

City Announces Affordable Housing Strategy Public Workshop

Tuesday, March 21, 6-8pm | Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

In 2015, the City Council prioritized the development of an Affordable Housing Strategy to address the critical need for more affordable housing and enable people of all income levels to both work and live in Bellevue. This month, the City will host a public workshop to solicit feedback on the draft strategies that are being



proposed to increase the supply of affordable housing in Bellevue over the next ten years.

Attendees can expect to learn about the draft strategies that the Technical Advisory Group, consultants and staff have been evaluating over

the last few months, including the levels of affordability, funding needs, populations served, and number of units projected for each strategy. Attendees will then be encouraged to share their concerns and level of support for each strategy in small group discussions. The feedback received at the workshop will inform and shape the proposed draft strategy that will be presented to the Bellevue City Council this spring.

More information about the Affordable Housing Strategy can be found at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/affordable-housing.htm>, and by contacting Mike Kattermann mkattermann@bellevuewa.gov or Janet Lewine jlewine@bellevuewa.gov



Next Cultural Conversations: A New Twist on an Ancient Cultural Practice of Matchmaking

Tuesday, March 14, 1-2:30pm | Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street, Bellevue

Cultural Conversations, Bellevue's women's conversation group, which was launched in 2010 to increase cultural understanding and connection, will explore traditional matchmaking and its value to our modern society at its March meeting.

Women across the world today enjoy unprecedented opportunities to pursue their dreams in all aspects of life. Among that is the yearning for true love and deep and meaningful relationship. Despite online dating and social media this desire seems harder to achieve, with loneliness becoming more common amongst us. What additionally might we learn about applying matchmaking principles to bringing women together in community?

Anat Ben-Shaul will share her experiences with matchmaking as it relates to family traditions and cultural values that her parents brought with

them when they emigrated from Yemen to Israel, as well as her research on the topic. Anat will also share her love of literature and teaching romance writing, and her belief in love, which brought her from Israel to the Pacific NW. Here in Seattle, Anat recognizes how matchmaking - in love and in friendship - can be a key to strengthen community connection.

The events are free, refreshments are served, and women of all ages, faiths, and cultures are welcome to attend. To fully participate in the sharing, we encourage you to make arrangements for childcare. For more information, please contact Carol Ross 425-452-7917, cross@bellevuewa.gov or Barb Tuininga 425-452-2800, btuininga@bellevuewa.gov.



"Better Together" Spring Series

Civil Disagreement – Can We Talk?

Wednesday, March 29, 6:30pm | City Hall Room 1E-108, 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

In our increasingly polarized political environment, how can we have civil discussions with others with whom we have profound disagreements? Learn how to have meaningful, civil conversations with others, by building bridges between ourselves and those with whom we disagree.

Join Dr. David E. Smith of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Washington, as he leads us through an evening of skill building on civil discourse. Dr. Smith will introduce some foundational principles for civil discussion and feed us some necessary ingredients in the recipe



for civility. He will delve into controversial issues around religion, ethics and politics from his own personal experiences and then give you a chance to reflect on your own values and experiences and put his tools into practice at facilitated discussion tables.

Space is limited and there is no charge to attend. Recommended for age 16 and above and no childcare is available.

Registration required by contacting neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6836.

The Civil Disagreement event is Co-sponsored by the City of Bellevue and the King County Library System.



Save the Dates:

Wednesday, April 26 – Exploring Cross Cultural Communication

Wednesday, May 31 – Under Our Skin: What Do We Mean When We Talk About Race?

Now We've Got a Home on Houzz

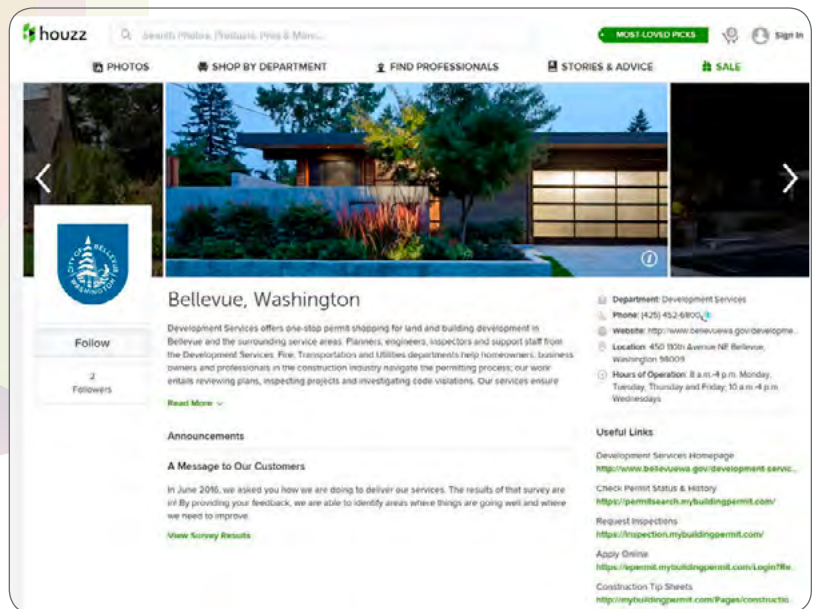
The City of Bellevue now has a home on Houzz.com, the world's largest home improvement platform. As part of a pilot project intended to help homeowners and contractors remember the permit part of the home improvement/construction equation, Bellevue is one of seven cities around the country with pages on the site.

