



Neighborhood News



City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

March 2013

New Fitness Center at North Bellevue Community Center

Get a jump start on incorporating fitness and wellness into your life at the North Bellevue Community Center's fitness center. The new fitness center has easy to use life fitness strength equipment, treadmills, cross trainers, stationery bikes, free weights and more. There are several membership options including a daily drop in rate, 20-visit card, and monthly rate. Fitness Center opens at 8:30am M-F at and at 8am on Saturdays. Personal Training appointments are also available. For more information, please call or stop by the North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, 425 452-7682.



East Link Light Rail Project Open House

Bel-Red Open House

March 28, 4-7 pm, Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue

The East Link light rail extension has entered final design, the process that advances design work from approximately 30 percent to 100 percent completion. Final design offers many opportunities for residents, neighborhood organizations, property owners and businesses to get involved. Attend the open house to learn more about the Bel-Red segment, including the 120th and 130th St. stations.

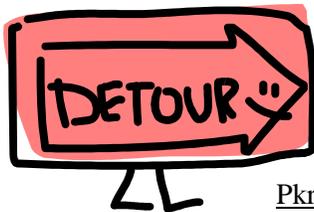


Cost Savings Open House

April 3, 4-7 pm, Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

Sound Transit and the City of Bellevue invite you to review and comment on the proposed East Link Cost Savings Ideas before a final decision is made.

Detour on W. Lake Samm. Pkwy Begins This Month



Southbound Detour begins on Tuesday, March 19 on West Lake Sammamish Parkway, Phase 1 project, between I-90 and SE 34th Street. The detour will last 24 hours a day until October 2013. When the project is complete, there will be a multi-purpose trail separated from vehicular traffic by a landscaped buffer, where feasible, and pedestrian crossings along the corridor. For more information about the project or traffic concerns, please contact Paul Krawczyk at 425-452-7905 or

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Help Shape the Future of Downtown Bellevue



The City will host a series of focus group meetings in March to seek public comments on design, amenities and transportation issues in downtown Bellevue, as the Downtown Livability Initiative team moves toward a package of proposed changes to Land Use Code and design guidelines for downtown Bellevue.

Focus groups for downtown stakeholders will be held March 5 -12. Residents are invited to participate in a focus group, **Tuesday, March 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at City Hall, Room 1E-112. The first 30 minutes of the meeting will include a presentation on Downtown Livability, followed by 90 minutes of small group facilitated discussion. For a complete listing of focus group opportunities check the agenda items calendar. For more information about the Downtown Livability Initiative, please contact Emil King at 425-452-7223 or Eaking@bellevuewa.gov or Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov

The Danger of A Single Story

Cultural Conversations, a monthly discussion group created by women working to build intercultural understanding, begins its fourth year in 2013.

Storytelling has always been one of the main methods to share cultural practice and traditions at Cultural Conversations gatherings. The group's March meeting (**March 19, 1 p.m., Crossroads Community Center – "The Danger of a Single Story"**) will focus on understanding that cultural competency is a lifelong learning journey.



Our lives are composed of many overlapping stories, then are enriched and influenced by life experience and personal worldview. Cultures have many layers; this multi-dimensional nature should not and cannot be reflected by one person or one story. A short speech clip called "**The Danger of a Single Story**" will be shown at the meeting. Speaker Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie who is a Nigerian story teller and a novelist shares the experience of finding her authentic cultural voice and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding. Participants will have an opportunity to share their perspectives in small groups during the event.

Cultural Conversations was launched in 2010 as a partnership between diverse women in the community and the City's Neighborhood Outreach Team. The concept was initiated by women who hoped to develop community connections and enhance their knowledge and understanding of different cultural practices and world views. Monthly gatherings include women from all around the world. The events are free, refreshments are served and women of all ages, faiths and cultures are welcome to attend. Meetings are held Tuesdays at Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Meetings scheduled through June 2013 are:

- ✚ Apr. 23, 1-2:30 p.m. Stress relievers in different cultures
- ✚ June 4, 1-2:30 p.m. Cultural attitudes toward money & financial security

For more information, contact Ying Carlson at [425-452-4342](tel:425-452-4342) or ycarlson@bellevuewa.gov or Barb Tuininga at [425-452-2800](tel:425-452-2800) or btuininga@bellevuewa.gov

March 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.)

