



Neighborhood News

May 2022

Neighborhood Enhancement Program Updates for Newport and Somerset

Newport residents: City staff are currently finishing the scoping phase for the numerous project ideas that were submitted for your neighborhood earlier this year through the city's Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP). Please join your neighbors at **a public open house on June 15 at 6:30 p.m.** at Newport Heights Elementary School, 5225 119th Ave. SE to preview the projects eligible for the program's funding and included on your NEP ballot. You'll then use the ballot to vote for the projects you care most about so they have a chance at receiving funding from the \$282,000 budget allocation. A brief overview of the project scoping process and NEP voting process will be provided. Look for printed invitations and meeting details to arrive in Newport area mailboxes in late May. For more information, contact NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov.



Somerset residents: NEP kicked off in April with a budget of \$217,000 allotted to your area and now is the time to submit your project ideas for how you'd like the money to be spent.

It's easy to share your ideas! Simply return the postage-paid Project Idea Card that each Somerset household received in the mail in April, or submit your ideas using the online submission form found at BellevueWA.gov/nep. All project ideas must be postmarked or submitted online by **Wednesday, May 18.**

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.

Please contact Theresa Cuthill at tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov with questions. Detailed program information can be found at BellevueWA.gov/nep.



For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-2735 (voice) or email mheilman@bellevuewa.gov. For complaints regarding accommodations, contact City of Bellevue ADA/Title VI Administrator at 425-452-6168 (voice) or email ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov. If you are deaf or hard of hearing dial 711. All meetings are wheelchair accessible.

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Register now for Experience Bellevue!

Saturday, May 14 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Experience Bellevue! Neighborhoods

Conference is all about getting out into the community! City staff are ready to welcome you to Bellevue City Hall and various sites around the city for a memorable day of experiencing and learning about our great community!

Residents, members of the workforce and visitors to Bellevue are all welcome and encouraged to participate. To get a preview of what is scheduled, view this one-minute video:



youtu.be/uukm2JlwAGA

Then, choose your experiences! You can get out on the streets for a walking tour of the vibrant transit and trail-oriented community of Wilburton, or take in the sights and sounds of the Spring District, which is the city's newest live, work and play destination. Tour the Bellevue Botanical Garden in the woods but still in the heart of the city. Explore a variety of distinctive neighborhoods with amazing history, views and hidden treasures. You can also learn about the evolution of downtown, the Grand Connection and our changing skyline. At City Hall, join skills workshops to tackle the art of listening, explore how to respond to cultural bias, learn lifesaving CPR or how to create an emergency kit on a limited budget. Get information about personal safety and crime prevention, and check out the newest police body cameras. There are 20 workshops and experiences that allow you to create a day customized just for you. It will be an experience rich with inspiration and community connection!

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Enjoy coffee and pastries in the City Hall concourse while you meet and

minge with your city councilmembers. At 9 a.m., Bellevue City Council will join a panel discussion, during which they will share reflections on pandemic recovery and plans for the future. At 10 a.m., classes and tours begin and will continue throughout the day. Admission is \$10, and lunch is available at an additional cost. Fee waivers are available for those with financial need. To view the full catalog of workshops and experiences and find the registration link, visit BellevueWA.gov/neighborhoodsconference.

Space is limited at each workshop, so register now to reserve your top choices.

Comp Plan Corner

Brooke Brod, Community Development Department

Bellevue is growing, and over the next 20 years, the Puget Sound region is expected to add 1.8 million people. As the anchor of the Eastside, Bellevue is planning for its share of that growth with an eye on maintaining the high quality of life that people enjoy in the city.

The city's Comprehensive Plan is one of the primary tools for proactively planning for this growth. The plan sets out the goals and policies that will guide decision making on housing, transportation, parks, land use and more. People are at the heart of this plan, which is why community engagement is an important part of the planning process.

The entire process will take place over the next two years. In the first phase of engagement, we're looking to understand what people see as the biggest challenges to address and the strengths that we can build on as we work to maintain a vibrant, welcoming and livable city for years to come.

