Apply now for Neighborhood Partnerships funding

Applications are being accepted for matching grants from Bellevue’s Neighborhood Partnerships program – a new and expanded version of the popular Neighborhood Match.

Three types of matching grants are now available for residents willing to spend time and a little bit of money on ideas to improve safety, appearance and livability of their neighborhoods:

◆ **Grants for physical improvements** – Up to $5,000 in matching funds is available for small neighborhood improvements – landscaping, neighborhood entries, community mailbox stands, etc. The neighborhood match can be provided in cash or in volunteer labor.

◆ **Grants for neighborhood fitness/clean-up projects** – Matching funds are available to defray the expense of neighborhood efforts to de-clutter, spruce up, and improve overall appearance of the community. Clean-up packages can include community garage sales, charity drives, junk collection and associated activities – including celebrations of success!

◆ **Mini Grants for neighborhood organizing** – Neighbors seeking to organize or revitalize their neighborhood association can apply for matching funds up to $250 to help with mailing, promotion, etc.

Neighborhood Outreach staff are available to provide advice and assistance with all grant-funded projects. The total of matching funds available has doubled this year – from $50,000 to $100,000. But interested neighborhood groups should not delay; the deadline for initial applications is April 15.

For more information, or to receive application materials, call Neighborhood Outreach at 425-452-6836, e-mail NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov or see the web site at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-outreach-intro.htm.

**Comment on new street design**

The City of Bellevue will hold an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, on the proposed NE 15th/16th Street project in the Bel-Red area. The new street is being designed for a variety of transportation users, including motorists, light rail passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Attendees can learn about, and comment upon, a roadway design that would accommodate future growth in the area, and would integrate with the planned East Link light rail route. Two light rail stations are proposed along NE 15th/16th Street – at 120th Avenue NE and at 130th Avenue NE, with a Park & Ride proposed at the 130th Avenue station. The open house will take place in the first floor concourse of City Hall. For more information
Water main work closes lanes

Bellevue Utilities Department is replacing water main and large commercial meters on SE 3rd Street from 101st to 104th Avenue SE in preparation for a major King County sewer project. During the work, on-street parking will not be allowed on NE 3rd and only local one-way eastbound traffic will be permitted. At times during the 4-5-week city project, residents will be notified of temporary driveway blockages and water service interruptions. Work hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, contact Rick Pedersen, 425-452-6977 or rpedersen@bellevuewa.gov.

Save the Date: Wednesday, April 6, is the first part of the two-part Bellevue Neighborhoods Forum. Come hear a nationally recognized speaker, join your neighbors in a stimulating follow-up discussion, and enjoy refreshments and networking. The Neighborhoods Forum Part One is scheduled for 7 p.m. at City Hall. Watch this publication for details, or call Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-6836.

February 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.)

2/1 Arts Commission (4:00, 1E-109) Report from 4Culture about “Gnome,” a new art installation; review of Funding Guidelines for 2011; overview of “Enhanced Rights of Way and Urban Boulevards” project; discussion of non-monetary ways of supporting local arts groups http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

2/1 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Regular meeting to review current Community Council Rules and Procedures http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm


2/2 Open House meeting on NE 15th/16th Street design (5-7 p.m., Concourse) See article above for details

2/3 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30 a.m., 1E-112) Eastside Time Bank Program update, Committee reports, other Boards/Commissions reports, staff reports. http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm


2/3 Eastgate/I-90 Citizen Advisory Committee (5:30, 1E-108) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/eastgate-corridor.htm

2/7 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Continued discussion of Hearing Examiner’s Findings, Conclusions and Recommendation regarding proposed Wilburton Local Improvement District (LID); update on alternative considerations for NE 4th Street Extension (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA), Performing Arts Uses LUCA, Nonconforming Lot Building Heights LUCA http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

2/8 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm


2/14 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) East Link B7 Concept update

2/15 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Agenda to be determined

2/21 President’s Day Holiday – All city offices closed

2/22 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) 2011 Arts Funding Guidelines, 15th/16th Street project (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, continued discussion of Helistop Conditional Use Permit http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm


2/28 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Regional issues http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm