, and for you to work out a solution that works for everyone, helping you remain friendly neighbors.

Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center, 425-452-4091, BCRC@bellevuewa.gov

The Art of Listening Workshops

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. October 23, October 30, November 6 & November 13

Newport Way Library,
14250 SE Newport Way



Do you listen well? Have you experienced what it is like to be truly listened to? Becoming practiced at the way you listen to others will dramatically improve your focus, your relationships, your inner peace, and your professional life. Co-sponsored by the City of Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center and the King County Library System, this 4 week workshop series will help you learn how to be a more artful, peaceful and attentive listener, and have the experience of being truly listened to.

Registration recommended. Please contact BCRC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4091 to reserve your spot.



Construction is underway on 112th Ave NE / 108th Ave NE pedestrian & bicycle improvements!

Construction began Sept. 17 and is expected to be complete by the end of the year, weather permitting. Please note that the work hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with typical lane closures Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and, Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be up to four weekend days to complete specialized work.

When this project is done, you'll see new buffered and separated bicycle facilities in both directions for most of the corridor along 112th Avenue NE between NE 12th Street and State Route 520, and along 108th Avenue NE between Northrup Way and the northern city limits.

Also you'll see two new pedestrian crossings with flashing beacon systems at NE 14th Street and near Hidden Valley Sports Park. Both crossings will include marked crosswalks, pedestrian crossing signs, upgraded lighting and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs).

During this work, please be cautious and lower your driving speed as your travel through the area. If you bike or walk in the construction zone, please be extra careful and always obey construction flaggers and posted signs.

If you have any questions or comments about this project, please contact Todd Hopkins, senior construction inspector, at 425-452-4251 or thopkins@bellevuewa.gov or Olivia Aikala, transportation engineer, 425-452-4491 or oaikala@bellevuewa.gov



What do you think about Downtown Bellevue's Demonstration Bikeway?

We Want to Hear From You!

The 108th Avenue Demonstration Bikeway opened on July 31, providing the first continuous bicycle facility through the heart of Downtown Bellevue. The project aims to provide a safe, comfortable, attractive place for people to bike. The city is seeking feedback to understand what works, what could be improved, and how well it balances the community's priorities.

Do you bike, walk, or drive along 108th Ave? Tell us how the demonstration project has changed how you travel in Downtown.

Take the questionnaire by Nov. 1:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/108thBikeDemo>

For more information contact Franz Loewenherz at 425-452-4077 or floewenherz@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

(6 p.m., Bellevue City Hall) Last Tuesday of each month
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bdan.htm>

East Bellevue Community Council (6:30 p.m., Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) First Tuesday of each month
<http://bellevuewa.gov/ebcc.htm>

Arts Commission (4:30 p.m., 1E-109) First Tuesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

Environmental Services Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) First Thursday of each month
http://bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm

Planning Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second and fourth Wednesday of each month
http://bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

Transportation Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second Thursday of each month
http://bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

Human Services Commission (6 p.m., 1E-113) First and third Tuesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

LEOFF 1 Disability Board (6 p.m., Room 1E-118) First Tuesday of each month
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/leoff-1-disability-board.htm>

Library Board (5p.m., Lake Hills, Bellevue or Newport Way Library) Third Tuesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm

Parks & Community Services Board (6 p.m., 1E-113) Second Tuesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

The Bellevue Network on Aging (BNOA) 8:30 a.m., North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue) First Thursday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

Special Events Committee (8:30 a.m., 1E-112) Second Thursday of each month
http://bellevuewa.gov/special_events_committee.htm

Youth Link Board (6 p.m., 1E-120) Second Wednesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/youth_link_board.htm

Bellevue's Neighborhood Services Division 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:

<https://planning.bellevuewa.gov/community-development/neighborhoods> or call 425-452-6836 or email: neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov.

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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	6 p.m., Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8 p.m., Regular Session	Council Chambers	8 p.m., Oral Communications
2 and 4 Mondays except in August and December	6-10 p.m., Extended Study Session	Council Conference Room	6 p.m., Oral Communications
August - first Monday only	6 p.m., Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8 p.m., Regular Session	Council Chambers	8 p.m., Oral Communications
December - first and second Mondays only	6 p.m., Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8 p.m., Regular Session	Council Chambers	8 p.m., Oral Communications