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July 4 fireworks dazzle at Downtown Park

Monday, July 4, 2 to 10:30pm

Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street, Bellevue

The community is invited to join in the festivities as up to 65,000 people are expected at Bellevue Downtown Park for the 25th annual July 4 fireworks display.

Enjoying the festivities

The Bellevue Collection Bellevue Family 4th presented by Paccar runs from 2 to 10:30pm

The Republic Services Main Stage will feature live music by The Dimestore Prophets (feel good music), Tony Bridges Band (country) and Sway (cover band featuring rock and retro to today's hits). Bellevue Parks & Community Services' fun zone will include inflatables and free entertainment.

The Bellevue Fire Department Honor Guard will present the colors before the fireworks display. The event will culminate at 10:05pm with a spectacular fireworks show synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Getting there and back

Several streets will be closed for the event to keep people safe and minimize delays. Most closures start at 9:30pm; early arrival is highly encouraged. Please be patient, observe posted signs and obey police officers directing traffic.

- Before the fireworks, streets closed to vehicle traffic will include: Northeast Fourth Street, 100th Avenue to Bellevue Way Northeast; Northeast First Street, 100th to 103rd Avenue Northeast; and 100th Avenue Northeast, Northeast First to Northeast Fifth Street.
- After the fireworks, restrictions will include: right turns prohibited from 100th Avenue Northeast to Northeast Eighth Street, and from eastbound Northeast 10th Street to all side streets between 100th Avenue Northeast and Interstate 405; access to I-405 from Northeast 10th Street will be via 116th Avenue Northeast.
- Left turns will be prohibited from southbound Bellevue Way to eastbound Northeast Fourth Street; drivers headed to I-90 or I-405 may continue south on Bellevue Way.

Visitors are encouraged to walk, bike, take the bus or carpool to the event. Carpools on I-405 can make use of the HOV access ramps at Northeast Sixth Street.

Transit service to the Bellevue Transit Center (at Northeast Sixth Street and 108th Avenue Northeast) from Seattle and many surrounding areas also is available. Comprehensive information about travel options can be found at Chooseyourwaybellevue.org.

Complimentary event parking is offered after 6pm at Bellevue Square, Lincoln Square and Bellevue Place. Limited free parking also is available at the visitors' lot at City Hall, 450

110th Avenue NE. For an efficient post-event exit, park at Lincoln Square or use the Bellevue Place garage and exit via Northeast 10th Street.

Staying safe

The Bellevue Fire Department reminds residents and visitors that the sale, use and possession of fireworks are prohibited. When attending the July 4 event at Downtown Park, be aware that dogs and other pets are not allowed in the park after 2 pm. In addition, grills, barbecues, camp stoves and other cooking devices are prohibited. Tents, shelters, canopies or other types of shelters are prohibited after 8pm.

Cougar Mountain/Lakemont NEP Starts Strong

We'd like to thank everyone who attended the Cougar Mountain/ Lakemont Neighborhood Enhancement Program kick-off meeting on April 20at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center. We were joined by nearly 30 residents on a beautiful, spring day to discuss some great ideas for enhancing the area. We received an amazing 135 requests for projects between the kick-off meeting and May 31st! A huge thank to everyone who submitted their ideas. Popular project ideas included dog parks, a community pool, crosswalks, traffic signals, sidewalks, park equipment and trail enhancements. Popular project locations include Lakemont Community Park, Lewis Creek Park, Saddleback Park, Lattawood Park, Lakemont Boulevard, Forest Drive, Cougar Mountain Way, 164th Avenue SE, SE 62nd Street, 150th Avenue SE, 151st Avenue SE and 152nd Avenue SE.

