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National Night Out Community Event

*Tuesday, August 6 12pm–6:30pm
Crossroads Farmers Market*

On Tuesday, Aug. 6, neighborhoods throughout Bellevue will join thousands of communities nationwide

for the 30th annual National Night Out. Residents of all ages are invited to observe the crime and drug prevention event from noon to 6:30 at the Bellevue Crossroads Farmers Market (in front of the old Circuit City), on the eastside of Crossroads Bellevue shopping center, 800 block of 156th Ave NE.

At the event, there will be prizes for kids, demonstrations by various public safety departments on ways to stay safe, entertainment, food and lots of fun, all designed around a crime prevention/reduction message.

Residents are also encouraged to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening with neighbors. Many of the neighborhoods in Bellevue are planning their own block parties and open houses. This is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and strengthen community pride.

For more information about the Crossroads event, please contact Officer Craig Hanaumi at chanaumi@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2891.

National Day of Service and Remembrance Breakfast Event to Honor our Elders

*September 11, 9am–11am
Crossroads Park*



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Microsoft

In celebration of our National Day of Service and Remembrance, City of Bellevue, Bellevue Police and Fire Departments, Microsoft & Hyatt Regency Bellevue are sponsoring a breakfast event to Honor our Elders. The event features a warm breakfast catered by the Hyatt's Eques Restaurant and a Senior Resource Fair. Microsoft volunteers will be on hand with giveaways and to assist attendees. This tented event will happen, rain or shine. Booths will offer information on the City programs, volunteer and service opportunities for seniors, senior safety tips, and information on free computer training from Microsoft, health screenings by Bellevue's Firefighters and more. Complimentary breakfast and giveaways while supplies last! For more information contact Shelly Shellabarger, Civic Engagement Coordinator at SShellabarger@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5375.



Volunteer for the Mediation Program and Learn Conflict Coaching Skills

Sept. 25th, 2013 9am–5pm

Sept. 26th, 2013 9am–5pm

Bellevue City Hall



The Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation Program is currently seeking volunteers to provide telephone intake and conflict coaching services. If you are interested in volunteering for the program, and if you live, work or go to school in Bellevue, you are eligible to apply for this 16-hour training. There is no charge for the training. Attendance at all sessions is required. Applicants must be available to work a two hour weekly shift during business hours.

Both the training and volunteering are a prerequisite to becoming a future mediator with our program. Telephone intake volunteers assist callers in understanding their issues, exploring options and developing strategies for problem resolution. If appropriate, the intake volunteer will speak to the other party involved in the conflict, and may help the two parties resolve the dispute through opening lines of communication and informal negotiations. At other times, the volunteer will assess whether the issue may be more appropriate for face to face mediation or other resources.

Training includes conflict theory, communication skills building, conflict styles, database usage and procedural tools. Qualifications for volunteering include: good communication skills, a positive attitude, the ability to empower people to resolve problems, and the ability to respect confidentiality and remain impartial.

Please visit the Mediation Program website www.bellevuewa.gov/mediation.htm to learn more about their services. To apply for this training, email mediation_info@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4091. Application deadline is Sept. 16, 2013. Interviews will follow.

Earthquake and Safety Day

August 17, 1pm–4pm

Somerset Elementary School



Remember the 6.6 magnitude earthquake in 2001? Bellevue is overdue for our next earthquake, so it's critical to learn how to protect your home and family.

Earthquake and Safety Day is sponsored by the Newport High School Key Club with Deputy Mayor of Bellevue, Jennifer Robertson doing a kick off at 1pm. Stop by for multiple presentations from the City of Bellevue Office of Emergency Preparedness and the Bellevue Police Department. Topics include: building your emergency kit, home security, hazard proofing your home, first aid, emergency planning, and more.

There will also be musical performances and field games for families. The day promises tons of learning and fun! For more information, contact Lucas Moyer, lucasdmoyer@gmail.com or 425-283-2729.



Save the Date for Leadership Gathering

September 26, 6:30–8pm
Bellevue City Hall

On September 26, the Neighborhood Outreach Team will host another Neighborhood Leadership Gathering. All active residents and neighborhood leaders are invited to come join city staff for an evening of interesting topics and conversation.



At the first Leadership Gathering event in February, more 80 neighborhood leaders shared their priorities for their communities and experience with the City and with each other. There was a general desire to have these meetings more frequently to help neighborhood leaders learn from each other.

Please save the date now with more details of the meeting to follow. You can send your RSVP to Julie Ellenhorn at jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5372. If you have a question or suggestions for the event, please contact Neighborhood Outreach Manager Mike McCormick Huentelman at mmhuent@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4089.

Jubilee Reach Day of Sharing and Caring, in Need of Volunteers

“A Day of Sharing and Caring,” a partnership between Jubilee Reach, the City of Bellevue, local businesses and homeowners, now in its sixth year, is scheduled for Saturday Aug. 24. More volunteers are



needed by Jubilee Reach, to tackle outside improvements on some 20 homes, including home repair, painting, deck replacement, yard work and carport cleanup. Applications for improvements have been submitted by Bellevue residents facing economic or other life challenges who own and occupy their home and are in need of home maintenance and repair.

For more information, please contact Gary King, at 206-419-5238 or garyk@jubileereach.org, or visit their website at <http://www.jubileereach.org/>



Neighbor Link

There is still time to plan your Neighbor Link neighborhood celebrations. Join other Bellevue neighborhoods to partner with the City this summer. Here is what the Program offers through September 29:

- Colorful flyers and banner customized and printed for your event
- While supplies last - thru Aug 31st, neighborhoods organizing a food drive, charity, or service project are awarded 4 Seattle Mariner's tickets
- Permit fee waived for street closures with approved residential permits



- Up to \$50 reimbursement for rental of approved “road closed” barricades
- Police and Fire will appear with advance notice and availability

For more information, please contact Carol Ross at cross@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7917.

Neighborhood Forums Now On Video

If you missed our Spring neighborhood forums, grab a bowl of popcorn and watch in the comfort of your own home! Even better, gather your neighborhood group, watch a forum and host your own discussion:

Keeping Kids Safe in Our Community, a panel discussion focused on school safety is available at [www. http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=5debae86-0980-1031-8b21-673bf20d68e3](http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=5debae86-0980-1031-8b21-673bf20d68e3)



Climate Change and Our Community, a panel discussion on community resiliency and environmental stewardship is available at [www. http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=13ddcd0b-3979-1031-bc96-29b50f2ba9d1](http://bellevue.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=13ddcd0b-3979-1031-bc96-29b50f2ba9d1)



August 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.)

8/1 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30–10:30am, 1E-120) Washington Health Benefit Exchange Presentation, Committee Reports

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

8/5 City Council (6:00 p.m. Study Session, Council Conference Room) Second Quarter 2013 Budget Monitoring Report and Project Updates and Preview of the Mid-Biennium Calendar (8:00 Regular Session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Approving Names for Certain Rights-of-Way in the Bel-Red Subarea, Continued discussion and possible action on Modifications to Council Rules for Oral Communications

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

8/6 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Boys and Girls Club, 15228 Lake Hills Blvd.) Courtesy hearing for Odle Middle School CUP and a Affordable Housing presentation.

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

8/6 Arts Commission (4:30, 1E-109) Presentation regarding the Tateuchi Center Review/discussion of art and cultural policies in the Urban Design Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

8/21 Downtown Livability (6:30–9:00 p.m. City Hall 1E-108) Review of draft audits of Land Use Code elements under consideration for future revisions

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

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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, call 452-6836.