



# Neighborhood News

May 2023



## Mark your calendars for the Opening Day of Bellevue Farmers Market May 18!

Thursdays, 3-7 p.m.  
1717 Bellevue Way NE

The Bellevue Farmers Market returns on May 18 for the 20th Anniversary Season, and welcomes you each Thursday, 3-7 p.m. The Bellevue Farmers Market, a community nonprofit, is pleased to bring you over 40 vendors offering local fruit, vegetables, and foods like bread, pasta, olive oil and much more. Every event also includes dining options, free kids' activities, musical performances and Bellevue organizations sharing their work.

SNAP, Senior, and WIC accepted. Ample free parking on site.

Learn more at: [bellevuefarmersmarket.org](http://bellevuefarmersmarket.org)



## Bellevue Police Volunteer Advisory Council Ambassador



Are you passionate about serving your community? Do you have knowledge of the Bellevue area? Do you have good public speaking skills and are you willing to share information with residents in the community? If you answered "yes" to these questions, becoming a Bellevue Police Volunteer Advisory Council Ambassador could be the perfect opportunity to consider!

The volunteer will serve as the BPD community liaison, providing direct support to the community and the BPD Advisory Council while providing awareness of events, and opportunities within the community. They will inform residents about BPD community events, and promote collaboration and civic participation among residents. The expected time commitment is four hours per week, for one year.

For more information and to apply, visit: [BellevueWA.gov/police-jobs/volunteer](http://BellevueWA.gov/police-jobs/volunteer)



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## Bellevue Police Station Volunteer Attendant

Do you have customer service skills? Are you able to deal courteously and effectively with the public? Do you have the ability to handle multiple tasks? Do you like to help others? If you answered yes to these questions, a Bellevue Police Station Volunteer Attendant might be a great volunteer opportunity for you!

The volunteer will greet station visitors, answer phones and assist community members with information requests concerning police or city operational matters. The volunteer will also help with completing various police reports and forms and provide information on related police/government processes and procedures. The expected time commitment is four hours per week, for one year.

The BPD volunteer program is designed for both long term and short-term commitments and requires candidates to undergo a rigorous application and screening process.

For more information and to apply, visit: [BellevueWA.gov/police-jobs/volunteer](http://BellevueWA.gov/police-jobs/volunteer)

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## Deadline for Cougar Mountain/ Lakemont project Ideas is May 6.

NEP kicked off in late March in the Cougar Mountain/Lakemont area with a budget of \$377,000. Now is the time to submit your project ideas for how you'd like this money spent.



It's easy to share your ideas! Simply return the Postage Paid Project Idea Card that each Cougar Mountain/Lakemont area household received in the mail, or submit your ideas by using the online submission form at [bellevuewa.gov/nep](http://bellevuewa.gov/nep).

All project ideas must be postmarked or submitted online by **May 6**.



## NEP Open House for Eastgate/ Factoria area is scheduled for June 15.

City staff have finished the scoping phase of the numerous project ideas submitted for the Eastgate/Factoria neighborhood area earlier this year.

Please plan to join your neighbors at a public open house on June 15 at 6:30 p.m. to preview the projects that will be included on your NEP ballot and are eligible for potential funding from the \$370,000 budget allocation. A brief overview of the project scoping and NEP voting process will be provided. Look for printed invitations and meeting details to arrive in Eastgate/Factoria area mailboxes in late May. Email [NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov) to let us know you plan to attend!

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program is a city-funded program that allows residents to propose and select modest capital projects to enhance their neighborhoods. The program rotates through the city's 14 NEP neighborhood areas over the course of seven years, serving two areas each year. The \$7 million program allocation is distributed among each of the NEP neighborhood areas, according to the number of households in each area.

Please contact Theresa Cuthill at [tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov) with questions. Detailed program information can be found at [BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep).

## NEP Project Spotlight: Cherry Crest Mini-Park improvements in Bridle Trails

Residents of the Bridle Trails neighborhood area requested and selected various park improvements at Cherry Crest Mini-Park as one of their NEP projects during the 2018 process.