Over the summer, the NEP team, which includes the planning, utilities, parks and transportation departments will be working together to assess the accessibility, feasibility, cost, timeline and maintainability of each project request to determine if it is eligible to become a ballot project. On Wednesday, September 7, we will host the Cougar Mountain/Lakemont NEP Project Open House, which will offer you all the opportunity to review and comment on each of the projects we have developed and proposed for the NEP ballot. The meeting will provide a brief overview of the feedback that was received during the project request period, visuals that describe and demonstrate each project, the opportunity to offer your comments, and information on the voting process. If you can't attend the Open House, the displays and materials will be available on the NEP website (http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep.htm) the week of September 7 for review and comment. For more information, please contact NEP Coordinator Emily Kish, at ekish@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4186.

EverGreen Gift Market

Now accepting vendor registration

Being green is easy at the EverGreen Gift Market, a city event on August 27 at the Northwest Arts Center where vendors will sell handmade, local, repurposed and sustainably-sourced goods.

The EverGreen Gift Market, 10am-3pm, is a free, family-friendly event, where visitors can discover new tastes, sights and smells, and browse some wonderful goods and crafts. The market is the first of two offered this year. A holiday version of the market will return on November 19 at Highland Middle School.

Vendors interested in participating in the event should email events@terralindaconsulting.com to register. There is a $5 registration fee which is refunded the day of the event. Green might mean upcycled materials, local, handmade, organics, Fair Trade, etc.

Bellevue Essentials 2016 class

Applications due July 15

Bellevue Essentials, a civic engagement training for emerging neighborhood leaders provides a perfect introduction to individuals new to neighborhood leadership. Neighborhood Associations are encouraged to send their leadership through this comprehensive course on the nuts and bolts of City government in Bellevue. Individuals looking to expand their civic engagement experience and knowledge also encouraged to apply. The 9-week class meets weekly on Wednesday evenings will begin its first session on September 21. For more information and to apply, contact Julie Ellenhorn at jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5372.

Business and Multifamily Organic Recycling Program

Organics recycling is available to businesses and multifamily properties in Bellevue as part of the City's solid waste contract with Republic Services. This service is included in the garbage rate and there is no additional cost for participating in the organics recycling program. Collection is weekly in 96 gallon green organics recycling carts. Customers are eligible for up to two organics recycling carts per garbage dumpster. "Organics" includes all food, yard debris, and food soiled paper, such as pizza boxes, napkins, paper towels, coffee filters, tea bags, and paper plates that are uncoated and do not have a shiny surface or a plastic coating.

Organics recycling is good for our community, your bottom-line, and the environment. To sign up for organics recycling service, please call Republic Services directly at 425-646-2492 or visit www.RepublicBellevue.com and click on "Request Services." Republic Services has a host of free resources to help your program be a success - just ask!

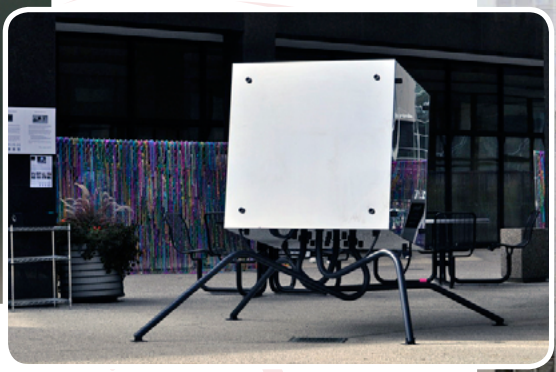
Bellwether "Confluence" Guided Art Walks

