

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

August 2010

Police invite you to a 'Night Out'

Bellevue Police invite neighborhoods to join them in celebrating the 27th annual National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 3. "Night Out" is a unique, multi-faceted event that unites residents, businesses and law enforcement staff in promoting public safety and crime prevention. In Bellevue, you can celebrate by coming out to Bellevue Crossroads shopping center for an early evening of fun and games, sponsored by Bellevue Police from 4 to 7 p.m.



Or, you can gather your own Block Watch neighbors for a summer time picnic or barbeque – and invite others who haven't been involved. If you would like to have a police officer attend your gathering, or if you want more information about National Night Out, contact Detective Richard Chinn, 425-452-6915, rchin@bellevuewa.gov.



Come celebrate with neighbors from India

The City of Bellevue and members of the eastside Indian community invite you to join them for "A journey to experience India's ethnic heritage" on Saturday, Aug. 21, at Bellevue Crossroads shopping center. The event, celebrating India's 64th Independence Day, is scheduled all day, beginning with an 11 a.m. parade. The focus will be Indian culture and history, with vendors and performers offering music, folk dancing, arts and crafts, educational presentations and children's performances. For more information, contact Nalini Niranjani (425-485-3389) of the India Association of Western Washington (IAWW).

Somerset NEP wraps up 3-year cycle

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program wraps up its current three-year cycle and its 22nd year of operation with an Aug. 19 workshop and September voting in the Somerset neighborhood. The end of every NEP cycle is followed by a program re-evaluation and updating. Program changes will be announced by the end of the year.

Save the date!

Saturday, Sept. 11 ~ Second Annual Neighbor Link Picnic

Spread your picnic blankets and lawn chairs on the grass at City Hall from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, and enjoy an afternoon of free family fun, including:

- **Free picnic lunch** – sponsored by Chipotle and Coca-Cola;
- **Live music** – From Eric Moore and "Two Scoops" (*Boogie-woogie, keyboard magic, blues and old time rock and roll*)
- **"Kid Zone"** – Fun activities for little ones
- **Volunteer Resource Fair** – In observance of Sept. 11 "National Day of Service"
- **Food Drive** – Bring a bag of non-perishable food for the local food bank
- **Neighbor Link** – Recognition awards and prizes for neighborhood service projects.

For more information, contact Julie Ellenhorn in Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-5372.

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Grab a group of neighbors and do a hands-on Neighbor Link service project

Roll up your sleeves and do a hands-on community service project. All projects qualify for Neighbor Link benefits. Contact Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-5372 for more information on these opportunities and how your neighborhood can participate.



- Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) seeks volunteers to paint classrooms and hallways on Aug. 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Adults and teens are welcome, and lunch is provided. Verification of volunteer hours is available.
- Congregations for the Homeless will hold a summer picnic for shelter residents on Saturday, Aug. 28 at Crossroads Park. Your group can help with food donations, set-up, clean-up and social interaction. Families are welcome.



- Congregations for the Homeless seeks a neighborhood group to host an ice-cream social for men staying at the church shelter. Commitment involves providing social interaction, ice cream and toppings to create a memorable night for these men. The date is flexible and families are welcome.

Don't be a victim of car prowlers

Bellevue may be known as a safe community, but its neighborhoods are not immune to the common crime of car-break-ins. Prevention steps can be as simple as: parking in a well-lighted area; removing your garage door opener and any valuables from plain sight, and – above all – locking your car doors. Items recently reported stolen from *unlocked* cars include numerous laptop computers, cell phones and GPS devices in addition to briefcases, purses, wallets, checkbooks, credit cards, cash, jewelry, shoes and clothing.

Construction to close I-405 though Bellevue

Interstate 405 will be closed, one direction at a time, on four nights in early August so workers can lift 100-ton, 185-foot long concrete girders into place for a new 12th Street Bridge. The work is part of the state Department of Transportation's Bellevue Braids project, designed to improve safety and reduce congestion on northbound I-405 between downtown and SR 520. Access to downtown will be maintained, but drivers traveling through the city on the freeway are urged to reschedule their trips, prepare for delays or detour through Seattle on I-5.

On Aug. 3 and 4, northbound I-405 is scheduled to be closed nightly from NE 8th Street to SR 520; northbound traffic will be detoured to I-90, I-5 in Seattle, SR 520 and back to I-405.

On Aug. 9 and 10, crews are set to close southbound I-405 nightly from SR 520 to NE 8th Street; the detour is via SR 520, I-5, I-90 and back to I-405. On all four nights, the contractor, Guy F. Atkinson Construction, LLC, will begin closing lanes at 8 p.m. with one direction of I-405 completely closed by 11 p.m. All lanes will reopen by 5 a.m. The existing NE 12th Street Bridge over I-405 will also be shut down during the freeway closure. Local drivers and pedestrians should detour to the NE 10th Street Bridge, two blocks to the south. For more information online visit <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i405/NE8thtoSR520/>



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.)

8/2 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) NE 15th/16th Project update (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Bel-Red Awards from Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Vision 2040,

American Planning Association (APA) and Governor's Smart Communities, Consent Calendar

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

8/3 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

8/4 City Council (1:00 special meeting, South Bellevue Community Center) Budget retreat

8/4 Public meeting on T-Mobile Conditional Use (6:30, 1E-112) Application to install a new wireless communication facility, including a 135-foot stealth monopole and associated equipment at 10808 SE 28th St

8/5 Public meeting on Verizon Wireless Conditional Use (6:00, 1E-120) Application to replace a high voltage pole with six panel type antennae and a 400-square-foot accessory structure at 13612 NE 37th Pl.

8/5 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30 a.m., 1E-112) King County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, and committee reports http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

8/10 Arts Commission (4:00, 1E-109) Discussion on budget and Bellwether 2010: Art Walk Bellevue

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

8/18 Transportation Commission (6:00, Council Conference Room) Commission retreat review, Capital Investment Program (CIP) project list review for Budget One http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

8/19 Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Workshop for Somerset (7:00, South Bellevue Community Center Community Room 206, 14509 SE Newport Way) Opportunity to review and comment on projects proposed for NEP funding <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/somerset.htm>

Vote in the August Primary –

Washington's all-mail Primary Election is Aug. 17. Voters will narrow down a field of candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, State Legislature, Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Ballots will be mailed 20 days in advance to registered voters. For those who don't wish to return their ballots by mail, alternatives can be found at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections/voting/balldropboxes.aspx>.

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.