

# neighborhood news



June 2020

news for and about  
Bellevue neighborhoods



Spring is turning to summer, bringing expectations in Bellevue for new life and renewal. Our neighborhoods are adapting to the challenges brought by COVID-19, and Bellevue's residents have come together with exceptional generosity and resilience.

Although we may not know how we will meet all of the challenges ahead, we do know that as we adjust to new patterns of working, recreation and connecting, we are learning how to thrive as a community.

As a city, we are moving forward with planning and programming to prepare Bellevue to rebound as quickly as possible. There are also many ways to learn and to engage with one another. The community is continuing to support our local businesses, and many resources are listed below. Join Cultural Conversations online at [engagingbellevue.com](https://engagingbellevue.com) to share what you have learned about finding encouragement and resiliency during this season. If you live in Crossroads or Wilburton, the Neighborhood Enhancement Program is a great way to bring small capital projects to your neighborhood. Consider applying for Bellevue Essentials civic engagement program to learn how Bellevue is addressing current challenges and the ways that you can participate in shaping our future. Provide your input with Bellevue's Environmental Stewardship Initiative to help shape actions that will steward our environment for the next generation. Find time to connect with your neighbors or discover your unique way to volunteer and make our community a little stronger.

Whatever you choose to do, it begins with one step. Let's take that next step together in our caring and resilient community this summer!

## Business resources and assistance at [re.startup425.org](https://re.startup425.org)

Bellevue is part of a collaborative Eastside city effort to connect Eastside small business owners, nonprofit leaders and sole proprietors with available business support resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The (re)STARTUP425 ([re.startup425.org](https://re.startup425.org)) program provides free one-on-one technical consultations on business financial assistance programs, a calendar of relevant webinars and other COVID-19 business information and resources.

## "BEST OF BELLEVUE"

This crisis has brought out the Best of Bellevue and we are collecting stories of businesses and organizations stepping up to support our community in this challenging time at: [engagingbellevue.com/covid-19-building-community](https://engagingbellevue.com/covid-19-building-community). These actions both big and small should be shared and celebrated.

Help us grow this list by adding others who are stepping up to the

challenge in this time of need through the stories of encouragement tab on [engagingbellevue.com](https://engagingbellevue.com).

If you need business or community resources related to COVID-19, visit the City of Bellevue's COVID-19 resources pages. [BellevueWA.gov](https://BellevueWA.gov)

Si necesita recursos empresariales o comunitarios relacionados con el COVID-19, visite las páginas de recursos con respecto al COVID-19 de la ciudad de Bellevue. Este mensaje se publicó en varios idiomas.

如果您需要與 COVID-19 相關的商務或社區資源，請瀏覽 Bellevue 市的 COVID-19 資源頁面。該資訊以多種語言發佈。

Nếu quý vị cần các nguồn tài nguyên cho doanh nghiệp hoặc cộng đồng liên quan đến COVID-19, hãy truy cập các



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trang tài nguyên về COVID-19 của Thành Phố Bellevue. Thông báo này được đăng bằng nhiều ngôn ngữ.

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Если вам необходимы коммерческие или общественные ресурсы, связанные с COVID-19, посетите страницы ресурсов администрации города Bellevue, посвящённых COVID-19. Это сообщение опубликовано на нескольких языках.

## Cultural Conversations is now live on Engaging Bellevue!

Cultural Conversations is Bellevue's partnership with diverse women to enhance knowledge and understanding of different cultural practices and world views. The program has officially launched on the city's online platform, [Engaging Bellevue](https://engagingbellevue.com) at [engagingbellevue.com](https://engagingbellevue.com). The page was designed to encourage storytelling, discussion and community connection during this unique time. No matter where you are or how much time you have, you can participate!



You are invited to the Engaging Bellevue Cultural Conversations page, and encouraged to use video, pictures, audio and written comments to share your lessons learned during this time of social distancing.

Suggested sharing includes: How have you built support, resiliency of family, cultural traditions and community? Participate in a short survey to share what is most needed to increase connection and how to move forward to virtual programs. For more information, please contact Carol Ross, [cross@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cross@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-7917.

The Engaging Bellevue site also provides an easy way to learn about various projects that the city is working on, and a great place to ask questions and share ideas.

## Crossroads NEP voting taking place through July 24.

### Project scoping begins for Wilburton NEP.

Throughout the current safe distancing environment, Bellevue's Neighborhood Enhancement Program has continued, and residents in the Crossroads and Wilburton neighborhoods have been able to participate through online and mail-in engagement options.