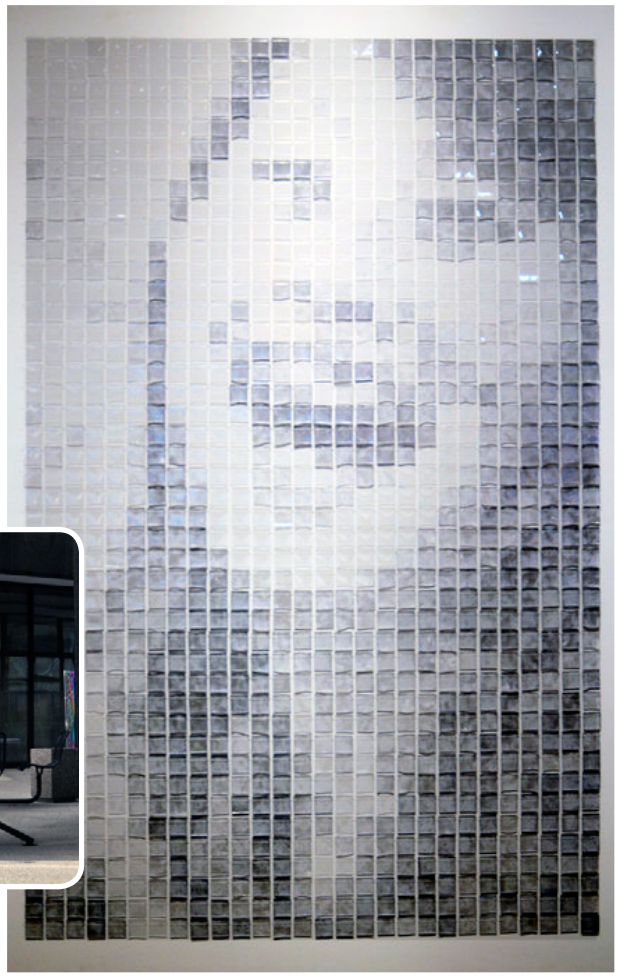
Summer is a great time to connect with your neighbors, friends and co-workers in a casual and fun way! Through Bellevue's Neighbor Link Program, we are having fun assisting residents with their plans for neighborhood parties offering planning help and resources through October 2. This summer we also have a special opportunity. How about inviting neighbors or nearby friends on a guided tour to see great art, share in conversation (who doesn't have an opinion?!) and explore downtown Bellevue?

Bellwether, the city's biennial sculpture exhibition will kick-off July 29 and continue through October 9. Bellwether is a great art experience for active residents, Downtown workers, walking groups, newcomers and visitors to Bellevue. Lots of fun family friendly events are being planned consistent with the theme "Confluence", art bringing together great ideas, people and community. Come and see how the Bellwether exhibit transforms City Hall, the city's Pedestrian Corridor and Downtown Park. Tour on your own or sign up for a guided 3-hour tour (time can be modified) covering 30 pieces, and ¾ walking miles to the Downtown Park; or start at the park and work your way to city hall and enjoy lunch outside at our newly designed green roof. The tours are an excellent opportunity to experience creations by talented artists, learn how art connects to the city's planning process, and most importantly how art honors and connects us as a community.

Neighborhood Outreach will take your reservations for tours offered Thursdays 10-1 pm, beginning August 18th. Please plan for your tour 2 weeks in advance with a preferred group size of 8–20 people, ages 10+ (children in strollers okay). Smaller groups, please submit your request and a couple of preference dates and we'll work to match you with another group.

For tours and reservations, please contact Carol Ross at NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6836.





Hey, isn't it time for a "Night Out"?

Looking for an idea to welcome new neighbors and reconnect with neighbors you haven't seen this summer? How about planning a "National Night Out" Party for Tuesday August 2nd or your own scheduled "Night Out against crime" at a time that works best for you. The first Tuesday in August is recognized nationally as a night of neighbors putting on their porch/front door lights as a symbol of standing together to be vigilant against crime in the neighborhood.

"National Night Out" is for apartment dwellers too! A simple gathering can be the beginning of exchanging information and forming a neighborhood watch. Residents who know each other are more likely to recognize suspicious activity and those connections help to keep neighborhoods crime free. Just the other day while at work, I received a text from my neighbor that she saw a man in my backyard, someone who may have been a little suspicious. I appreciated that text!

"National Night Out" can also be a time to talk about building emergency preparedness kits. What exactly goes into a kit? For party organizers we have information and resources to share. We want you to get started; for the first 3 resident groups to contact us and organize their first "National Night Out" party through the Neighbor Link Program we have a pair of Mariner's tickets.