These improvements are now complete! They include: Installation of a bike rack, replacement of a water fountain, addition of a new pet fountain, replacing the basketball backboards, and adding striping to accommodate pickleball play.

Thanks to the work of Bellevue Parks Department project manager Ernie Podaca and crews, the

park updates are now ready for the community to enjoy!



## Cultural Conversations

Tuesday, May 16 | 1-2:30 p.m.  
Crossroads Community Center  
16000 NE 10th St, Bellevue

Last program before summer break! Cultural Conversations will resume Sept. 12

Our storyteller for May is Negin Khanloo, who will share her inspiring personal journey as an immigrant. Negin came to the United States as a speaker at a public administration conference about nonprofits in Iran. This short trip changed the course of her life forever. In Bellevue, she had to navigate the unfamiliar territory while grieving the loss of her home and family. However, her story is one of resilience, and Negin will share how crucial it was to have mentors as she navigated her new environment. She mentors women who have made similar journeys, and as a strong advocate for women's rights, she uses her own experience to make a difference in her community and help others.



Cultural Conversations, a program entering its thirteenth season, has transformed relationships and perspectives among diverse women in our community through education and storytelling

Reservations appreciated. Please email:  
[neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov).

## Bellevue Essentials Information Meeting

At Cultural Conversations

Tuesday, May 16

Noon, bring your own lunch

Crossroads Community Center

Come learn about Bellevue Essentials at an information meeting just prior to Cultural Conversations. Bellevue Essentials is a 11-week civic engagement program that will help you to understand city government and the ways to get involved in Bellevue. For more information visit [BellevueWA.gov/Bellevue-Essentials](http://BellevueWA.gov/Bellevue-Essentials). Reservations appreciated to [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).

## Wine Walk

Main Street in Old Bellevue

(South of Bellevue Downtown Park)

Tuesday, May 11 | 5-8 p.m.

Admission: \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door

Tickets are available

at: [tickettomato.com/event/7977](http://tickettomato.com/event/7977)

Spring is here, and what better way to enjoy the outdoors than with a wine tasting adventure in Old Bellevue? Local winemakers pair up with Old Bellevue merchants to serve up local tastes while guests sip, stroll and shop along Main Street.

This event supports the Old Bellevue Merchants Association (OBMA) and allows for enhancements such as holiday lighting and summer flowerpots.

To further support activations and programs along Main Street, the City of Bellevue plans to create sustainable community business districts across the city. Old Bellevue/Main Street and the BelRed Arts District are the first two districts that have been identified for program implementation. Other areas, such as Factoria and Crossroads, are in the exploration phase. The result will be distinct brand identities for the diverse business districts and sustainable business district organizations designed to create and promote engaging experiences for residents, workers and visitors.



## June Walking Tours!

### Downtown, BelRed/Spring District and Wilburton/Eastrail

If you missed the walking tours during the 2022 Experience Bellevue Conference, they are back by popular demand! Join City of Bellevue staff and learn the ins and outs of Downtown (North and South), the BelRed/Spring District and Wilburton/Eastrail. Meeting place and parking instructions for each tour will be sent to your email upon registration. You may select a single tour or choose a tour on each of two tour dates.

Each tour is offered once, is limited to 20 participants and requires registration. Tours will include leisurely walks, approximately 1.5 miles, rain or shine. To reserve your space, indicate which tour or tours, and email [neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov) or contact Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-5372.