**Crossroads residents:** Voters' pamphlets and ballots have been mailed to all households in the Crossroads neighborhood area. Look for yours and review the information on the eight small-to-moderate capital projects that are included on your NEP ballot. Voting is by mail only and limited to ONE BALLOT per household address. Projects will be assigned points: three for your first choice, two for your second choice, and one for your third choice. Responses will be tabulated with the highest-scoring projects receiving funding from the \$439,000 budget allocation. Ballots must be postmarked by Friday, July 24 to be included in the voting process. Remember to include your address, and for those in multiple housing units, your apartment or condo number must be included for your vote to be counted.

**Wilburton residents:** The project submission phase for the Wilburton NEP closed on May 19. City staff are now in the scoping phase for over 60 project ideas that were submitted for your neighborhood area, and will present projects eligible for funding from the \$133,000 budget allocation at a September open house.

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. NEP comes to West Bellevue and Woodridge in 2021. Please contact NEP Coordinator, Theresa Cuthill at [tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4186 with questions. Detailed program information can be found at [BellevueWA.gov/nep](https://BellevueWA.gov/nep)

## Bellevue Essentials to host information meetings

June 9 and 10

If learning the history, changing demographics and inner workings of



Bellevue city government intrigues you, consider joining the 2020 cohort of Bellevue Essentials. This nine-week course for emerging leaders allows participants to engage with city council members, city staff and leadership. You will learn about the past, present and future of Bellevue through presentations, interactive experience and tours.

In its eighth year, Bellevue Essentials begins Sept. 30, with eight weekly Wednesday evening sessions and a Saturday tour day on Oct. 10. Class size is limited to 35 students. There has been a waiting list every year. In planning for COVID-19, the 2020 class may meet in person with appropriate social distancing or may meet on a digital platform with virtual tours and activities. City presenters are fully prepared to present an engaging curriculum through online learning if necessary.

Bellevue Essentials has 236 graduates representing a broad range of cultures, backgrounds, occupations and perspectives. The program seeks participants who will represent Bellevue's diverse demographics and a broad range of neighborhood areas. Many alumni now volunteer in the community in a variety of capacities.



2019 graduate Timea Soos noted that "Bellevue Essentials has been an illuminating experience for me both in terms of understanding the intricacies of local governance but also hearing the multitude of voices and opinions within our class. As individuals, we represent not only ourselves but also the Bellevue community through our participation in this program.

Our engagement is not only indicative of our own desires and ambitions but is ultimately serving a greater purpose- that of fostering civic engagement and deepening a community-wide understanding of the public policy process."

Information sessions for potential applicants will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 9, 6-7 p.m. and Wednesday, June 10, 12-1 p.m. Please RSVP to receive the Zoom link. These sessions provide a detailed overview of the Bellevue Essentials program including schedule, curriculum and application process. You will hear from Bellevue Essentials alumni who will share their insights and experience. Attendance at the information meeting is beneficial, but not required to apply. Tuition is \$125 per participant and fee waivers are available for those who need them. The simple one-page application with two short essay questions is due Aug. 3.

To RSVP and receive the Zoom link, contact Julie Ellenhorn, [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-5372. Brochure and applications are available at [BellevueWA.gov/bellevue-essentials](http://BellevueWA.gov/bellevue-essentials)

## "Day of Sharing and Caring" helps with outdoor home projects

Requests for projects are due by June 26



Residents needing assistance with outside home maintenance can apply for help from a team of volunteers who will complete one-day improvement projects through the "Day of Sharing and Caring" program. Now in its thirteenth year, Day of Sharing and Caring is a partnership between the City of Bellevue and Jubilee REACH, a Bellevue-based nonprofit. The deadline for submitting a request for assistance is June 26.

A committee representing Jubilee REACH will review applications and select projects. Taking into consideration the challenge presented by the coronavirus pandemic, Day of Sharing and Caring projects will proceed when work is determined to be safe and appropriate for residents and volunteers.

To be considered for this opportunity, residents must own and occupy a home in Bellevue. Home selection is need-based, and residents facing economic or other life challenges are encouraged to apply.

Past projects of all sizes have included yard clean-up, power washing, fence/gate/shed repair and painting,

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green debris and junk hauling, wood-round removal and bark spreading.