3/1 City Council (8:30 am -5:00 pm. Talaris Conference Center, 4000 NE 41st St.,Seattle) Economic Development Vision and Possible Modifications to the City's Ethics Ordinance

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

3/4 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI). Update, Solid Waste Contract Discussion, 1st of 2 Planned Discussions Relating to Issuing Bonds to Implement Capital Investment Program (CIP) (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Program (NPDES) Municipal Storm water Permit Annual Report, Consent Calendar

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

3/5 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Boys & Girls Club, 15228 Lake Hills Blvd.) Update on the Lake Hills Shopping Center redevelopment and the status of the Key Bank at Kelsey Creek Center

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

3/5 Joint Meeting - Human Services Commission & Parks & Community Services Board (6:30, 1E-113) Comprehensive Plan, preparation for joint meeting with Planning Commission on March 13, preparation for Joint Meeting with Eastside Human Services Commission/Committees on March 28

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

3/5 Arts Commission (4:30, KidsQuest Children's Museum, 4091 Factoria Blvd SE, Bellevue) Cultural Compass update, East Link Art, and the Comprehensive Plan update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

3/5 Downtown Livability Focus Group #1 – Architects & Planners (2:00, 1E-108) Opportunity to comment on proposed changes to Land Use Code and design guidelines for downtown Bellevue

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

3/6 Downtown Livability Focus Group #2 – Property Owners & Developers (8:30am, 1E-108) Opportunity to comment on proposed changes to Land Use Code and design guidelines for downtown Bellevue

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

3/6 Downtown Livability Focus Group #3 – Brokers (4:00, 1E-108) Opportunity to comment on proposed changes to Land Use Code and design guidelines for downtown Bellevue <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

3/7 Downtown Livability Focus Group #4 – Large Companies & Retailers (2:00, 1E-108) Opportunity to comment on proposed changes to Land Use Code and design guidelines for downtown Bellevue

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

3/7 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) CIP Accomplishments, Asset Management & Failures & Claims, Budget Monitoring Year End 2012 http://www.bellevuewa.gov/envIRON_serv_comm.htm

3/7 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30am, 1E-120) Comprehensive Plan Update - Human Services Element, Committee reports http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

3/8 Downtown Livability Focus Group #5 – Former Downtown Plan Advisory Body Members (8:30am, 1E-108) Opportunity to comment on proposed changes to Land Use Code and design guidelines for downtown Bellevue <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

3/11 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Update on West Lake Sammamish Project, Transit Master Plan, Downtown Transportation Plan Update, Comprehensive Plan Update, 2nd of 2 Planned Discussions Relating to Issuing Bonds to Implement CIP

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

3/11 Downtown Livability Focus Group #6 – Institutional/Visionaries (8:30am, 1E-108) Opportunity to comment on proposed changes to Land Use Code and design guidelines for downtown Bellevue

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

3/12 Downtown Livability Focus Group #7 – Residents (6:30, 1E-112) Opportunity to comment on proposed changes to Land Use Code and design guidelines for downtown Bellevue

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

3/12 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, 1E-112) Agenda to be determined

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

3/13 Joint Meeting - Planning Commission & Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

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

3/14 Transportation Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Downtown Plan Update; Regional Issues, Bel-Red Area Street Naming, Mobility and Infrastructure Initiative (MII) Projects Update

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

3/18 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) City Manager's Report on Bel-Red Street Naming, Old Bellevue Identity and Streetscape Project, and Farmers Market Permitting Progress Report, Consent Calendar

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

3/19 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Follow-up on comprehensive meeting with Planning Commission, final preparation for Joint Meeting with Eastside Human Services Commission/Committees

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

3/25 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Tentative Shoreline Master Program Discussion, Regional Issues http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

3/27 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined

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

3/28 Human Services Commission (6:00, 1E-108) Joint meeting with other Eastside city Human Services Commissions/Committees (Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland & Redmond)

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_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 452-6836.