

Feeling at Home

Cultural Conversations' Evening Presentation

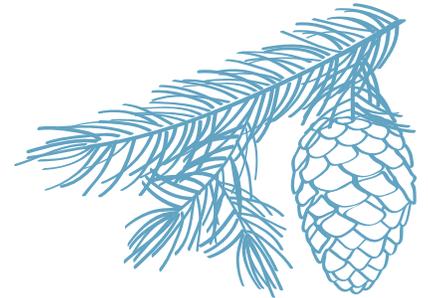
Wednesday, February 3, 7-9 pm

Bellevue City Hall

Join with your friends, spouse, partners and neighbors in an evening of heartfelt expression and community conversation about home, and how it is defined by Bellevue's newer and long-time residents through the lens of diversity, culture and connection in our neighborhoods.

Whether we choose or it's chosen for us, "home" is often more a feeling than a location. For some, home is where you live, work and go to school; for others it could be where they were born. According to the US Census Bureau, Bellevue's population exceeds 30% foreign born, with residents having previously lived in many different places.

Whether you are a newcomer navigating relocation, immigration or you are a long-time resident experiencing rapid change in the place you call home, there are common themes of promise and loss experienced by all. For most of us, feeling a sense of belonging as well as living in a community where we feel welcome and safe are essential to feeling "at home."



We are honored to have the opportunity to hear perspectives and stories throughout our community.

Many Locations; This One's Home

Jayant, an Indian-American along with his wife, has lived in the multicultural and vibrant cities of Hong Kong, Singapore, London and New York. He will share how he created a sense of home in places where he didn't know anyone, and the ultimate ingredient that allowed him to find and create a permanent home here in Bellevue.

A Place of Safety and Opportunity

Miguel, a striving professional with a wife and a young family left their ancestral home in Guadalajara, Mexico seeking refuge from crime and violence. His story is one of personal and professional sacrifice, starting life in a new place, becoming a U.S. Citizen and embracing the opportunity to live a life tied to his values.



Youth Navigating Culture, Growth and Belonging

Nishi, Rosalie and Jessica are each accomplished Bellevue high school students excelling in academics, extra-curricular activities, and civically engaged. At school and at home, these young women navigate a culturally diverse environment, learn from the opportunities and challenges it presents; juggle the tradeoffs between personal growth and familial expectations around tradition and culture.

These themes will be explored in three sets of stories facilitated by Debbie Lacy,

professional coach and consultant, followed by community table conversations.

This event, free and open to the public is recommended for individuals age 14 and up, abilities, cultures and faiths. Visitor parking is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For accommodation needs or more information about the program, please contact Carol Ross at 425-452-7917 or cross@bellevuewa.gov.



Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King

Dr. Terrence Roberts: Reflecting on history to inform the future

Saturday, January 16, 1-2pm

Bellevue Public Library, Room 1

Martin Luther King Celebration

Monday, January 18, 11am-3pm

Crossroads Shopping Center, Center Stage

Join us as we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King at events in Bellevue over the MLK weekend. Renowned civil rights figure Dr. Terrence James Roberts will share his experiences with desegregation in the Deep South at the Bellevue Library this month. Dr. Roberts, a member of Little Rock Nine, was one of the first black students to attend Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. After protestors prevented the students from entering the school, President Eisenhower called in federal troops to uphold the U.S. Supreme Court's historic Brown v. Board of Education decision. In 1999, President Bill Clinton awarded Dr. Roberts and the other Little Rock Nine members the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award in the United States. The event is co-sponsored by the City of Bellevue, King County Library System and Friends of the Library.