Residents can request more information, learn of additional resources and begin the application process by contacting Carol Ross at [cross@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cross@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7917.

Not needing assistance but interested in volunteering when you can do so safely? Individuals, businesses or nonprofit groups who might like to help on Service Day, Saturday, Aug. 29, can register online starting June 1 at [JubileeREACH.org](http://JubileeREACH.org).

## Conflict Resolution for uncharted territory

Welcome to the uncharted territory of the new normal!

As we navigate the unexpected local challenges of a global pandemic, we have entered the practice of phone conciliation where new circumstances and individual needs must be taken into consideration in the resolution of conflicts. The City of Bellevue's Conflict Resolution Center (BCRC) helps people who live and work in Bellevue negotiate win-win resolutions to conflicts. Instead of relying solely upon codes and laws that may not have even been written yet to deal with the unprecedented circumstances we find ourselves in, conciliation and conflict coaching offer a way we can help all parties look at the present matters at hand, to compassionately consider what each person's needs and constraints are, and help people come to a creative "third alternative," a resolution that everyone can live with.

Every day BCRC helps people in our community resolve issues between neighbors, landlords and tenants, consumers and businesses, and many other matters. About two-thirds of our recent cases dealt with issues



related to COVID-19. If you need help with a situation, please call us. It may be the conciliator listening openly to you will be all you need. Or you may need the conciliator to act as an intermediary between you and the other party on the phone. We are here to help you in this land of The New Normal. And our services are free if you live or work in Bellevue.



Please contact us at [BCRC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:BCRC@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-4091.

## Art of Listening Classes to be offered online!

BCRC teaches classes in listening skills in partnership with King County Libraries. In-person classes at Bellevue's libraries have been filled with a wide diversity of participants. The COVID-19 issue is causing us to learn new skills of video making and Zoom hosting, and the first videos and classes are ready.

Registered participants will receive videos of the weekly lessons and homework to view. They can then participate in Zoom practicums during which they will get to ask questions of the instructor and practice graduated skill-building exercises in breakout rooms with other participants. To find out more contact BCRC at [BCRC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:BCRC@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-4091.

## Greener Living teleclasses coming soon!

As an alternative to our in-person Greener Living (Safer Cleaning and Zero Waste Hero) community workshops, Bellevue Utilities will be offering shorter video workshops via Zoom focused on safer cleaning, food waste reduction, waste reduction and recycling tips. More information coming soon. Email [recycle@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:recycle@bellevuewa.gov) to be added to our interested participant list.

- ◆ **Safer Cleaning:** Learn about safer alternatives to household hazardous products, how to properly disinfect when necessary, and tips for the safe use, storage, disposal of cleaning products to protect our families and environmental health.

Participants will also learn how to make their own safe cleaners!

- ◆ **Food Waste Reduction:** Learn tips to make the most of our food at home including how to store foods for maximum freshness, what labels on food containers mean, how to turn leftovers into lunch, and more. Participants will also learn tips for how to properly dispose of different types of takeout containers.
- ◆ **Super Sorting** – Waste Reduction and Recycling: Learn the best ways to get rid of items you no longer want including tips for reuse, donation, and disposal. Master our three-stream sorting system and learn what belongs in the garbage, recycling and compost in Bellevue, and what happens to those materials when they leave your house. Participants will also get tips on how to safely dispose of bulky items, hazardous materials, electronics, and medicines.

