

Garden d'Lights at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens



The Bellevue Botanical Gardens is the place to be to enjoy one of the Pacific Northwest's most popular holiday events. **Garden d'Lights** runs through December 31, every evening from 5 – 10 pm. Tickets are \$5 each, children 10 and under are free. Visit www.gardendlights.org to purchase your tickets and learn how to visit the show for free. For more information, call the Garden d'Lights information line at 425-452-6844.

ArtMap: New Guide to Downtown Public Art

Downtown Bellevue boasts more than 120 works of public art, both indoors and outside. Now, people interested in seeing them have ArtMap, a new guide that graphically displays how art has become ingrained in the character of downtown.

Examples from ArtMap range from the one-of-a-kind terrazzo floor at City Hall, to the traditional Gandhi statue at Bellevue Regional Library, to the dazzling blown glass chandelier at Lincoln Square.



The full-color, easy-to-read map shows concentrations of art work by area, making it a snap to plan a walking tour. ArtMaps are free and available on the first floor of City Hall, 450 110th Ave. N.E., the Hyatt Regency Bellevue concierge desk, and other downtown locations. An easy-to-print black and white version is available on the city's Public Art Program web page at www.bellevuewa.gov/public_art_program.htm

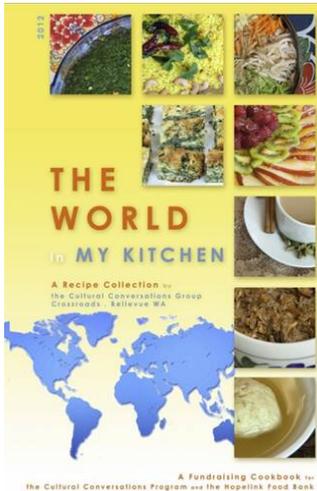
Transportation Tweet Helps Travelers



"Road closed today and tomorrow for construction" may be what you see when you start following the Bellevue Transportation Department's Twitter feed (@BvueTrans).

More than 2,500 followers keep up with all city activities and events on Bellevue's general city feed (@BellevueWA). Transportation's twitter feed covers road and lane closures that impact travel to, from and through Bellevue, as well as upcoming activities, events, meetings or open houses related to transportation. Information on road or lane closures is also available on the city's Traffic Advisories page (http://www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm).

Cultural Conversations Cookbook on Sale



The "The World in My Kitchen" cookbook is a project of the COB Cultural Conversations group. It details nearly fifty recipes from sixteen countries around the world such as Somalia, India, China, Japan, Mexico, Russia and more. Many of these recipes have a special family story or a cultural tradition behind it, which are also shared in the book. The books are \$10 each, with proceeds benefiting the Hopelink foodbank and Cultural Conversations.

Cookbooks can be purchased at the Service First Desk at City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, Mini City Hall at Crossroads Shopping Center or ordered by contacting Julie Ellenhorn at jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5372. You will love exploring cooking from around the world and the cookbook makes a great holiday gifts for friends and family.

Improve Your People Skills

Mediation is an increasingly popular method for resolving disputes. Mediation, which is essentially facilitated negotiation, allows parties in conflict to control their final agreements and shape them to fit their needs.

Basic mediation training is offered for people interested in developing mediation and conflict resolution skills. This training is also a pre-requisite for those interested in volunteering with the mediation program.

Course curriculum includes conflict theory, communication skills, conflict styles and mediation tools. Students will learn about different approaches to mediation, stages of mediation, techniques for deepening rapport and managing emotions, mediation ethics, writing agreements, and more. Course is highly interactive and includes substantial roleplaying.

Course Dates: Wed. Jan 30 & Feb 6 5pm-9pm
Fri. Feb 1 & Feb 8, 9am-5pm
Sat. Feb 2 & Feb. 9, 9am-5pm



Sessions are held at Bellevue City Hall and attendance at all sessions is required. Cost is \$250. For more information or to register, please call 425-452-4091 or email mediation_info@bellevuewa.gov.

Opportunities for Giving Back

Season of Sharing

City of Bellevue invites the community to join in an annual gift drive for needy families. Season of Sharing trees are located at City Hall, where you can retrieve a gift wish tag or money envelope from a tree and purchase the requested gift, and drop it off at the designated boxes at City Hall on the first floor. Monetary donations may also be left at the Service First desk. An additional Season of Sharing tree is located at Mini City Hall in the Crossroads Shopping Center. Your gifts will benefit the needy in our community through Eastside Domestic Violence, Friends of Youth, Children's Response Center, and the YWCA Women's Shelter. The organizations support families living in poverty and help provide a holiday atmosphere for children. The last day to drop off gifts and donations is Monday, Dec. 17.



MLK Day of Service

The MLK Day of Service is Monday, January 21 and volunteer registration is now open. Team up with United Way to honor Martin Luther King and his legacy of compassion. Choose from many projects for the perfect way to give back, either on your own or with a group of friends, colleagues or family members. Registration deadline is January 14 for project leaders and the day of event for individual volunteers. For more information, email volunteers@uwkc.org or call 206-461-3644.



December 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.)

12/3 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Land Use Code Amendments relating to East Link (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Management Brief regarding Bridle trails Levy project/NE 24th Street Park, Consent calendar, Tax Model Ordinance, State Legislative Agenda and State Legislative Statement of Policy adoption, 2013-2014 Operating Budget and 2013-2019 Capital Investment Program adoption which includes: Human Services funding recommendations, Development Services fees, Revised charges for waters service, water consumption, and water standby capacity, Revised sewerage service charges, Revised storm and surface water drainage rates and charges, Property taxes, Banking of levy capacity; Ordinance regarding acquisition, including through condemnation certain property rights required for the 120th Avenue NE Improvements Project, State 2, NE 8th Street to NE 12th Street http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

12/4 Arts Commission (4:00, offsite meeting at KidsQuest Children's Museum, 4901 Factoria Mall SE) Budget, ArtMap, Meeting Protocols http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

12/4 Human Services Commission & Parks & Community Services Board Joint Meeting (6:00, Mercer Slough Environmental Center) Volunteer Recognition from Parks & Community Services Director; 2012 Accomplishments http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

12/4 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Public Hearing on Ordinance 6079 extending interim control regulating medical marijuana
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

12/6 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30am, 1E-120) Bellevue Comprehensive Plan update presentation, Committee Reports http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

12/6 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) City Comprehensive Plan Updates, draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) Annual Report and Public Review Schedule http://www.bellevuewa.gov/environ_serv_comm.htm

12/10 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) WSDOT I-90 tolling presentation and public involvement process, Environmental Stewardship Initiative update, Land Use Code Amendments (8:00 Regular Session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Public Hearing on Utility easement, Ordinance relating to Lorge-Benis Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Adoption of the State Transportation Revenue Package Interest Statement, Legislative rezone for Horizon View annexation area http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

12/12 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program Update; and the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

12/13 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Downtown Trans. Plan-Modeling Update; Downtown Trans. Plan-Downtown Transit
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

12/25 Christmas's Day – All city offices closed

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.