

Green Clean Workshop & Film Event

Workshop:

*Monday, April 6, 7-8pm
Lake Hills King County Library
15590 Lake Hills Blvd*

*Thursday, April 23, 7-8pm
Newport Way Library
14250 SE Newport Way*

Film Event:

*Tuesday, May 5, 7-8pm
City Hall Council Chambers*



The City of Bellevue is offering fun, hands-on “green cleaning” classes and a film event this spring.

People who live or work in Bellevue can learn how to avoid toxic cleaners and learn to make their own green cleaners in these workshops.

Attendees will also receive a free green cleaning kit to take home. At the film event, excerpts from the film “Chemical” will be shown and a mini workshop on Green Cleaning will be conducted.

Adults and children over 7 are welcome to attend. The workshops are free, but registration is required (except the film event). Please email at recycle@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-6932 to register. Space is limited to 20 people per session for workshops. First come, first served.

Transportation Improvement Program Update

*Thursday, April 9, 6:30pm
Bellevue City Hall Room 1E-113*

You are invited to a public hearing on the proposed 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the draft six-year work plan for the city’s transportation systems. Unlike the Capital Investment Program and the Transportation Facilities Plan, the TIP is not budget-constrained, so it represents all ideal transportation projects, regardless of funding.

If you think certain transportation projects should be prioritized in the TIP, please come to this public hearing and share your opinions with the Transportation Commission. Following the public hearing, the Transportation Commission will make a recommendation to City Council, which will review and approve the program in May or June.

For more about the Transportation Improvement Program, visit www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation_improvement_program.htm or contact Kristi Oosterveen, Capital Facilities Planning and Program Administrator, at 425-452-4496 or koosterveen@bellevuewa.gov.



Cultural Conversations

“Cultural shifting between generations: the push and pull of the old and the new over time.”

Tuesday, April 21, 1-2:30pm

Crossroads Community Center



In this month's Cultural Conversations, the women's group will explore the tension that exists between the richness of cultural globalization and the preservation of inherited culture and values. The meeting is open to all women who wish to enhance knowledge and understanding of different cultural practices and world views. The event is free, refreshments are served and women of all ages, faiths and cultures are welcome to attend.

How do we hold the old and the new over time, and remain true to our elders, ourselves and our children, when what is true is always in question and changing?

Pam Orbach and Galit Arad-Trutner from the City of Bellevue's Neighborhood Mediation Program (Parent Teen Mediation Program Leaders) will take us on a journey to explore these intergenerational family and community tensions, introduce tools to address them and find ways to honor the old and the new as we learn and change in this global community.

Cultural Conversations is a women's group that was launched in 2010 as a partnership between diverse women in the community and the City of Bellevue. To participate in the sharing, we encourage you to make arrangements for childcare. If you'd like to be added to our mailing list, please contact cross@bellevuewa.gov.

Shred-It for Spring

Saturday, April 25, 9am-12pm

Bellevue Library Parking Garage

1111 110th Ave NE

Secure shredding of personal and financial papers is a great way to reduce home or office clutter and to protect yourself from identity theft. Join us for a free document shredding event at the west end of Bellevue Library parking garage main level. Secure document shredding truck will be on-site. Limit of 2 bankers boxes or large bags per person. This event is co-sponsored by the Conover Capital Management, the City of Bellevue Utilities Department and the King County Library System.



What's in a Name?

Tuesday, April 28, 6-8pm

Bellevue City Hall.



Bellevue Parks & Community Services

In March, the Bellevue City Council directed the Parks & Community Services Board to begin the renaming process for Bovee Park.



If you would like to provide a naming suggestion, the Board will host an opportunity for public input at a Park Board Special Meeting this month. You can also send your naming suggestions to parksweb@bellevuewa.gov

Housing Volunteer Board Position Available

Make your voice heard on affordable housing funding and programs by joining the A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) Citizen Advisory Board (CAB).