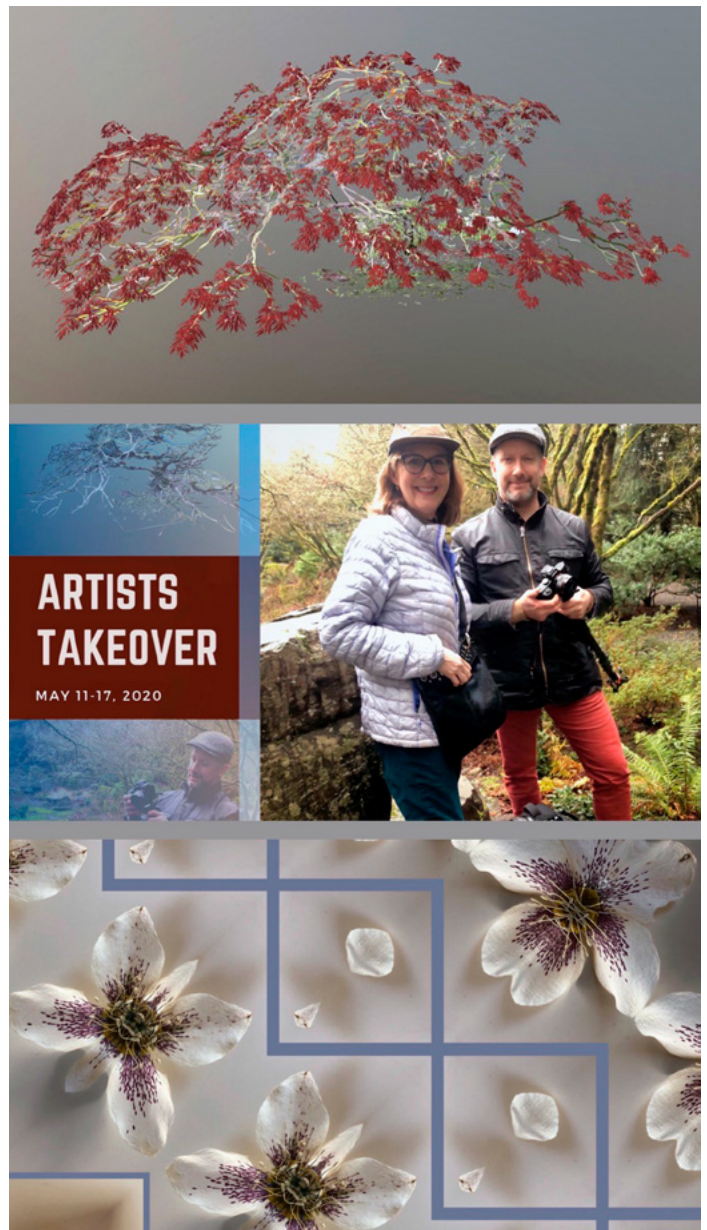
## Artists in Residence at the Bellevue Botanical Garden

*By Manette Stamm, Arts Program Assistant*

Bellevue Botanical Garden's Artists in Residence, Genevieve Tremblay and Nathan DiPietro, have been visiting the garden and making work since January. Both artists used digital and virtual reality (VR) methods to create new immersive and animated works inspired by botanical specimens in Bellevue's collection. The plan for their collaborative residency was initially proposed as an in-person Virtual Reality (VR) experience. Given the current social distancing restraints, they reimagined innovative ways that they might bring their immersive digital work to the community.

An "Artist Takeover" on the Bellevue Arts Program's Instagram account gave them a perfect social media platform to do just that. Their creative social media campaign shares the work generated during their 6-month residency and aligned perfectly with National Public Gardens Week in May.

Tremblay is a multidisciplinary artist, technologist and naturalist with a field-based creative practice. Her work is created via dynamic mobile and virtual interfaces (Microphotography, iPhoneography, Digital Processing) and is shared across multiple traditional, experimental and online platforms. DiPietro is a classically trained landscape painter who is now pioneering new methods in combining VR painting, sculpture, and photogrammetry. They have been collaborating since 2016.



Tremblay and DiPietro highlight the unique assets of the Bellevue Botanical Garden, such as the Yao Japanese Garden. They are excited to share their work, engage with the public and answer questions via Instagram. To see the work to date and to follow their posts, head to Instagram and follow @BellevueArtsProgram, @BellevueBotanical, @gentremblaze and @nathan\_dipietro.

The artist's residency, which started in January, concluded at the end of National Public Gardens Week, May 11-17. This innovative program was funded by the City of Bellevue's Arts Program through a Special Project Grant and will remain on the Arts Program's Instagram.





## Environmental Stewardship Plan Outreach Goes Virtual

The City of Bellevue is committed to engaging residents to help provide input on important plans and policies. As we all continue to incorporate safe social distancing, city staff have found creative ways to bring people together to learn about and give feedback on the city's Environmental Stewardship Plan.

The updated Environmental Stewardship Plan includes bold goals that will help the city reduce carbon emissions and become more resilient. To achieve our goals, we are looking at a range of potential actions, such as home energy retrofits, incentives for green building, programs to enhance the city's tree canopy and strategies for improving mobility options.

