

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

July 2008

Nix on neighborhood fireworks; let the parades begin



Remember – private fireworks of all kinds are illegal in Bellevue. One great place to enjoy a spectacular display on July 4 is at Bellevue’s Downtown Park. Kids’ games get underway at 2 p.m., the entertainment stage opens at 6 p.m., and fireworks begin at 10 p.m.

Meanwhile, several Bellevue neighborhoods will celebrate the Fourth with old-fashioned parades. If you love watching decorated kids, dogs, bicycles, wagons, and lawnmowers (yup, lawnmowers – check it out), visit one of the following: Whispering Heights and Collingwood, Somerset, or Newport Hills – all at 11 a.m.

Neighborhood Workshops coming up; your opinions are needed!

Coming this fall, the Neighborhood Outreach team is planning a series of workshops for neighborhood leaders and interested residents. This series will provide information and teach practical skills for running effective community organizations. Because you are active in your community, your feedback is needed to decide on the type of format and workshop content that would be most helpful.

Some possible topics include: The Nuts and Bolts of City Government, How to Organize an Effective Neighborhood Association, Communication Skills, Presenting Views to Boards and Commissions, Effective Marketing, Getting Neighborhood Projects Done and Maintaining the Value and Appearance of Your Neighborhood.

This workshop series is for you! Please email your comments and suggestions to Julie Ellenhorn at jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-5372 to voice your opinion.

Enjoy international fun, food, friendship at July picnic

It’s good old summertime fun with an international flair, when the Bellevue Sister Cities Association holds its annual picnic Saturday, July 12, at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitors Center. Anyone is welcome to attend; just bring a potluck dish to share and enjoy multicultural people, food, and conversation.



A special feature of the 5 p.m. picnic will be an opportunity to meet the local high school students who have been selected as delegates to Bellevue’s sister cities, as well as two of the four foreign exchange students visiting this summer from the sister cities of: Yao, Japan; Hualien, Taiwan; Liepaja, Latvia; and Kladno, Czech Republic. Bellevue Sister Cities Association welcomes new members and guests at all of its events. For more information, contact Hugh Burlison, 425-746-9675.

Crunch time: southbound I-405 to be closed three weekends in August

The biggest impact to traffic in Bellevue this summer is likely to be the demolition of the Wilburton Tunnel by the state Department of Transportation. All southbound lanes of Interstate 405, from SE 8th Street to I-90, will be closed on three consecutive weekends in August. The closures will take place from 11 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday, on the weekends of Aug. 8-11, Aug. 15-18 and Aug. 22-25. The northbound lanes of I-405 will remain open.



Removing the tunnel is necessary to add two new freeway lanes. The work is part of WSDOT's I-405, South Bellevue Widening Project, designed to ease congestion on one of the region's most congested roadways. For more information, including detour route maps, see the project web site at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i405/112thAvetoSE8th>.

Put computers, TVs, small electronics curbside for weekly pick-up

It's easy being GREEN! Remember, small electronics can be placed curbside for collection as part of weekly garage and recyclable pick-up. Items need to be less than 2' by 2' and weigh less than 60 pounds each.



Small electronics do not need to be bagged; however, if bagged, clearly mark the bag "ELECTRONICS." Place these items near (not in) the blue recycling cart. Electronic items include computers, computer monitors and accessories, stereos and other audio equipment, printers, faxes, TVs (screens 21" or less), radios, and cell phones. For more information on what you can recycle see:

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Utilities/SF_Recycling_Poster4_08.pdf.

July 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.)

7/1 Bellevue Youth Theatre Community Meeting (6:30, Crossroads Community Center) Opportunity to review plans and comment on proposed expansion of Bellevue Youth Theatre in Crossroads Park

http://bellevuewa.gov/youth_theatre_expansion.htm

7/1 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse) Report on the 145th Place SE project

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

7/1 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Preliminary review of Goal #2 Human Services funding applications http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

7/2 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) VanderHoek Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA), Bel-Red project discussion

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

7/4 Independence Day – All City offices closed

7/7 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Light Rail Best Practices update, Parks Voter Initiative, results of Phase One Jail Study (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers)) Consent Calendar, Electric Service Reliability Interest Statement, CH2MHill Service Agreement for SEPA work for Bel-Red Corridor

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

7/8 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be announced

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



7/9 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Bel-Red project, Light Rail Best Practices Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) public hearing http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

7/10 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Ped-Bike Plan Prioritized Project List; Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) & Capital Investment Program (CIP) Roadway/Intersection Prioritized Project List; Impact Fees http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

7/10 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-112) Utilities CIP update 2009-2015: CIP open house & CIP tour follow-up, Early Outlook Forecast, Lakeline Condition Assessment http://www.bellevuewa.gov/environ_serv_comm.htm

7/14 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Budget workshop, Bel-Red financing options http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/15 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Preliminary review of Goals #3 & #4 Human Services funding applications http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

7/16 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Bel-Red project, Light Rail Best Practices http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

7/21 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Light Rail Best Practices, Citywide Municipal Stormwater Permit, threshold review of 2008 CPAs (8:00 Regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Second Budget public hearing, Parks Voter Initiative Ordinance, Botanical Garden Master Plan, ARCH Spring funding round http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/23 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Bel-Red project, Light Rail Best Practices, Shoreline Management project update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

7/24 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Combined Ped-Bike Plan & TFP/CIP Roadway/Intersection Prioritized Project List http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

7/28 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference) Light Rail Best Practices update and extended public comment period, regional issues, Bel-Red project and financing recommendations http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/30 Planning Commission (7:00, Council Conference Room) Bel-Red study session, if needed http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

7/30 Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan Public Workshop (5:00-8:00, 1E-108/113) Conceptual park alternatives http://www.bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer_project_intro.htm

7/31 Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan Steering Committee (5:00, 1E-108/113) Conceptual park alternatives http://www.bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer_project_intro.htm



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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.