So far, we've heard from over 1,500 people through our mailed and online questionnaire, and during two virtual events. We've also given multiple presentations to community groups and connected with community members at information tables in various locations.

The next scheduled event is the **Bellevue 2044 Open House**. At this **in-person** event, people can learn more about the Comprehensive Plan, talk to the planning team and share ideas through

a variety of hands-on activities. This is a family-friendly event and anyone who cares about the future of Bellevue is welcome to attend. Drop in any time and stay for as long as you wish.

Date: Saturday, May 7 | **Time:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Place: Stevenson Elementary School, 14220 Northeast 8th Street, Bellevue, WA 98007

Register: bellevue-2044-open-house.eventbrite.com



Youth Link Community Leadership Awards

This year, Bellevue Youth Link will be hosting the **32nd Annual Community Leadership Awards event on May 25 at Bellevue City Hall**. The annual citywide youth recognition event celebrates the contribution of our young people through diverse forms of leadership and community service. We are asking for your help to nominate a young person in our community under the community awards categories listed below.

Nominations can be submitted online and only require a few minutes to complete. **Nominations will be accepted until Friday, May 6.** Youth can also nominate other youth!

Nomination Form is at:

BellevueWA.gov/youth-link-awards

Nominations are being accepted in the following categories:

- Advocacy for Cultural & Heritage Pride
- Advocacy for Education
- Advocacy for Family Support
- Advocacy for Social Justice, Group
- Advocacy for Social Justice, Individual
- Advocacy for Wellbeing
- Advocacy in Sports & Recreation

- Environmental Champion
- Excellence in Youth Arts
- Outstanding Creative & Innovative Thinker
- Outstanding Elementary School Student
- Outstanding Middle School Student
- Outstanding High School Student
- Outstanding Inclusivity & Allyship
- Outstanding Youth Volunteer
- Unsung Hero
- Norm Maleng Social Justice Award*
- Bellevue Youth Council "MVP" Award*
- Phil Kushlan Volunteer Award*

* Bellevue Youth Link participation is required for these awards.

For more information or questions, please contact Bellevue Youth Link at youthlink@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2846. Thank you very much!

Family Bingo Night at North Bellevue Community Center

North Bellevue Community Center

Friday, May 20

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy free fun for the whole family! Play Bingo, enjoy pizza and win prizes!



We will have giveaways throughout the night, and winners of Bingo games will receive prizes as well. This event is open to all ages and experience levels. Bring your family, friends and neighbors, or come on your own to meet fellow Bingo enthusiasts. The event is free, but advance registration is required: Registration is through Blue Rec.

Program Code : 2202441

register.bellevuewa.gov/php/onlinereg/#/bvuewa/programinfo/387091

Children under 12 must be accompanied by a guardian.

This program receives funding from the King County Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy.

The City of Bellevue presents 9th annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride

June 11

Explore Bellevue's hidden treasures by bike on the Lake to Lake Bike Ride on Saturday, June 11, rain or shine. Bring the whole family to this enjoyable, non-competitive ride benefiting the City of Bellevue's youth camp scholarship fund.

Start and finish at Robinswood Community Park, North Entrance, 14915, Southeast 22nd Street.



Start area: Long-course riders (24-mile route with elevation gain) need to leave by 9:30 a.m., and short-course riders (8-mile route, mostly flat) leave between 9:30 and 10 a.m. The course will be marked and well-supported by staff and volunteers until noon.

Kids will begin their ride at 12:15 p.m. The event ends at 12:45 p.m.

Online registration closes at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 10. Day-of registration begins Saturday, June 8, at 8 a.m., while space is available.

Go to BellevueWA.gov/bike-ride for course information and to register online, or call 425-452-6885 to register via phone. Kids sign up on the day of the event.

Past participants have ridden these courses on all types of bikes. Past participants tell us that bikes with tires with some traction or a mountain bike work best for the sections of the ride with a gravel trail surface.

The event will have bike mechanics on site at the start to assist with safety checks and minor repairs. All riders must wear helmets.

