

neighborhood news



September 2018

news for and about
Bellevue neighborhoods

Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13, 6-8:30 p.m.

“Behind the Scenes” with Bellevue
Utilities

Bellevue Service Center
2901 115th Ave NE



If you've ever been curious about what happens behind the scenes at Bellevue Utilities to ensure the delivery of high-quality drinking water and safe disposal of wastewater, don't miss this chance to meet the people who make it all happen! The City of Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach and Bellevue Utilities invite residents to attend the semi-annual Neighborhood Leadership Gathering on Thursday, Sept. 13, 6-8:30 p.m., at the Bellevue Service Center.

During the evening, participants will learn how the city keeps our storm drains clear and our lakes and streams healthy. They'll also hear how modern technologies are improving the delivery of utility services and the maintenance of aging pipes and drains. Bellevue Utilities Director Nav Otal will give a presentation called "Invisible Systems - Visible Benefits," providing an inside look at utilities operations and the value of water.

For the event, residents should dress warmly and wear comfortable shoes to participate in an exclusive tour of themed stations including recycling, capital programs, storm water education, and water, stormwater and wastewater operations. The evening includes a light dinner available at 5:30 p.m. and a chance to mix and mingle with Utilities staff.

The Neighborhood Leadership Gathering is a semi-annual gathering of neighborhood leaders who come together to share and learn from each other. Anyone invested in the health and quality of life in their Bellevue neighborhood is welcome. **Event space is limited** to the first 80 people who RSVP to neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-6836. Driving and parking directions will be sent upon RSVP.

Bellwether Arts Week



September 14-23

From its beginnings in 1992 as the Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition, Bellwether has attracted people and sculptors from around the region to contribute creative vitality to Downtown Bellevue every other year. This year, the City of Bellevue partnered with SuttonBeresCuller to act as a curator for Bellwether and to help reimagine the exhibition as an annual, multi-disciplinary arts exhibition in collaboration with Bellevue's arts community. Now, for only ten days and nights, Bellevue acts boldly with vision, imagination,

enthusiasm, and ingenuity, pushing the creative limits of the city through a series of contemporary arts experiences.

Schedule of Events:

Opening Party

Bellevue Arts Museum
510 Bellevue Way NE
Friday, Sept. 14, 6–9 p.m.

Performances in the Plaza

Compass Plaza
NE 6th Street and 106th Avenue NE
Saturday, Sept. 15, 5–9 p.m.

Workshop with Guillermo Gómez-Peña

Bellevue Arts Museum
510 Bellevue Way NE
Sunday, Sept. 16, 1–5 p.m.

Music in the Park

Poetry Reading at Bellevue Arts Museum
510 Bellevue Way NE
Music and performances at Bellevue Downtown Park
10201 NE 4th St.
Saturday, Sept. 22, 5–9 p.m.

For more information, visit bellwetherartsweek.org



About Welcoming America

Welcoming America is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that partners with the White House for its Building Welcoming Communities Campaign. Welcoming America is leading a movement where inclusive communities become more prosperous by making everyone who lives there feel like they belong. Its unique focus is helping communities move beyond divisiveness and fragmentation to a coordinated web of policies and programs that ensure that all residents—including immigrants—can fully participate and belong.



Welcoming America Week



Welcoming Week on the Eastside

September 14-23

Come join us for Welcoming Week! Communities across the country are working together to host family-friendly and localized Welcoming Week events and activities from September 14-23. Over twenty-five welcoming events will be offered across the eastside to bring together immigrants and native-born residents to build community by sharing with each other, reinforcing commitment to inclusion, and provide pathways for engagement. **Check out these activities that are being supported by the City of Bellevue.**

CRAFTS AND DANCE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Saturday, Sept. 15, 1-3 p.m.

Hosts: City of Bellevue, Eastside Language Learners Alliance, Turkcha, Popcorn: Play, Party and Cook, Boundless Parenting Group

Location: Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Rd. Bellevue WA 98007

Dance demos, Chinese games, Kung Fu demonstration, soap making, henna and Rangoli. Join in the fun – all ages welcome!

WELCOMING WEEK: MOVING BEYOND HELLO

A New Season of Cultural Conversations (see article next page)

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1-2:30 p.m.

Host: City of Bellevue, Cultural Conversations Group

Location: Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Bellevue, WA 98008

EMPLOYER MEET AND GREET

Thursday, Sept. 20, 12-1:30 p.m.

Host: Hopelink

Location: Bellevue Hopelink, 14812 Main St, Bellevue WA 98007

Job, career information, and lunch with a focus on common immigrant questions. Employers representing different sectors are excited to connect with job seekers. City of Bellevue is participating.

BRAZILIAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Friday, Sept. 21, 5:30-7 p.m.

Hosts: Northwest Arts Center and Kirkland Arts Center

Location: Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St, Bellevue WA

Learn to play traditional and contemporary Brazilian grooves. Enjoy playing as an ensemble with Brazilian musician Eduardo Mendonça. Cost: \$10 for Bellevue residents; \$12 for non-residents.

WELCOMING AMERICA

CITY OF BELLEVUE STORIES DISPLAY

Sept. 12-Oct. 5

Sponsor: City of Bellevue Employee Resource Group: EMBRACE (Employee of Bellevue for Racial and Cultural Equity)

Location: Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue WA 98004

This special exhibit is a celebration of our community's rich diversity through beautiful portraits and stories told by people from around the world who are City of Bellevue staff.

To access a full calendar of Eastside events and for registration information please go to www.ERICmembers.org/events

[ERICmembers.org/events](http://www.ERICmembers.org/events)

A New Season of Cultural Conversations



"Welcoming Week: Moving Beyond Hello"

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1-2:30 p.m.

**Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th St, Bellevue**



Storytellers from diverse cultural backgrounds and perspectives will share what it feels like to be new to Bellevue and the Eastside, what they wish they could have known or shared upon arrival, and with that knowledge, how they help others navigate. As we return to this season's Cultural Conversations and participate in "Welcoming America Week," a nationwide program that kicks off in Bellevue and across the Eastside on September 14, we will explore how we can extend a welcoming invitation to the newest members of the community, whether they are immigrants, those who have relocated from other parts of the U.S., or those with a long history in the Pacific-Northwest.

Women will be inspired to move to action, beginning with small meaningful steps for connection. What can newcomers and the welcoming community learn about others and, most importantly, about themselves? What might we learn about what is needed? Cultural Conversations, a program entering its ninth season, has transformed relationships and perspectives among diverse women in our community through education and storytelling since 2010.

Please join us for tea and conversation and be inspired to connect with others in your community. Women of all ages, faiths and cultures are welcome to attend. To fully participate in the sharing, attendees are encouraged to plan for childcare. Please RSVP to Carol Ross at cross@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7917.



will present visuals that describe and show each of the 17 projects proposed for the ballot, and provide the opportunity for Northwest Bellevue residents to offer comments on the proposed projects and speak with City staff. All open house materials, including the project description boards and presentation, will be available on the NEP website (www.bellevuewa.gov/nep) the week of September 12.

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program is a \$5 million, city-funded, capital improvements program that offers residents the opportunity to propose and select moderate projects that improve the quality of life and enhance the character of their neighborhoods. The program rotates through the City's 14 NEP Neighborhood Areas over the course of seven years, beginning in 2015, serving two areas each year.

To find out which NEP Neighborhood Area you call home, when NEP will be in your area, and how much funding your area will receive, please visit

www.bellevuewa.gov/nep

For more information about the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, please visit the website or contact Theresa Cuthill at tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4186.

Attention Northwest Bellevue Residents!

NEP Open House

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 7-8:30 p.m.

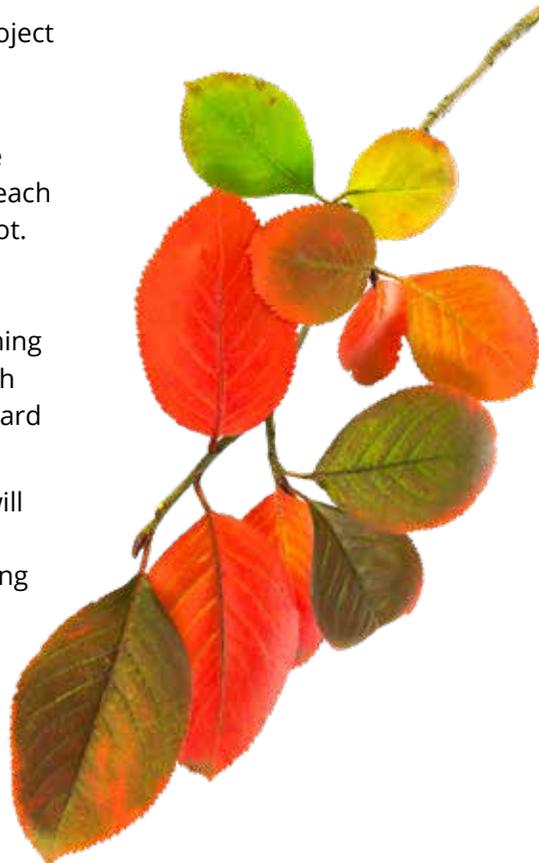
Bellevue Boys & Girls Club

209 100th Ave NE

We are thrilled to announce that we received 81 project requests for Northwest Bellevue!