With 40+ million users, Houzz is a place for homeowners and construction/design professionals to share ideas, find services and explore images of projects such as kitchen remodels, new construction and landscapes.

One missing ingredient until recently was information about the permit process. Many users don't know they need a permit for some home improvements. The

City is now partnering with Houzz, and has a city section on their website that includes links to Development Services, images of residential projects in Bellevue and a map of residential permit activity.

Bellevue saw \$800 million worth of commercial and residential construction in 2016.



Building Community through Music: 2nd Ballard Civic Orchestra Performance

Sunday, March 19, 2pm | 288 106th Ave NE Suite 203, Bellevue

Funded by the Special Art Projects Grant from the City of Bellevue, Ballard Civic Orchestra will present their second performance of its concert series entitled “Celebrating Hispanic & Latino Cultural Heritage,” featuring two notable guest artists, including top contemporary Brazilian musician, Jovino Santos Neto, three-time Latin Grammy nominee, master pianist, composer and arranger and countertenor José Luis Muñoz whose expression has been described as “amazing and powerful.”

Ballard Civic Orchestra is a multi-generational, intercultural orchestra with a motto “Building Community through Music”. Its mission is to enhance community life, by sharing their passion for music to benefit underserved communities and their families, with outreach to diverse Seattle-area immigrant and refugee communities.

Currently based in Seattle, Neto has performed around the

world with a personal style that is a creative blend of energetic grooves, deep harmonies, improvisation, lyrical melodies and great ensemble playing, always inspired and informed by the colorful richness of Brazilian music.

The concert is free. All are welcome. For more information about the orchestra and the concert, please visit ballardcivicorchestra.org/upcoming-events/. For more information about arts funding opportunities, please contact Josh Heim 425-452-4105, jheim@bellevuewa.gov, or visit the Arts Program website at bellevuewa.gov/arts_special_projects_funding.htm



TRAFFIC CORNER



Construction Projects Update

Construction continues in March for a number of projects. The following locations serve a high volume of traffic so, if possible, use an alternate route:

Lane or full road closures:

- Northup Way Connection to SR 520 Trail: Bike lanes, sidewalks, intersection, traffic signal and wall work continues on Northup Way from 116th Ave NE to NE 24th St. Expect impacts from the 116th Ave NE intersection west toward NE 24th, Monday through Friday, 7 am – 4 pm.
- 120th Ave NE, Stage 2: NE 8th St to NE 12th St: Work has resumed. Expect lane closures and obey construction signing.
- 120th Ave NE, Stage 3: NE 12th St to NE 16th St: The roadway is closed until May 2017 to build a bridge with five lanes and bike lanes between the 1400 block and 1600 block.

Besides City of Bellevue projects, here are construction impacts related to East Link light rail:

- From Main St along 110th Ave NE to NE 6th St/Tunnel alignment: Lane closures along the alignment for monitoring equipment installation
- Main St/112th Ave SE: Intermittent lane and sidewalk closures to haul dirt due from the tunnel excavation project.
- Bellevue Way SE/So Bellevue Park & Ride: Plan ahead for the closure of the park and ride. Alternate commuter lots are now available. Get notification of closure date and parking options info at soundtransit.org.

- NE 2nd Pl from 110th Ave NE to 111th Ave NE: Closed through 2018 for construction staging.

The East Link light rail project will have associated lane closures every week. For the most up-to-date information, please check weekly Traffic Advisories at the link below.

Please note: This list does not include the current lane closures due to private development projects being constructed in downtown Bellevue. For information about those projects, please refer to: bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Development%20Services/lu_MajorProjects.pdf

Construction Information Tools: To stay up-to-date about where construction has lane or full road closures, please use the following information tools:

- Electronic Message boards: Gives dates or times of upcoming lane or road closures.
- Real-time Traffic Map & Cameras: bellevuewa.gov/trafficmap
- Traffic Advisories webpage: bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm
- Follow the Transportation Department on Twitter: @BvueTrans
- Capital Project (Interactive) Map: bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map.htm
- Sign up for email alerts on project webpages: bellevuewa.gov/transportation.htm



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/envIRON_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

(8:30pm, 1E-113) 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
1st and 3rd Mondays except in August and December	6pm, Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8pm, Regular Session	Council Chambers	8pm, Oral Communications
2nd and 4th 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

