



Enhance Your Neighborhood Meeting Host a Workshop for Your Group

Are you looking for ways to help neighbors meet and connect beyond the traditional neighborhood meeting? Bring your neighbors together to participate in a learning community! Educational Workshops are available on request (day or evening) for neighborhood meetings and gatherings. Choose one or a series.

Topics include:

(click [here](#) for full course descriptions)

- Building your Neighborhood Association
- The Changing Face of Bellevue
- Forming our Future
- Addressing Neighborhood Traffic Safety Concerns
- Life of a Transportation Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Project
- Handling a Difficult Conversation with Neighbors
- Resolving Group Conflicts (Before They Divide Your Community)
- Actions for a Greener Future
- Ways to Survive: How to Get Prepared for an Emergency

For more information or to reserve a program speaker, contact Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov

Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

*Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:30-8pm
City Hall Room 1E-108*

In February, more than 80 neighborhood leaders shared their priorities for their communities.



Among the many priorities shared that evening, a few included: improving communication with the city, concern about residential burglary and a desire for more support for homeowners association web sites and social media tools. And there was a desire for neighborhood leaders to meet more often and learn from each other. Don't miss our fall gathering of neighborhood leaders and your chance to learn and to share! Association board members and emerging leaders are welcome.

Agenda Highlights for the Evening:

- Interim City Manager, Brad Miyake
Vision for Bellevue's Future
- Deputy Chief Jim Joliffe
Update on response to neighborhood concerns regarding residential burglaries
- Topic Tables
Learn about and share important neighborhood issues that you care about with other neighborhood leaders.

If you have a table topic that you wish to discuss with other neighborhood leaders, please send that suggestion to Julie Ellenhorn. Please RSVP to Julie Ellenhorn at jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5372. Light refreshments will be served.



East Link Light Rail Project Bel-Red Open House

Tuesday, September 10

5:00-7:00pm (formal presentation at 5:30)

Highland Community Center,

14224 Bel-Red Road

Sound Transit will host an open house this month to update the public on the East Link project and get feedback on the 60% design completions for the 130th station and the Bel-Red segment. Attendees will learn information about project schedule and final design elements, which include sustainability, pedestrian and bicycle amenities and the Start public art program.

The East Link Light Rail Extension project will extend the light rail network from downtown Seattle to Mercer Island, Bellevue, Bel-Red and Overlake in Redmond. The 14-mile route will include ten stations, two of which will be located in the Bel-Red area. East Link is anticipated to begin operations in 2023.

During final design, Sound Transit encourages community members to comment on station design plans, landscaping, station materials and more. In addition to Sound Transit's open house materials, the City of Bellevue will share information about its concurrent transportation projects. City staff will be on hand to explain plans and answer questions about several roadway corridor improvement projects in Bel-Red including 120th, 124th, and 130th Avenues Northeast, and Northeast 15th and 16th Streets. These projects will help create stronger multi-modal connections between Bel-Red, downtown Bellevue, and surrounding areas.

Please contact City of Bellevue's East Link Community Outreach Lead, Kate March at kmarch@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2055 with any questions. For more information about East Link Light Rail in Bellevue, please visit <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail.htm>. To learn about what's happening in Bel-Red, please visit http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bel-red_intro.htm

Bellevue Pet Angels

The City of Bellevue cares about animals. The best way to protect pets from loss is to make sure they are licensed. We need your help reaching out to residents about the importance of pet licensing, and the amazing services offered by the County's Animal Services Program. The City is currently looking for "Bellevue Pet Angels", volunteers who love animals to assist with an information campaign:

Pet Licensing Reminders

Volunteers will work at City Hall to call and remind pet owners in Bellevue about the importance of renewing their license. Training and scripts are provided.

Sharing Information at Retail Outlets and at Events

Volunteers will reach out to the public about animal services and pet licensing at events, malls and retail stores.

Training will be provided and teams are welcome. For more information about these volunteer opportunities, contact Shelly Shellabarger at sshellabarger@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-5375



**Why license your pet?
...because they're too
precious to lose!**

A License...

- Reunites owners with lost pets
- Free ride home the first time a licensed pet gets lost
- 24/7 lost pet license identification
- Saves lives by funding care for shelter animals
- Funds animal control enforcement
- It's the law—King County Code 11.04.030

*More Info on Licensing: 206-296-2712 or
www.kingcounty.gov/pets*



Affordable Care Act Enrollment Events

Health care reform is here and changes are happening! Individuals and families will gain

access to affordable health coverage. One of the goals of the Affordable Care Act is to increase health insurance enrollment in the community. Beginning October 1, uninsured residents can start enrollment with coverage taking effect on January 1, 2014.