We are using several criteria to evaluate these actions, including cost, feasibility, impact, equity and community support. To understand community support, the team planned several in-person engagement opportunities throughout this spring, but we moved the following events online and launched an online survey:

- ◆ **Action Survey:** Over 400 community members shared their opinions about the potential actions through a survey on [EngagingBellevue.com](https://engagingbellevue.com).
- ◆ **Virtual Earth Week Talk – Climate Anxiety: Staying Engaged without Getting Overwhelmed:** In partnership with Bellevue College, the city invited Dr. Jennifer Atkinson of the University of Washington-Bothell to speak about climate anxiety and share ways for attendees to get involved in Bellevue's climate policy. About 60 people, including Bellevue College students, attended this virtual event.
- ◆ **Virtual Town Hall:** About 30 community members attended a virtual town hall to learn more about the Environmental Stewardship Plan and to ask questions.
- ◆ **Sustainability Town Hall with Bellevue High School:** Several city staff attended an event hosted by Bellevue High School and Sustainability Ambassadors to discuss student ideas about sustainability projects.
- ◆ **Online Focus Groups:** The city hosted two sets of online focus groups with representatives of approximately 40 Bellevue business and nonprofit organizations to discuss potential actions.

Through each of these outreach opportunities, community members have shared that they want to see Bellevue take bold, urgent action to lower greenhouse gas emissions while ensuring that Bellevue is a livable city for all. Many community members encouraged Bellevue to partner with local businesses, schools, and government agencies to find creative solutions to environmental problems.

The Environmental Stewardship Plan team is working to incorporate feedback from each of these outreach events into the draft plan. Visit [BellevueWA.gov/environment](https://BellevueWA.gov/environment) for up-to-date information about the Environmental Stewardship Plan update process.

## Tips for reducing food waste at home

Now is a great time to make the most of our food at home and reduce trips to the grocery store! Check out Bellevue Utilities' new guide with tips for reducing food waste at home. Learn how to turn leftover takeout into lunch, store food to keep it fresh longer, and meal plan to help you shop quickly for what you need. Also discover what dates on various food labels actually mean. There are countless resources that go into wasted food, including fossil fuels, land use, water, and money. In fact, the average family of four in the U.S. spends \$1,200 each year on food that is not eaten! Use this new guide to help save time, money, and maximize the food you have at home.

[BellevueWA.gov/recyclefoodwaste](https://BellevueWA.gov/recyclefoodwaste)



Check out King County's Food Storage Guide for more storage tips.

[your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/solid-waste/waste-prevention/too-good-food-storage-guide.pdf](https://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/solid-waste/waste-prevention/too-good-food-storage-guide.pdf)



## Unemployment fraud alert

Unemployment benefits fraud during COVID-19 is rampant. The Secret Service has identified a well-organized Nigerian fraud ring targeting the United States, including Washington state.

Many people don't realize that they're a victim until they receive a letter in the mail from the Employment Security Department. If you fall victim, please report it to your employer's human resources department and the Washington State Employment Security Department ([esd.wa.gov/unemployment/unemployment-benefits-fraud](https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/unemployment-benefits-fraud)). Also, file a separate report online with the Bellevue Police Department ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/police](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/police)) under identity theft.

You need to report this fraud to the three major credit bureaus and obtain your free credit report at [annualcreditreport.com](https://annualcreditreport.com) or call 1-877-322-8228. You may consider putting a freeze or fraud alert on your accounts, as well. Be certain to keep all paperwork and documents related to this incident, including case numbers.

## Bellevue police urge precautions as mail thefts spike

Many stores are closed and people are staying home. That's everyone except the crooks, especially mail thieves. Bellevue police have seen a 141% increase in reported mail thefts over the same time last year, and investigators fear that it will get worse as federal COVID-19 relief checks hit mailboxes. "Criminals are looking for easy money, and there's more incentive than ever for thieves to target mailboxes," said Captain Joe Nault. "But here's the deal. You don't have to be a victim, and there are many precautions you can take to protect yourself."

- ◆ Make sure you have a locking mailbox with the sturdiest lock you can get.
- ◆ Don't let mail sit in your mailbox. Mail theft is a crime of opportunity. Remove the mail, remove the opportunity. Find out your mail delivery time and immediately pick up the mail.
- ◆ Sign up for USPS Informed Delivery. This free service allows you to digitally preview your mail and track packages. [informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action](https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action).
- ◆ When ordering merchandise, track packages and be home when they are delivered.

- ◆ Work with neighbors to pick up each other's packages if you must be away.
- ◆ Send outgoing mail at the post office or deposit close to pick up time.
- ◆ If you can't pick up your mail, use Hold for Pick Up through USPS ([usps.com/](https://usps.com/)).