In honor of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**
presenting distinguished guest lecturer
Dr. Terrence Roberts

Reflecting on history to inform the future
Fri., Jan. 15 | 12:00-1:00 PM | City Hall | Room 1E-108
Light refreshments provided
Sat., Jan. 16 | 1:00-2:00 PM | Bellevue Public Library | Room 1
Public Program co-sponsored with King County Library System and the Friends of the Bellevue Library

Dr. Terrence Roberts is a member of the Little Rock Nine, the first group of African American students to desegregate Little Rock Central High School in 1957. Despite a federal court order that called for desegregation of schools on September 4th of that year, angry protesters and Arkansas National Guardsmen tried to prevent the students from entering the school. It wasn't until President Eisenhower stepped in with army soldiers that the students were able to enter. Dr. Roberts will reflect on his experience at Little Rock Central High School and share how Dr. King's vision was relevant then and now. Co-sponsored by the City of Bellevue, King County Library System, and Bellevue Friends of the Library.

For additional information or accommodation needs, contact Mark Manuel at 425-452-7886 or mmanuel@bellevuewa.gov

Real-time captioning (CART) will be provided.

Photo: Terrence Roberts on right. Courtesy of National Park Service/Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site.

City of Bellevue Diversity Advantage

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KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Additional festivities include a MLK Day tribute featuring vibrant entertainers, guest speakers and a health fair on Monday, January 18 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Bellevue Crossroads Shopping Center. The event is made possible by the City of Bellevue, Crossroads Shopping Center and Bellevue's Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Real-time captioning (CART) will be provided at both events. For more information, please contact Mark Manuel at 425-452-7886 or mmanuel@bellevuewa.gov

Eastgate/Factoria Neighborhood Enhancement Program Update



A huge thank you to everyone who submitted project ideas for the first round of the restored Neighborhood Enhancement Program in Eastgate/Factoria. We received nearly 90 project ideas over the course of a month, following the NEP launch in late October.

From the end of November 2015 to the end of January 2016, we have been and will continue to evaluate each of the submissions for potential placement on the NEP ballot. City staff from the Planning, Utilities, Parks & Community Services and Transportation Departments are diligently working together to assess the accessibility, feasibility, cost, timeline and maintainability of each submission to determine if it is eligible to become a project.

On Wednesday, February 12, 2016, we will host the Eastgate/Factoria NEP Project Open House, which will give the public the opportunity to review and comment on each of the projects proposed for the NEP ballot.

Please contact the NEP Coordinator, Emily Kish, at ekish@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4186, for additional information. Please mark your calendar, and we look forward to catching up with everyone in February 2016!

The meeting will provide a brief overview of the feedback that was received during the solicitation of project ideas, information on the next steps of the process, visuals that describe and demonstrate each project proposed for the ballot, the opportunity to connect with City staff who will be managing the projects, and opportunities to offer your comments on the proposed projects.

If you are not able to attend the open house, project materials will be available on the NEP website at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep.htm> for review and comment the week of February 10, 2016. Subsequent to the open house, the projects proposed for the ballot will be refined, and ballots will be mailed to households in the Eastgate/Factoria Neighborhood Area in late February 2016. Invitations to the NEP Project Open House will be mailed to residents of the Eastgate/Factoria Neighborhood Area in early January 2016, while NEP ballots will be mailed to each household in the Neighborhood Area in late February 2016.

Best Kept Secret in Bellevue

Psst! Want to know one of the best kept secrets in Bellevue?



Did you know there is a place with well-trained, diverse volunteer and professional mediators waiting to get your call every weekday

about conflicts you want to solve? Who will listen and coach you to get clarity and, if needed, will call the other party involved to help resolve issues? Also, if called for, they will even sit down at a table with you and others to mediate disputes you may have?

Who are ready and able to educate you and any group you know in the art of creative problem solving and maintaining peaceful relationships? All for free?!!

Ready to know what this amazing place is? The City of Bellevue Mediation program is here to serve anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Bellevue with issues between neighbors, landlords/tenants, consumers, parents/teens, elders/caregivers. Just give us a call at 425-452-4091 or email us at mediation_info@bellevuewa.gov. Check out our website too at www.bellevuewa.gov/mediation.htm.

Feel free to spread the word; this is too good a secret to keep!