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) team has used the past few months to evaluate the accessibility, feasibility, cost and maintainability of each request to determine which are eligible for the ballot. Popular project requests in the Northwest Bellevue neighborhood area included sidewalks, crosswalks, streetlights, landscaping, bike lanes and traffic calming measures. Popular project locations included NE 8th and 98th Ave NE, NE 12th, Lake Washington Boulevard and Bellevue Way.

The Northwest Bellevue NEP Project Open House will be held on Wednesday, September 12, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Boys and Girls Club. The meeting





Good Neighboring Tips

Kelly and the Wheelbarrow

Kelly needs a wheelbarrow to move some dirt in his yard. He decides to ask if he can borrow a wheelbarrow from his neighbor Bob.



As he steps out of his house to go to Bob's house, Kelly wonders if Bob is even home.

Walking out to the street toward Bob's house he thinks, "What if Bob is using it?"

Getting closer to Bob's house Kelly wonders, "What if Bob has loaned it to someone else?"

Stepping onto Bob's sidewalk, he almost exclaims out loud, "What if Bob just refuses to loan it to me but will loan it to everyone else?!"

Finally, he pounds on Bob's door. When Bob answers, Kelly shouts "I didn't want your \$#@**!! wheelbarrow anyway!" and stomps off. Bob watches him leave, perplexed.

Like Kelly, we often invent stories and motivations for others based on our own fears, biases, and past experiences. When in conflict, we tend to build a case against the other built mostly upon assumptions.

We imagine they are purposely trying to irritate us, that their actions are aimed at us specifically, that they are lazy, thoughtless, mean-spirited, petty, rude. That they are doing something illegal. We read malicious intent into emails, texts and response times. Conspiracy theories abound!

In many cases, the actions of another person really have very little to do with us. It may be that our neighbors have their own stressors, that their own unusual set of circumstances make a puzzling choice seem perfectly logical, or that they have their own assumptions about us! It could be that cultural factors are adding to the confusion and misunderstanding.

When we are in a conflict with someone, it's time to get curious. "What do I know to be true? What am I guessing? How have I "horrible-ized" this other person? What am I projecting onto this other person that is really about my own fears and history?"

Next time we find ourselves at odds with a neighbor, perhaps we can give them the benefit of the doubt or lend a helping hand rather than a judging eye. We can treat them kindly, as we want to be treated.

Telephone Conciliation Training

24-hour training

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Lewis Creek Visitor Center

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Lewis Creek Visitor Center

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-112

Are you a natural listener and a good communicator? Do you want to learn skills to help create peace in our community? Are you culturally sensitive? Do you possibly speak a second language? Do you live or work in Bellevue? Do you have time?

If so, you are encouraged to apply to become a conciliator with the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center Program which helps people in the Bellevue community resolve their conflicts. Conciliators assist callers in understanding their issues, exploring options and developing strategies for problem resolution. In this training, you will learn conflict theory, advanced communication skills, negotiation, coaching, database usage and procedural tools. These skills are useful even if you don't volunteer.

There is no charge for the training. Attendance at all sessions is required. Upon completion, selected attendees are invited to volunteer in the mediation office for a three-hour weekly shift during business hours. Training and subsequent volunteering are steps to becoming a future certified mediator with our program.

Please email us at BCRC@bellevuewa.gov to express interest in this training and receive a registration form. Class size is limited. Interviews will follow. Questions? 425-452-4091.

Application deadline is September 28, 2018.

Electric vehicles take center stage at Sept. 11 event



If you're interested in learning more about electric vehicles, check out the National Drive Electric Week event on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 4-7 p.m., at the south end of Downtown Park, 10201 NE Fourth St.

More than 20 electric vehicles have been registered for the free event, representing 15 models by manufacturers such as Chevrolet, Ford, Fiat, Kia, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Tesla, Toyota and Volkswagen. Attendees may also:

- Take a test ride in an electric vehicle;
- Chat with owners about their experiences and the advantages of going electric;
- Ask questions of representatives from organizations such as Plug In America, Puget Sound Energy and Seattle Electric Vehicle Association; and
- Learn about the City of Bellevue's commitment to accelerating and integrating the adoption of zero emission vehicles.