Finally, "National Night Out" while organized around a principal of safety, should also be social so that your neighbors will want to come. We can help with your event promotion with a colorful banner and flyers. Why not plan something simple such as an ice cream social? Summer is the perfect time to sit outside, cool off, and is a great time for a "Night Out"!

If you are unable to create your own gathering this year, come visit us at "National Night Out – at Crossroads Farmer's Market" 15600 NE 8th St, Tuesday August 2nd from 12-5 pm; opening ceremony at noon. "National Night Out" is a free community event with police vehicles and equipment, games, activities, a King County Library System (KCLS) story time, giveaways for the kids, as well as safety related informational booths. Child I.D. kits will be offered. Special appearances by Pedbee, the official city traffic safety mascot, and Comic Book Characters for Causes! Browse through the KCLS Library "To Go" van for summer reading selections, and meet your local police officers and staff from the City of Bellevue. Learn how you and your neighbors can organize your neighborhood to prevent crime. For more information, contact Carol Ross cross@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6836. For more information about the Crossroads event contact Officer Craig Hanaumi at 425-452-2891. Interested in forming a Block Watch contact CrimePrevention@bellevuewa.gov or planning Emergency Preparedness 425-452-4161.

July 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.)

7/04 – HOLIDAY (closed)

7/05 City Council (6:00 p.m. Study Session, Council Conference Room) Long Range Financial Plan; Operations Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) (8:00p.m.Regular Session, Council Chambers) Public Hearing – Park Place Interim Control; Public Hearing – Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) Interim Controls
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/05 Human Services Commission (6:00 p.m., 1E-113) Round 2 – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Application review with staff reviews; Human Services Funding Preliminary Recommendations
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

7/07 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 1E-113) Ed Medeiros from the Phinney Neighborhood Association (PNA), Village Concept – staying in your home longer and Janet Lewine speaking on Affordable Housing
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

7/07 Environmental Services Commission (5:00 p.m., Bellevue Service Center Tour, 2901 115th Ave. NE, Bellevue - meet at the main reception area) (6:30 p.m. Capital Investment Plan Tour) transportation provided for the Commissioners and staff only – maps will be provided for the public if interested in the tour – meet at the reception area at the Bellevue Service Center
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/environ_serv_comm.htm

7/11 City Council (6:00 p.m. Extended Study Session, 1E-113) Operations Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) Update; Economic Development Update; East Main Citizen Advisory Council Update; School Bus Photo Enforcement; Long Range Financial Plan
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/13 Planning Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113 – check for possible 6:00 p.m. start time)Study Session: Eastgate Land Use Code Amendments and Low Impact Development Standards
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

7/14 Transportation Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Low Impact Development, Newport Way Sidewalk, Transportation Management Program Code, Multimodal Level-of-Service
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

7/18 City Council (6:00 Study Session, Council Conference Room) Long Range Financial Plan; 2016 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) Council Threshold Review (8:00 Regular Session, Council Chambers) Planning Commission Report to Council; Wilburton Study Area Boundary; Public Hearing – Budget
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/19 Human Services Commission (6:00 p.m., 1E-113) Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Human Services Funding; Finalize Funding Recommendations
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

7/19 Library Commission (5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Lake Hills Library Meeting Room, 15590 Lake Hills Blvd) King County Library System (KCLS) Service to Schools and Student Accounts. Jennifer Wiseman on the Student Account program and cluster librarian(s) on the services KCLS provides to children and teens in Bellevue schools.

7/25 City Council (6:00 p.m. Extended Study Session, 1E-113) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Assessment & Transition; Grand Connection Update; Smart Cities; Regional Issues; Long Range Financial Plan
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/27 Planning Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113 – check for possible 6:00 p.m. start time)Public Hearing: Low Impact Development Standards, Study Session: Downtown Livability Land Use Code Update
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.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, call 425-452-6836.