"Everyone needs to be vigilant about picking up their mail, making sure their box is secure and watching out for suspicious activity in your neighborhood," warns Nault. "Our officers have made several arrests recently because neighbors were alert and immediately called us when they saw something. We all need to look out for each other."

Also, report all mail thefts. If you witness a crime occurring, call 911, or report mail thefts online ([bit.ly/3cEIlms](https://bit.ly/3cEIlms)). You're also encouraged to report mail or package theft to the U.S. Postal Inspector ([uspis.gov/report/](https://uspis.gov/report/)).

"If you sign up for the Informed Delivery or tracking services, you should have a better idea of what's in your mail. Pick your mail up immediately and report any mail theft. We want everyone to report so we can track it, investigate it and arrest those responsible," said Captain Nault.

## Protect yourself, don't be an easy target for car prowls and thefts

These times are stressful enough without adding crime to the mix. Unfortunately, Bellevue police report that car prowls are up more than 17% over this time last year. Vehicle thefts are down slightly for the year, but April had the highest monthly total of reported stolen cars at 27.

"Criminals have limited opportunity to commit crimes during the pandemic as most businesses have been closed. As a result, we're seeing a spike in car prowls, mail thefts and theft of personal property in general," says Captain Alycia McKinney.

Cars are sitting idle as many people have been staying home. That gives criminals more opportunities to strike.

"You don't want to be an easy target," McKinney added. "You'd be surprised how many vehicles are prowled because the doors are unlocked, or valuables are sitting in plain sight. Many cars are stolen because the keys are inside the vehicle."

McKinney recommends taking steps to protect yourself and your vehicle. Don't make it enticing or easy for the crooks.

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- ◆ Lock the doors and close all windows. Just like you lock up your home, lock up your car.
- ◆ Always activate your alarm.
- ◆ Remove all valuables and bags, including car keys and the garage door opener.
- ◆ Don't hide items under seats or in the trunk when arriving at your location. Criminals are often watching.
- ◆ Never leave credit cards or cash in your vehicle; thieves use them immediately.
- ◆ Park in well-lit areas or improve the lighting.
- ◆ Avoid parking near things that limit visibility or provide hiding places.

Please report all car prowls and thefts to the Bellevue Police Department. If it is a crime in progress, call 911. Otherwise, report the crime online [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/police](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/police).

## Bellevue Fire Department "Two Left Bunker Boots" accepts the #FlattenTheCurveChallenge!

[youtube.com/watch?v=ugxbUhNSeog](https://youtube.com/watch?v=ugxbUhNSeog)

As emergency medical services providers, COVID-19 has presented unique challenges for Bellevue firefighters, in responses and in our daily station activities. We have taken extra measures to keep ourselves, the public and our families safe. Our commitment to protect and serve has not wavered. And our spirits haven't wavered, either!

Please enjoy this lighthearted demonstration of how we have risen to meet the "Flatten the Curve Challenge," as well as showing off our dance moves! Bellevue Fire's "Two Left Bunker Boots" Dance Troupe dances to Blind Alley's performance of "Follow the Plan" and was choreographed by Marika Theofelis.



A huge thanks to the firefighters, our own all-firefighter cover band and dancers for giving their time off-duty to assist with the making of this video.

## Bellevue Family 4th of July event canceled

The Eastside's largest Fourth of July celebration at Bellevue Downtown Park will not take place this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order extension, combined with the Safe Start Washington phased plan for eventually allowing public gatherings over 50 people.

The Bellevue Family 4th typically brings together up to 60,000 visitors to Downtown Park and surrounding areas with a day of entertainment and food culminating in a fireworks show set to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Event organizers from the City of Bellevue and Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA) explored a range of intermediate and smaller-scale options for presenting the event. Similar to July 4 event decisions across the region, they agreed the alternatives for a public celebration would still invite large gatherings to occur.

"Safety is paramount, especially now as we try to bounce back from this pandemic," said Bellevue Downtown Association President Patrick Bannon. "We're grateful for such strong sponsor and community support, and we'll plan to celebrate Independence Day in a big way next summer."

The City of Bellevue and Bellevue Downtown Association have co-produced the Bellevue Family 4th for the past 28 years.

## Important reminder from Bellevue Fire Department: Enjoy a safe Independence Day!

The impacts of COVID-19 are still with us, but cool temperatures and gray skies are quickly moving to our rearview mirror, and summer plans are underway. These plans include Independence Day celebrations. We want you to remember, for the safety of our residents and visitors, that fireworks are illegal in the City of Bellevue, except for permitted displays, with most unfortunately needing to be canceled due to the pandemic.

If you would like to help the Bellevue Fire Department spread this message, you can host one of these signs in your yard or ask us to send someone in your



neighborhood a friendly reminder. Just visit our website ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/fire/fire-prevention/no-fireworks-sign-form](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/fire/fire-prevention/no-fireworks-sign-form)) to submit a request, and we'll make it happen!



To make it easier to report fireworks use and lessen the impact on the 911 system, fireworks use can be reported on the [MyBellevue](#) app that was

successfully used for the first time in 2019. Reports received on the app create heat maps that allow our emphasis patrols to focus their enforcement efforts. The reporting feature will only be enabled on July 4. We would also like to remind everyone that last year the penalty for illegal use of fireworks is \$1,000, and there will once again be emphasis patrols.

## 108th Avenue Complete Street project on deck



Work on the 108th Avenue Complete Street project is expected to begin in June. The improvements will make it safer and more convenient for people walking or rolling, bicycling, riding transit, and driving on this important north-south street through downtown Bellevue. Construction is expected to conclude in September.

Complete streets are designed and operated so that people of all ages and abilities can use them safely and comfortably.

The latest round of improvements builds on previous work for the 108th Avenue Bikeway, completed in 2018. It's one of several Downtown Bikeways aimed at enhancing safety in Bellevue's busiest neighborhood.

The project, which extends from NE 12th Street to just south of Main Street, will include several upgrades, benefiting different groups who use the corridor:

- ◆ **People who ride bikes:** New pavement markings; bike signals; more curbs, posts and planters to

increase bikeway separation; and raised pavement in some sections.

- ◆ **People walking and rolling:** Mid-block crossing upgrades, with flashing beacons; accessibility improvements; safety modifications at corners to slow turning vehicles.
- ◆ **People driving:** Repaving at the NE 2nd Street intersection; more curb space for passenger loading and unloading; traffic signal changes to improve safety.
- ◆ **Transit riders:** Changes near the Bellevue Transit Center to reduce unauthorized use and improve transit travel times; upgrades to the floating bus platform near NE 2nd Street.

More information is available on the project webpage: [BellevueWA.gov/108th-ave-complete-street](https://BellevueWA.gov/108th-ave-complete-street).



## Bellevue Way SE roadway restoration comes with weekend closures

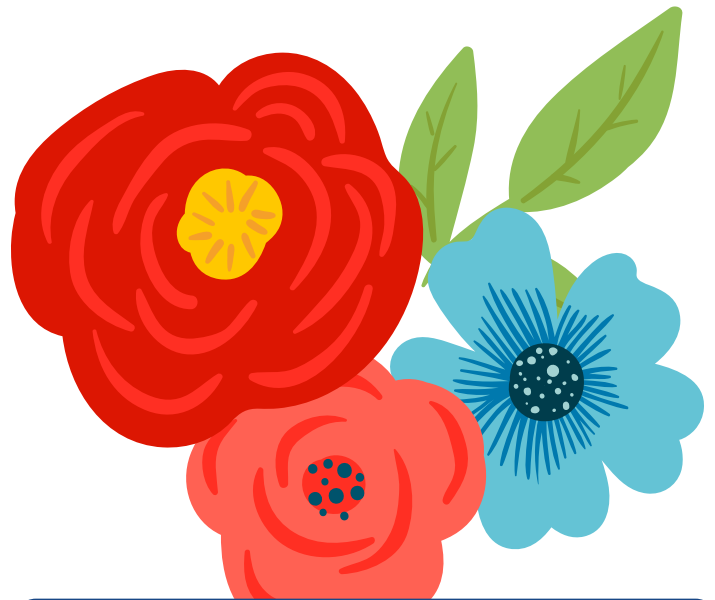
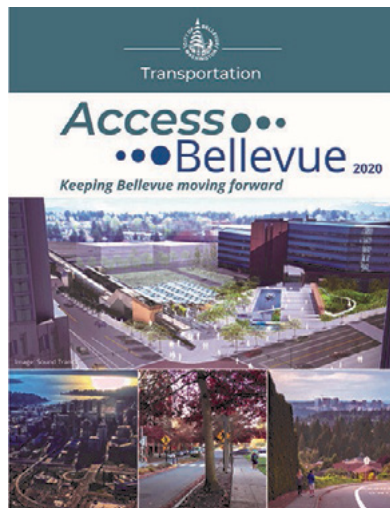
Sound Transit's crews will begin to restore the roadway along Bellevue Way Southeast between the light rail station up to the intersection at 112th Avenue SE. In order to complete the paving, full roadway and partial lane closures are planned for several weekends from June through September. There will be four to five full weekend closures – beginning Friday evening through early Monday morning. Additionally, up to six weekends of reduced lanes are planned.