Pathways of Connection in the Midst of Construction

In Neighborhood Outreach, we listen to the concerns of those who work and live in Bellevue and connect them to the City departments and program managers who are able to respond to issues being raised. On occasion we hear stories about the inconvenience of construction in neighborhoods, ranging from schedule changes, traffic congestion, sign blight, and noise.

Generally following construction, there are glowing reviews when the pain of the project has been long forgotten. How about new pathways of connection created in the midst of construction? A story worth sharing is the community building that accompanied the challenges of road, sidewalk and planting improvements along SE Newport Way from

150th SE to Eastgate Elementary! Long-time residents Ann and David Michaelson and Farida Hakim have been described as neighborhood cheerleaders and points of contact for the City into the community, smoothing tension and anxiety, visiting with residents and improving communication with the construction crews. These hospitable neighbors provided baked goods, beverages and pizza, helping the residents, the crews and the City work through and celebrate construction milestones.

While we were out visiting and admiring the work on a sunny brisk day, we noted smiling residents taking a stroll on the newly improved and landscaped sidewalks. This is a story to be shared!



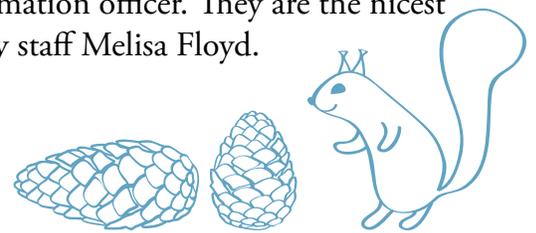
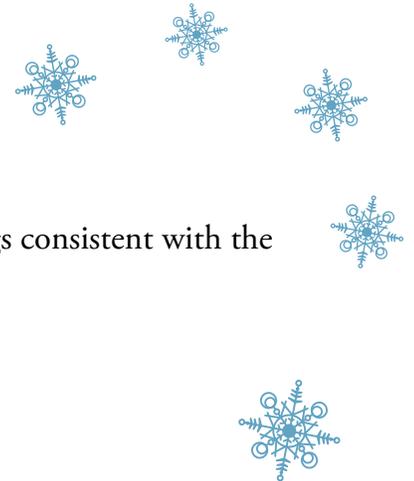
A beautiful wide sidewalk and plantings consistent with the neighborhood character of Eastgate.



Eastgate resident Farida Hakim with city staff Chris Masek and Melissa Floyd.



Long-time Eastgate residents Ann and David Michaelson. “Not only did Ann bake bars and cookies for the crew, but acted as cheerleader, neighborhood liaison, and information officer. They are the nicest people I have ever met!” said city staff Melisa Floyd.





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Speaking of Construction...

Do you have questions about roadway construction? Are you having trouble finding out about construction ahead of time? If yes, the Transportation Department has a new brochure: Construction Happens – Let's keep you moving. It includes frequently asked questions, provides links to project or traffic information and also includes a Note from the Transportation Director. If you're interested in getting a copy, you can find one at: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation_plans_studies.htm

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Tresa Berg, Transportation Department Public Involvement Manager at 425-452-4638 or Tberg@bellevuewa.gov

Construction begins on the Northup Way Corridor Improvements between NE 24th Street and NE 33rd Place this month

The Northup Way Corridor project begins construction this month on this popular east/west roadway in northwest Bellevue.

This project will add bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides of Northup Way between NE 24th Street and NE 33rd Place. It will include a pedestrian bridge over the Eastside Rail Corridor, retaining walls, traffic signal modifications, street lighting and two mid-block pedestrian crossings. The project is being completed

in partnership with the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Because Northup is a narrow two-lane narrow, pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers should expect frequent lane closures and periodic full roadway weekend closures.

Hours of construction will be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; however, there will be several instances when work will need to take place at night. We will keep you apprised of these closures through the electronic message boards at the construction site and many of the communication methods listed on the "Construction Happens" brochure (above).