The CAB consists of 12 to 15 community residents and housing professionals that work with ARCH staff to evaluate local housing funding proposals and increase awareness of housing issues on the Eastside. Board members contribute their understanding of housing and community issues, as well as certain specialized perspectives including real estate, housing development, planning, finance, assisting persons with low income

or special needs, faith community, racial diversity, architecture and residents of affordable housing. The CAB also strives to be representative of the Eastside communities that make up ARCH.

The CAB typically meets one Wednesday evening per month for two hours. More information about ARCH and the ARCH Citizen Advisory Board is on the ARCH website:

www.archhousing.org. To apply, please contact Jessie Tang at jtang@bellevuewa.gov or Arthur Sullivan asullivan@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-861-3677





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Where to Expect Pavement Work This Spring

As the weather gets nicer, Bellevue's street overlay program kicks into gear. The overlay program maintains city streets by providing pavement restoration, curb and sidewalk repair, pavement markings, vehicle detection for traffic signals and Americans with Disabilities (ADA) retrofit work where needed.

This spring, expect daytime lane closures to accommodate ADA ramp upgrades and paving work in the following locations, Monday through Friday:

Woodridge: Ramps are being upgraded to ADA standard along 123rd Ave SE, SE 20th Pl and 123rd Ave SE, with the exception of the area in front of Woodridge

Elementary, which is scheduled for work during spring break. Paving on these streets will continue later this spring or summer.

Lakemont Boulevard: ADA ramp work from 164th Ave SE to Forest Drive, and signal work at the Lakemont and 164th intersection, is underway. Paving from the bridge at Newport Way to Newcastle Golf Course Road will occur in early summer. After paving is completed, new bike lanes will be installed between 164th Ave SE and Forest Drive.

Eastgate and Spiritridge area: Several residential streets will be paved in spring and early summer. Watch for the No Parking signs to alert you to the start of the paving project.

Downtown and Northwest Bellevue: Ramps on parts of NE 12th St, 102th Ave NE and 106th Ave NE downtown will be upgraded in advance of the paving project. In addition, ramp work will take place on 116th Ave NE, NE 12th Street by Lake Bellevue, and 108th Ave NE north of SR-520. Work on 108th Ave near the South Kirkland Park & Ride will include removal of the railroad tracks and preliminary installation of sidewalk and ramps for a flashing beacon street crossing for pedestrians and cyclists. Expect to see paving on these roadways later this summer.

More specific dates will be available as work progresses. All of the paving and overlay work is dependent on good weather, so project schedules are subject to change. For more information about the Overlay Program and to see a map of project locations, visit www.bellevuewa.gov/overlay.htm, or contact Teresa Becker, pavement manager, at tbecker@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7942.

Sound Transit Begins Preparatory Utility Work in Bel-Red

You may begin to see stormwater utility relocation activity this month near NE Spring Blvd and 136th Pl NE, close to the future 130th light rail station. Before light rail construction begins, existing utility lines need to be relocated. The stormwater utility work is one of a series of utility relocations in Bel-Red by Sound Transit and multiple utility providers in preparation for East Link construction.

Sound Transit's stormwater utility relocation work will begin as early as mid-April 2015. Shortly after, the Olympic Pipeline will relocate utilities out of the future East Link

construction work area. During utility relocation, expect temporary single-lane closures at the intersection of 136th Pl NE and NE Spring Blvd between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information or to sign up to receive East Link updates specific to the Bel-Red area, contact Abby Chazanow, Sound Transit East Corridor Community Outreach Specialist, at abby.chazanow@soundtransit.org or 206-903-7326.

Two Long-awaited Roadway Projects Underway This Month!

NE 4th Street Extension Stage 2: The first one is the NE 4th St Extension between the Eastside Rail Corridor and 120th Ave NE. Typical work hours will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Some work may occur on Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. or Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will also be times when construction will take place at night between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

This project will complete this five-lane arterial, with two travel lanes in each direction and a center-turn lane where needed. There will be bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides, with a new traffic signal at the 120th Ave NE intersection. When opened to traffic, it will relieve congestion at nearby intersections, improve travel times and provide alternatives for vehicles, transit, freight, pedestrians and bicyclists.