There will be many events in King County for information and enrollment starting in October. The City of Bellevue is partnering with King County Public Health to inform and assist the public in a series of enrollment events: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/personal/coverage/calendar/Bellevue.aspx>

For more information, please contact Alex O'Reilly at 425-452-2824 or AOReilly@bellevuewa.gov or Barb Tuininga at 425-452-2735 or btuininga@bellevuewa.gov

Please visit King County Public Health's website www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/personal/coverage.aspx to obtain health care reform information in our region. The Washington Health Benefit Exchange has created the Healthplanfinder <http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org/> – an easily accessible, online marketplace for individuals, families and small businesses in our state to compare and enroll in health plans and access important cost savings.

Difficult Conversations Workshop: How to Approach a Challenging Neighbor

*Wednesday, September 11, 7pm
Newport Way Library*

What do you do when your neighbor's dog barks all night? How do you approach the guy next door who never mows his lawn? How about the neighbor down the street who parties all the time and her guests occupy all the street parking? We all want to be good neighbors, but sometimes it's not an easy task to talk about these issues without

creating a conflict. If you struggle with these issues or just want to learn some new skills about conflict resolution; this is the perfect opportunity for you. The Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation

Program will present a two-hour mini-workshop to focus on improving your conflict management skills, particularly difficult conversations with neighbors. There will be participatory exercises as well as specific tools you will



learn at the workshop, such as active listening, open ended questions, controlling emotions and discovering underlying interests to address needs. For questions or to RSVP, please contact the Mediation program at 425-452-4091

Volunteer Board Position Available: A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH)



Make your voice heard on affordable housing funding and programs by joining the ARCH Citizen Advisory Board (CAB). The CAB consists of twelve to fifteen community residents and housing professionals that work with ARCH staff to evaluate local housing funding proposals and increase awareness of housing issues on the Eastside. Board members contribute their understanding of housing and community issues, as well as certain specialized perspectives including real estate, housing development, planning, finance, assisting persons with low income or special needs, faith community, racial diversity, architecture and residents of affordable housing. The CAB also strives to be representative of the Eastside communities that make up ARCH. The CAB typically meets one Wednesday evening per month for two hours. More information about ARCH and the ARCH Citizen Advisory Board is on the ARCH website: www.archhousing.org. To apply, please contact Jessie Tang jtang@bellevuewa.gov or Arthur Sullivan asullivan@bellevuewa.gov or 425-861-3677

September 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.)

9/2 Labor Day – All City Offices Closed

9/3 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Sammamish High School Demolition/Rebuild Update; Affordable Housing http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

9/3 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Briefing on results of 2014 Comprehensive Garbage, Recyclables, and Organic Waste Collection Contract procurement process; City Manager Search Brochure approval (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Recovery Month Proclamation; Alzheimer's Awareness Month Proclamation; Business and Occupation Tax Simplification Update; Consent Calendar http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

9/5 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30a.m., 1E-120) Emergency Preparedness Presentation, Committee Reports. http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

9/5 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-120) Topic: Review Human Services Element of the Comprehensive Plan http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

9/9 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Kelsey Creek Rezone; Land Use Code Amendment Work Program; Comprehensive Plan Update; Bel-Red Review; Environmental Stewardship Initiative Update; 2014 Solid Waste Collection Contract RFP Update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

9/10 Arts Commission (4:30, 1E-109) agenda items will include Bellwether 2014 planning, 2014 Funding Guidelines, East Link Public Art and regular Commission business http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

9/10 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, 1E-112) Neighborhood Outreach program –Information Only; Bridle Trails Park Naming -- Recommendation to Council http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

9/10 Sound Transit East Link 60% Open House (5:00 – 7:00, presentation at 5:30 Highland Community Center) Bel-Red Segment/130 Station& Bel-Red Projects

9/11 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room 1E-113) Comprehensive Plan; Kemper Freeman Presentation; http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

9/12 Transportation Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Downtown Transportation Plan http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

9/16 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit Briefing; Community Development Block Grant presentation by Human Services Commission (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar; Street Vacation – 120th Avenue CIP project; Kelsey Creek rezone http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

9/17 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Topic: 2013-2014 Needs Update – first draft http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

9/18 Downtown Livability Advisory Committee (6:30 1E-108) Discussion of Land Use Code Elements <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

9/19 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) City Comprehensive Plan, Sewer Lakeline Report, Shoreline Master Plan, Water Cost of Service Study, West Side Storage Project http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm

9/23 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) East Link monthly update; Downtown Transportation Plan; Regional Issues Downtown Transportation Plan http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

9/25 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Comprehensive Plan update 2013 Comprehensive Plan amendments study session http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

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