On weekdays, plans call for maintaining two lanes in the primary direction into downtown Bellevue in the morning and two lanes toward Interstate 90 in the afternoon. For details, go to [BellevueWA.gov/accessbellevue](https://BellevueWA.gov/accessbellevue).

To receive Sound Transit's traffic alerts with closure dates and detours, subscribe at [SoundTransit.org/subscribe](https://SoundTransit.org/subscribe).


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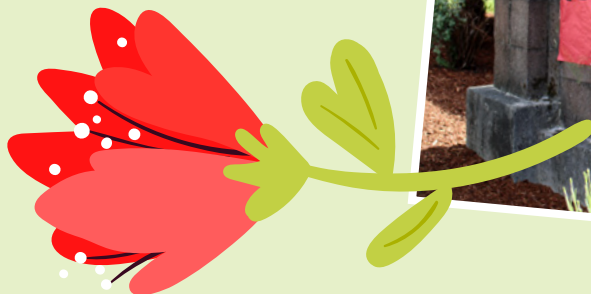
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## Boards and Commissions Meetings

As of April 1, no meetings are taking place at City Hall. Stay updated on meetings and cancellations: [BellevueWA.gov](http://BellevueWA.gov)

All meetings are conducted at City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. If a holiday occurs on a Monday, please check the updated calendar. Agendas can be downloaded from the city's web pages listed below. Meeting alerts are available through subscribing to the City's Special Meeting Notices page. [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/special-meeting-notice](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/special-meeting-notice)

### Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network

(6 p.m., Bellevue City Hall) Last Tuesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity/bellevue-diversity-advisory-network](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity/bellevue-diversity-advisory-network)

**East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30 p.m., Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) First Tuesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/east-bellevue-community-council](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/east-bellevue-community-council)

### Arts Commission

(4:30 p.m., 1E-109) First Tuesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/arts-and-culture/arts-commission](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/arts-and-culture/arts-commission)

### Environmental Services Commission

(6:30 p.m., 1E-113) First Thursday of each month [Utilities.BellevueWA.gov/conservation-and-the-environment/environmental-services-commission](http://Utilities.BellevueWA.gov/conservation-and-the-environment/environmental-services-commission)

**Planning Commission** (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second and fourth Wednesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/planning-commission](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/planning-commission)

**Transportation Commission** (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second Thursday of each month with fourth Thursday as needed. [BellevueWA.gov/planning/transportation-commission](http://BellevueWA.gov/planning/transportation-commission)

### Human Services Commission

(6 p.m., 1E-113) First and third Tuesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/human-services-commission](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/human-services-commission)

### LEOFF 1 Disability Board

(6 p.m., Room 1E-118) First Tuesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/human-resources/retirees-former-employees/leoff-1-disability-board](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/human-resources/retirees-former-employees/leoff-1-disability-board)

### Library Board

(5p.m., Lake Hills, Bellevue or Newport Way Library) Third Tuesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/library-board](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/library-board)

### Parks & Community Services Board

(6 p.m., 1E-113) Second Tuesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/parks-and-community-services-board](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/parks-and-community-services-board)

### The Bellevue Network on Aging (BNOA)

8:30 a.m., North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue) First Thursday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/bnoa](http://BellevueWA.gov/bnoa)

### Special Events Committee

(8:30 a.m., 1E-112) Second Thursday of each month [Parks.BellevueWA.gov/special-events/special-events-committee](http://Parks.BellevueWA.gov/special-events/special-events-committee)

### Youth Link Board

(6 p.m., 1E-120) Second Wednesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/youth-link-board](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/youth-link-board)

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## City Council [Bellevue.Legistar.com/Calendar.aspx](http://Bellevue.Legistar.com/Calendar.aspx)

Day	Scheduled Meeting(s)	Location	Public Comment Opportunity
First and third 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
Second and fourth 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