In general, motorists should find that they are not impacted by construction; except, when the traffic signal is installed, underground utility work is conducted and the roadway is paved. When nighttime construction is scheduled, drivers will be detoured.

Wilburton Streetscapes Enhancement

Project: The second project is on 124th Ave NE between Main St and NE 8th St. Work will take place Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. through August.

This project will include a Wilburton gateway sign, planted medians, crosswalks, pavement marking, lighting for pedestrians and landscaping, all of which will provide a feeling to motorists that they are driving through a residential neighborhood. The traffic calming features have the potential to reduce vehicle speeds, enhance pedestrian safety and provide aesthetic improvements that accentuate the identity of the Wilburton Neighborhood. To see a design illustration of this project, please refer to: www.bellevuewa.gov/124th-ave-improvements-wilburton-streetscape.htm

Here are the reasons for closures over the next four months:

- A full roadway closure at the south leg of 124th and NE 8th Street to remove old asphalt and pour decorative concrete pavement the full width of the roadway.
- Northbound lane closures for the water main replacement
- Alternating lane closures throughout the full duration of the project.

We apologize ahead of time for any construction inconvenience. You may need to pack your patience or find an alternate route, when possible. Project Manager for both projects: Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-6920 or marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

To help you plan ahead and be “In the Know,” please refer to the following communication tools:

- Traffic Advisories: www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic_advisories.htm
- City CIP interactive map of projects: www.bellevuewa.gov/capital-projects-map
- Follow the Transportation Department on Twitter: @BvueTrans
- Download **MyBellevue App** and you will be able to access all of the tools on your mobile phone or tablet.

April 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.)

4/2 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30a.m., 1E-108)

Charity & Scams, Committee Reports

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

4/6 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Planning Commission recommendations on Comprehensive Plan Update, Storm System Plan Interest Statement Introduction, Olympic Pipeline Franchise Agreement(8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

4/7 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Potential presentation by Oscar del Moro re the Lake Hills Shopping Center http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

4/7 Arts Commission (4:30, 1E-109) Reports from area arts groups, updates on process to select next neighborhood public art projects and Meydenbauer Bay Expansion public art project update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

4/7 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

4/8 Planning Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Annual Comprehensive Plan amendment applications public hearing http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

4/9 Transportation Commission (6:30, 1E-113)
Topic: informational discussion of the Transportation Demand Management Program, plus ongoing review of the Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) transportation projects http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

4/13 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Public Hearing on draft East Link memorandum of understanding (MOU), Comprehensive Plan Update (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

4/14 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, 1E-113)
Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

4/14 East Main CAC (4:00-6:00, 1E-108) Initial redevelopment and corridor concepts, market analysis, Ped/bike plan; traffic and transportation analyses and concepts <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-station-areas.htm>

4/16 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Sold Waste Contract Performance Audit & Customer Satisfaction Surveys Review, Storm System Plan - Aspirational Initiatives, Water System Plan – Policies Introduced http://www.bellevuewa.gov/environ_serv_comm.htm

4/20 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Tentative - Economic Development Update, Tentative - Storm System Plan Interest Statement Adoption (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Decision on Hearing Examiner's Recommendation on PSE conditional use permit (CUP) Application, Action on Shoreline Master Program http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

4/21 Library Commission (5:00, Bellevue Library 1111 110th NE, Room 3) Review of 2015 goals and service targets for Bellevue, Newport, Crossroads & Lake Hills libraries. Nominations for 2015-2016 Board Officers http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm

4/21 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

4/22 Planning Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

4/27 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Development Agreement and Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) with Intracorp, East Link Monthly Project Update, Regional Issues, Comprehensive Plan Update, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Amendments http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

4/28 East Main CAC (4:00 1E-113) Review public comments on redevelopment and corridor treatments; refine scenario with CAC for draft report <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-station-areas.htm>

4/28 East Main Station Area Planning CAC Open House (5:00-7:00, 1E-120) Redevelopment of sites east of 112th Ave. SE and ideas for access and traffic around the station area <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/east-main-station.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.