For the second year in a row, the City of Bellevue is hosting the event, which is presented by Plug In America, the Sierra Club and Electric Auto Association, and sponsored by Nissan LEAF.

DriveElectricWeek.org has more information.



New "Welcome to Bellevue" signs installed



As you drive into and out of Bellevue, watch for new picturesque "Welcome to Bellevue" signs in several areas bordering our city limit. In August, the following locations were the first to obtain new signs:

- Coal Creek Waterfalls near the Coal Creek Trail
- Village Park Drive near Lewis Creek Park
- 140th and 148th Avenue NE near the Bellevue Golf Course
- Lake Washington Boulevard - Bellevue Downtown Park
- West Lake Sammamish Parkway at NE 24th Street and west of I-90.

In 2019, more signs will be installed in the following neighborhoods: Bridle Trails, Newport Hills and Overlake. Past Bellevue signs have been removed over the past 10 years because either they were fading or worn out.

New Lime Bikes Recently Rolled into Bellevue

Have you seen bright green bikes in your neighborhood or near work and wondered where they came from? The following should answer some of your basic questions:

When did bike share come to Bellevue? Bellevue launched a bike share pilot in July 2018. The green electric-assisted bikes are owned and operated by Lime, a private company that obtained a permit to use the public right-of-way— streets, sidewalks, and easements—to provide bike share services subject to specific conditions.



What is bike share? Bike share is a convenient, affordable, eco-friendly, and fun transportation option to get around Bellevue. Pick up a bike in one location and park it at your destination. You can find and unlock the nearest bike through Lime’s mobile app. When you finish your ride, park your bike so that the bike is available for someone else to use.

How long will the bike share pilot last? The pilot permit is valid for up to one year—through July 31, 2019.

Why is the City doing a bike share pilot? The City of Bellevue wants people who live in, work in, and visit Bellevue to have more choices about how they get where they want to go. Bike share offers one more travel option that might be right for some people and some trips. Cities across the country have bike share systems, and local businesses and members of the public have been asking for bike share to come to Bellevue.

How many bike share bicycles are allowed in Bellevue? Lime is permitted to deploy 400 electric-assisted bicycles citywide in Bellevue in the first month of the pilot. After each month that they successfully demonstrate compliance with the City’s requirements, Lime will be allowed to deploy 100 additional bikes.

Why aren’t other bike share companies operating in Bellevue? Lime was the only company that applied for a permit to operate bike share in Bellevue in July 2018. Applications are no longer being accepted for the 2018-2019 pilot period.

What if bikes from other companies end up in Bellevue? Bike share bicycles from companies that do not have a permit will be declared a nuisance and must be removed from the City by the bike’s owner within 24 hours of notice.

Who do I call if a Lime bike is left on private property? To address any issues with Lime bikes, please call Lime’s number at 1 (888)-LIME-345, Text: 1 (888)-546-3345, or email support@limebike.com.

How much is this costing the City? Bike share services in Bellevue are being provided by Lime, a private business. The City does not own or operate the system. To obtain a permit, Lime paid a fee that reimburses the City for various one-time and ongoing costs associated with managing the pilot, such as collecting and evaluating data, monitoring compliance, and installing preferred parking areas.

What kind of data is being collected when I use bike share? The Lime mobile app requires users to provide a phone number and the GPS units on each bicycle track where bikes are ridden. The Transportation Department requires Lime to share bike usage data to support permit oversight, performance evaluation, and inform infrastructure investment priorities. All trip data shared with the City is anonymous and passes through a third party—the University of Washington Transportation Data Collaborative—to ensure user privacy.

No personally identifying information is shared with the City or otherwise made public. More information about Lime’s privacy policy is available on the company’s website.

Need more details? For more detailed questions about using and operating a Lime e-bike, please refer to: https://transportation.bellevuewa.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_4779004/File/Transportation/Publications/BikeShare-FAQ-20180810.pdf

More Work in the Roadway is slated for September

Fall is in the air and there is still time to complete several of transportation and utility improvement projects before the weather changes. In Downtown Bellevue, the following projects will be underway:



- 101st Avenue and Main Street All-way Stop Conversion – Stop signs will be installed this fall.

- 112th Avenue NE/108th Avenue NE between NE 12th Street and NE 24th Street – Construction of bike lanes and pedestrian facility improvements begin September/October.
- 124th Avenue NE between NE 8th Street to NE 12th Street - Interim bike lanes are being proposed for this section of 124th Avenue NE, depending on a survey to area residents.
- NE 12 Street Pedestrian Bridge – Bridge is currently closed to pedestrians while structural issues are analyzed, evaluated and tested for next steps.
- NE 8th Street between 132nd and 134th Avenues NE – The Utilities Department is closing NE 8th until Sunday, September 16. The culvert replacement project in Kelsey Creek will ensure the long-term safety of the roadway, protect critical utilities and improve fish passage.