Prizes: Following the event, all participants will receive an event t-shirt and various freebies at the post-event prize giveaway.

All participants must obey the rules of the road and trail. This ride is recommended for riders ages 9 and older (Greenbelt Loop is most appropriate for younger riders.) All riders under age 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult on all rides.

For more information or questions, call: 425-452-4882 or email: bikeride@bellevuewa.gov.

Residents get help through "Day of Sharing and Caring"

Requests for outdoor home projects are due by July 1

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. Past projects of all sizes have included yard clean-up, power washing, fence/gate/shed repair and painting, green debris and junk hauling, wood-round removal and bark spreading.

Now in its 15th year, Day of Sharing and Caring is a partnership between the City of Bellevue and Jubilee REACH, a Bellevue-based nonprofit organization.

A committee representing Jubilee REACH will review applications and select projects.

To protect the health of residents and volunteers, the city along with Jubilee REACH will continue to monitor King County health and safety guidelines.



To be considered for this opportunity to receive help with home projects, 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.

Residents can request more information, learn of additional resources and begin the application process by contacting Carol Ross at 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 interested in volunteering on Service Day, Saturday August 27, can access online registration, which begins June 1 at JubileeREACH.org.

A decade of Bellevue Essentials!

10-week course begins its 10th year on Sept. 28

After two years of Zoom learning, we are excited to bring back an in-person Bellevue Essentials course experience in 2022 and you can be a part of it! If you have a passion for learning more about your city and local government and want to connect with others who are interested in civic engagement, then Bellevue Essentials may be perfect for you. The course allows you to join with a cohort of 35 participants and explore the structure, daily operations, policies and processes of Bellevue city government over the course of 10 weeks.



The Bellevue Essentials program strives to welcome cohorts who are demographically representative of Bellevue's diverse community. The course is designed for people interested in gaining skills and the knowledge of how city government works and how to effectively be involved in their city government. Participants should be committed to the future of Bellevue and to serving their community. They also must live or work in Bellevue.

In this 10-week course, participants will engage with city councilmembers, city staff and

leadership, and learn about the past, present and future of Bellevue through presentations, interactive experiences and



site tours. Participants must attend at least eight of 10 sessions to graduate and must commit to approximately one hour of outside learning per week.

Three information sessions will be held in June to share more about program goals and outcomes. Information session attendees will receive an overview of the program, hear firsthand experiences of several graduates and be able to ask questions. Attendance at an information session is not required to apply, but you will learn what Bellevue Essentials is all about!

Class meets every Wednesday night, beginning on Sept. 28, and concludes with graduation and a 10th Anniversary signature event on Dec. 7. Tuition is \$150, and fee waivers are available to those with financial need. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on July 27.

Brochure, meeting information and an easy application for the 2022 Bellevue Essentials class is at BellevueWA.gov/bellevue-essentials.

For more information or to receive a hardcopy brochure, email jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-5372.

Free hearing tests at University of Washington

Comprehensive hearing evaluations are available at no charge through the University of Washington Department of Speech & Hearing Sciences Audiology Clinic.



This is a donation-based clinic providing evaluations for people having trouble hearing conversations or environmental sounds, such as birds chirping or watch alarms. The difficulty may be related to understanding speech in quiet

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places or where there is background noise. The evaluations are also for people who experience symptoms such as hearing noises in their ears or head ("tinnitus"), or ear pressure and dizziness.

Individuals who are at risk for hearing loss due to noise exposure, family history, co-existing conditions (such as diabetes, kidney disease, hypertension), or exposure to ototoxic medications (often associated with cancer treatments) should also consider a hearing evaluation.

Appointments are usually 45-60 minutes. The appointments are with graduate-level student clinicians who are supervised by licensed audiologists. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 206-685-7400.

Join the Sustainable Bellevue Climate Challenge and Take Action

The "Sustainable Bellevue: Environmental Stewardship Plan" includes ambitious goals to reduce 50% of the city's greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.



The city is taking action through steps such as reducing energy use in City Hall and transitioning the city fleet to electric vehicles. To achieve the plan's citywide goals, we need your help!

On April 18, Mayor Lynne Robinson issued a formal proclamation declaring April 22, 2022, as Earth Day – Arbor Day in Bellevue and encouraged all residents to take part in protecting our natural environment and join the city in a commitment to reducing our environmental impact as a community.

In honor of Earth Day 2022, we are excited to launch the Sustainable Bellevue Climate Challenge, an online platform where you can discover actions, share ideas and resources, and track progress toward reducing your carbon footprint. Help us make an impact on climate



change by joining the challenge or becoming a team leader to connect with your neighbors, friends and community to inspire more action.

You can sign up for the challenge at BellevueClimateChallenge.org. To register for a training to learn about the program, go to BellevueWA.gov/environment. You can also learn about opportunities to be a team leader, increase your commitment and encourage others to participate and to take action.

The Sustainable Bellevue Climate Challenge is part of the Eastside Climate Challenge in collaboration with Redmond, Issaquah and Mercer Island. This effort supports the implementation of the city's Environmental Stewardship Plan, which includes a strategy to develop a campaign to support residents in taking action to reduce their environmental impact.

This is a great opportunity to make a difference and help make every day Earth Day in Bellevue by taking action to preserve the environment.

Every Day is Earth Day: Free Presentation!

April may be over, but every day is Earth Day in Bellevue! Learn ways to protect our planet through everyday actions in a free presentation on Wednesday May 25, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave. NE.



The event is free, but advance registration is required: Registration is through Blue Rec.

Program Code : #2202473

(<https://register.bellevuewa.gov/php/onlineereg/#/bvuewa/programinfo/387466>)

Bellevue Utilities will present on:

- **Zero Waste:** Learn where your garbage, recycling and composting goes, what happens to it and how to reduce waste and recycle right. Explore current and new Washington state laws regarding solid waste. Lots of change is happening where we live!

- **Stream Team Pollution Prevention:**
Information on local salmon, streams and how to protect our local waterways.
- **Top action items that everyone can do locally to help globally!**

Bellevue Repair Fair

Repairing and reusing items we have - instead of replacing them - reduces environmental impacts and can potentially save you money.

Need help repairing an item? Sign up for King County's Repair Fair in Bellevue, scheduled for Monday, June 20, 3-6 p.m. at the Bellevue Botanical Garden's Education Center. Skilled "fixers" will be available to try to repair and mend your small appliances, electronics, toys, lamps, small wood items, clothing and more!

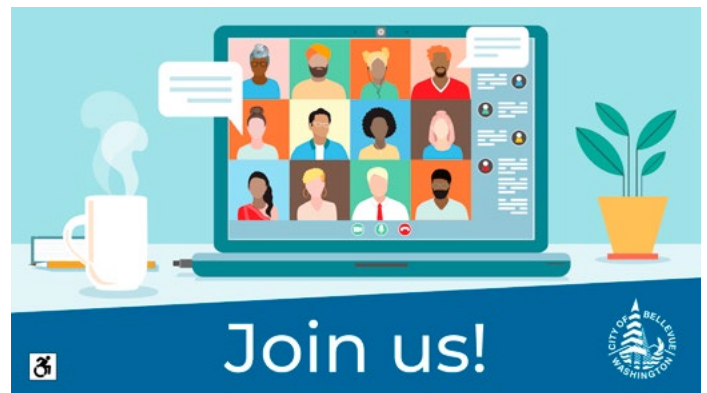
This is a free event, but please sign up in advance. Each person can bring one item to repair, and you must be present during the repair. There's no guarantee that an item can be fixed.

To sign up, email: Tom.Watson@KingCounty.gov, or call 206-477-4481 or visit KCecoconsumer.org or facebook.com/events/3084949315105575 for more info about this event.



the classroom with practical application and skills development in a professional setting.

Learn more about internship resources for individuals and employers at BellevueWA.gov/talent-and-education



Transportation Virtual Open House

Share your comments on proposed transportation code amendments!