If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Thieme, construction inspector, at 425-452-2870 or Kthieme@bellevuewa.gov or Steve Costa, project manager, at 425-452-2845 or Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

Public Outreach Process begins for Two Major Roadway Design Projects

This month, the following two Capital Investment Program projects will begin an extensive public process to conduct a design alternative analysis to reach a conceptual design and preferred alternative for each project. Those who live or work near these projects will be asked to become involved and provide their comments at various stages of the project's development.

In the neighborhood of Eastgate, the **SE Newport Way: 150th Avenue SE to Somerset Boulevard** project will enhance user safety for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders by providing a new sidewalk on one side of the street. It will also add additional street lighting, improved sight distance, and enhanced aesthetics and landscaping.

The main benefits will be improved bicycle and pedestrian access, street lighting and traffic operations, landscaping, storm drainage and storm water design.

For more detailed information about this project, please contact Paul Krawczyk, project manager, at 425-452-7905 or Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov.

In the West Bellevue neighborhood, the **Bellevue Way SE High-Occupancy-Vehicle (HOV) Lane** project will create a design alternative analysis that includes a southbound inside high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane and an outside shoulder or sidewalk from the Bellevue Way SE/112th

Avenue SE “Y” to the north end of the South Bellevue Park & Ride main entrance. It will match in with the southbound HOV lane that will be constructed by Sound Transit to mitigate the East Link project.

The main benefits will address the increased capacity for traffic leaving downtown Bellevue and will improve transit speed and reliability. After the design alternative is selected, the project will be presented to the City Council.

For more detailed information about this project, please contact Marina Arakelyan, project manager, at 425-452-4632 or Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

Both of these projects are just getting started and it is an opportune time to learn how to be a part of the public involvement process. It is expected that both of these projects will be under design alternative analysis for up to a year or more. If you have community outreach questions, please contact Tresa Berg at 425-452-4638 or Tberg@bellevuewa.gov.



January 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.)

1/1 New Year's Day — All city offices closed

1/4 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Economic Development Quarterly Update (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Redi-Fund, Utilities Easement Relinquishment
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

1/5 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Update on PSE v. EBCC and a preliminary short plat
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

1/5 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Election of Officers, ESL Presentation, Reserve Fund Request, Funding Focus Areas for 2016-2017 Human Services Funding
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

1/11 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Presentation from Bellevue College President, 2016 Legislative Agenda, ST3 Project List, Incentive Zoning Principles, East Main CAC – Station Area Planning Update and South Bellevue Report
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

1/12 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, 1E-113) Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan Update, and Potential Process to Rename a Facility to Honor Nan Campbell http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

1/13 Planning Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Downtown Livability
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

1/14 Transportation Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Multimodal Level-of-Service; VISION ZERO Transportation Element Policy
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

1/18 Martin Luther King Day – All city offices closed

1/19 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Parking Penalties, Hearing Examiner Rezones for St. Luke's Lutheran, Public Storage, and Bellview Office Park (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, PSE Reliability Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

1/19 Arts Commission (4:30, 1E-109) Review of Selected Bellwether Artists, Sound Transit: Public Art at the Downtown Station (tentative)
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

1/19 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Topics: Focus Areas for 2016-2017 Human Services funding
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

1/21 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Topics: Draft NPDES 2016 Stormwater Mgmt. Plan; Solid Waste Contract Performance Audit & Customer Satisfaction Survey Results; Utility CIP Update
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm

1/25 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) East Link Update, Regional Issues, A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) Trust Fund – Fall 2015 Funding Recommendations, ARCH 2016 Work Program and Administrative Budget, Subarea Work Plan Initiation http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

1/26 East Main CAC (4:00 1E-113) Continuation of discussion of draft recommendations on transportation and redevelopment issues around the future East Main light rail station.
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-station-areas.htm>

1/27 Planning Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Eastgate Land Use Code
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

1/28 Transportation Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Special workshop on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Implementation Initiative. Note: please refer to the Transportation Commission web site for more details within a week of the date http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.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.



Happy New Year!