In South Bellevue, the following projects will be underway:

- 2018 Pavement Overlay Project – Grinding & Paving work begins south of I-90.
- Mini-Roundabout designed for 164th Avenue SE and SE Newport Way – Project to address evening peak-time traffic conditions. Project information is being sent to the Eastgate area.
- 164th Avenue SE between SE 34th and SE 35th Streets – King County Wastewater continues to have a roadway closures to upgrade the Sunset/ Heathfield Pump Station & Force Main.

SAVE THE DATE!

IT'S THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE!

SATURDAY, OCT. 13, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.



Join in a day of fun and community celebration at your neighborhood fire station. Connect with your local firefighters and paramedics and get an inside look at the fire station. Tour the fire engines and aid cars, learn how to use a fire extinguisher, practice hands-only CPR, watch stove-top fire demonstrations, learn about emergency preparedness and more! Light refreshments will be served. This annual opportunity is on Saturday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at all nine fire stations. Find your neighborhood station below:

Fire Station Locations:

- Station 1 – 766 Bellevue Way SE
- Station 2 – 2802 148th Ave SE
- Station 3 – 16100 NE 8th ST
- Station 4 – 4216 Factoria Blvd. SE
- Station 5 – 9621 NE 24th ST
- Station 6 – 1850 132nd Ave NE
- Station 7 – 11900 SE 8th ST
- Station 8 – 5701 Lakemont Blvd. SE
- Station 9 – 12412 Newcastle Way

BELLEVUE LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES

The Bellevue Library will be closed September 4-9 with limited patron services, which are as follows:

- Holds can be picked up 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily from the staff door at the west side of the building.
- Staff will continue to answer Bellevue Library phones and email from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily.
- All KCLS libraries will close on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day so Sunday, September 2 will be the last day of regular hours and service before the construction closure begins.
- Patrons will be able to access library WiFi from outside of the building during the closure.

Starting on September 10 and ending on October 31 or in early November:

- The first floor of the library will partially close.
- Study rooms on the first floor will not be available. Visit our Find a Location page on kcls.org to find other nearby libraries with study or conference rooms.
- There will be no access to the following collections:
 - Fiction
 - Teen fiction
 - Teen classics
 - Teen graphic novels
 - World languages
 - DVDs
 - CDs

The renovation will include the following:



3rd Floor

- Express elevator from garage to 3rd floor
- New story time room with glass partition
- New restroom
- New office for children's librarian
- Dedicated self-checkout stations
- New furniture

1st Floor

- Creating "flexible" meeting
- Improved sightlines by reducing stack height
- Additional power throughout 1st floor
- New furniture
- New carpet



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

(6 p.m., Bellevue City Hall) Last Tuesday of each month
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bdan.htm>

East Bellevue Community Council (6:30 p.m., Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) First Tuesday of each month
<http://bellevuewa.gov/ebcc.htm>

Arts Commission (4:30 p.m., 1E-109) First Tuesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

Environmental Services Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) First Thursday of each month
http://bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm

Planning Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second and fourth Wednesday of each month
http://bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

Transportation Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second Thursday of each month
http://bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

Human Services Commission (6 p.m., 1E-113) First and third Tuesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

LEOFF 1 Disability Board (6 p.m., Room 1E-118) First Tuesday of each month
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/leoff-1-disability-board.htm>

Library Board (5p.m., Lake Hills, Bellevue or Newport Way Library) Third Tuesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm

Parks & Community Services Board (6 p.m., 1E-113) Second Tuesday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

The Bellevue Network on Aging (BNOA) 8:30 a.m., North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue) First Thursday of each month
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

Special Events Committee (8:30 a.m., 1E-112) Second Thursday of each month
http://bellevuewa.gov/special_events_committee.htm

Youth Link Board (6 p.m., 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
1 and 3 Mondays except in August and December	6 p.m., Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8 p.m., Regular Session	Council Chambers	8 p.m., Oral Communications
2 and 4 Mondays except in August and December	6-10 p.m., Extended Study Session	Council Conference Room	6 p.m., Oral Communications
August - first Monday only	6 p.m., Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8 p.m., Regular Session	Council Chambers	8 p.m., Oral Communications
December - first and second Mondays only	6 p.m., Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8 p.m., Regular Session	Council Chambers	8 p.m., Oral Communications