Participate in the process: Sign up to attend a virtual open house at 6 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 3**, to learn more and share your feedback. Register online to attend the event, and you will receive an email with a Zoom webinar link.

Bellevue is changing the way it does "concurrency," which is outlined in the state's Growth Management Act and requires that transportation improvements be made concurrently (at the same time) as development. The proposed code amendments would implement recently adopted policies in the city's Comprehensive Plan and Mobility Implementation Plan to enable a multimodal approach to transportation improvements concurrent with development citywide. "Multimodal concurrency" is a new way for Bellevue to take into account a variety of transportation modes, such as transit, bicycling and walking, in addition to driving.

Learn more and register at: BellevueWA.gov/multimodal-concurrency-plan

Can't attend the online open house? We still want to hear from you!

Submit your comments via email to TransportationDevRev@bellevuewa.gov by **5 p.m., Tuesday, May 17.**

National Internship Awareness Month

The City of Bellevue honors April as National Internship Awareness Month by highlighting the importance of internships for residents, students and employers.

Starting in 2023, promotion of National Internship Awareness Month will focus on more communitywide collaboration and will showcase the success of internships in the city. An internship is work-related learning for individuals who want hands-on experience and can be paid or unpaid. It is a form of experiential learning that integrates knowledge and theory learned in

Street safety assessments focus on three schools

In May, Bellevue will begin the third in a series of six road safety assessments to help make bicycling and walking safer on routes that are near schools. Part of the city's Vision Zero transportation safety efforts, this assessment will concentrate on streets near Sammamish High School, Odle Middle School and Stevenson Elementary School. Students, parents and neighbors are invited to take part.

Those interested in helping can respond to a short online questionnaire or sign up to participate in one of two "walking audits" that will take place on May 15 and 21. The walking audits allow community members to join city staff at key places in the study areas to share their thoughts and experiences as a pedestrian, sidewalk user or bicyclist in those areas. To sign up for a walking audit or access the questionnaire, visit the project webpage at BellevueWA.gov/road-safety-assessments.

In coordination with the Bellevue School District, the city is using road safety assessments to identify safety issues, especially for vulnerable



travelers such as pedestrians and bicyclists. The Transportation Department will analyze results from the walking audits and assessments and make safety improvements on the streets.

The first walking audits took place in January on roads near Sherwood Forest Elementary School and Interlake High School. In April, two more audits were done on streets near Highland Middle School. Several community members participated in the physical walking audits.

In 2023, three more walking audits and assessments are planned for International High School, Newport High School, and a combined audit for Big Picture School, Lake Hills Elementary School, Phantom Lake Elementary School and Tillicum Middle School.



Boards and Commissions Meetings

Stay updated on meetings and cancellations:
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

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

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

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

Environmental Services Commission
(6:30 p.m., 1E-113) First Thursday of each month
BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/utilities/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

Transportation Commission
(6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second Thursday of each month with fourth Thursday as needed.
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

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

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

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

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

Special Events Committee (8:30 a.m., 1E-112)
Second Thursday of each month
BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/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

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: BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/neighborhoods or call 425-452-6836 or email: neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov.

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City Council Bellevue.Legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

Day	Scheduled Meeting(s)	Location	Public Comment Opportunity
First four Mondays of each Month, except August and December	6 p.m. Regular Meeting	Virtual Bellevue TV channel 21 and BTV YouTube channel youtube.com/user/BellevueWashington	Emails to Council are accepted at council@bellevuewa.gov at any time. Further opportunities for public comment are published on each Council agenda and can be found at bellevue.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
August – first Monday only			
December – first and second Mondays only			

Open Community Forum: Superintendent Search May 5, 2022



We want to hear from you!

Join us on May 5th from 6:45 – 8:15 p.m. for an Open Community Forum — the first in series of in-person and virtual engagement opportunities that seek to center community voice, help shape district direction, and inform the leadership profile for the next district superintendent.

— The Directors of the Bellevue School Board

All district students, staff, families and the greater Bellevue community are invited to participate.