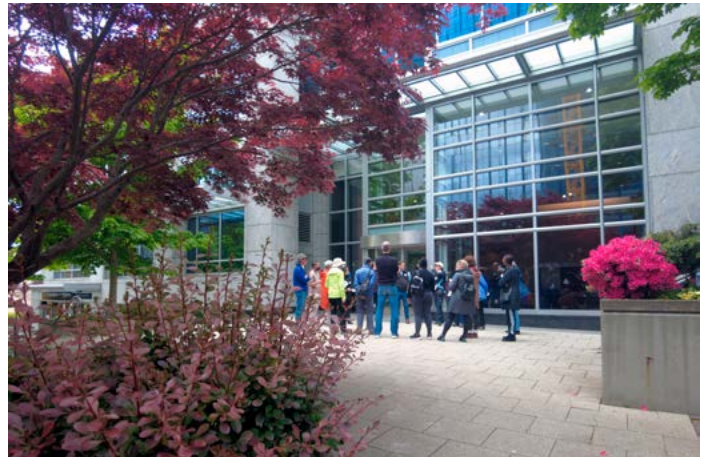
**Tuesday, June 6 | 5:30-7 p.m.**

#### **Tour 1: Wilburton/Eastrail Walking Tour**

With the anticipated arrival of major infrastructure improvements in Wilburton, including Eastrail and East Link light rail, the City of Bellevue is considering zoning and land use code updates to best leverage these investments and accommodate growth in this area. Wilburton is envisioned as a vibrant mixed-use transit and trail-oriented community. Join us for a walking tour led by staff from Community Development, Parks and Community Services, and Transportation to learn how the vision is being transformed into reality along the Eastrail and beyond.

#### **Tour 2: Downtown Walking Tour (North edition)**

The longstanding vision for Downtown Bellevue is to be a great place to live, work and visit. The work to make this vision a reality is called the Great Place Strategy, and significant public and private investments are now occurring that will add more vibrancy and attractions to the area. Are you interested in learning more about the Downtown neighborhood? What are your thoughts on Downtown's evolution? Join Liz Stead, Land Use Director and Emil King, Planning Director, along with your neighbors to see and experience Downtown Bellevue and envision its



future with us. The tour will take participants on a walk through downtown and north to Northeast 12th Street.

**Tuesday, June 13 | 5:30-7 p.m.**

#### **Tour 1: BelRed's Spring District Walking Tour**

Join Anthony Gill and Corbin Hart, Cultural and Economic Development staff members, on a walking tour of the Spring District in BelRed! Home to Meta Platforms (formerly Facebook), Bellevue Brewing Company, the Global Innovation Exchange (GIX), and the 5G Open Innovation Lab, and located on Sound Transit's future 2 Line, the Spring District is home to BelRed's latest live-work-play district. Come learn about how the district is becoming a destination and a gathering place for the region.

#### **Tour 2: Downtown Walking Tour (South edition)**

In this exploration of Downtown Bellevue's Great Place Strategy, participants will walk downtown and South to Main Street. Similar to North Downtown, significant public and private investments are now occurring that will add more vibrancy and attractions to the entire Downtown area. Are you interested in learning more about the Downtown neighborhood? What are your thoughts on Downtown's evolution? Join Liz Stead, Land Use Director and Emil King, Planning Director, along with your neighbors to see and experience Downtown Bellevue through the South edition walking tour.





## Bellevue Essentials is recruiting for the 2023 Class!

Bellevue Essentials is an 11-week civic engagement program that will open your eyes to the “who,” “what” and “why” of city government and the ways to get involved. You will experience the daily structure and operations of city government - the work, the challenges and the collaboration between staff and community that make Bellevue a great place to live, work and play.

Hands-on activities allow you to experience the daily challenges of running a local government. The class is great for those active in their neighborhood and individuals who want to get more involved at the city or in the community.

Classes are held on Wednesdays, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Sept. 20- Nov. 15 and include two Saturday morning sessions. Each session includes some pre-class homework, a networking dinner, presentations and activities from different city departments. The class of 35 is selected through an application process and is open to those that live or work in Bellevue. Applications are due Thursday, July 20 at 5 p.m. Tuition is \$150. Fee waivers based on financial need are available on request.

To learn more, visit [BellevueWA.gov/bellevue-essentials](https://BellevueWA.gov/bellevue-essentials) and check out a video introduction to the Bellevue Essentials experience.

You can also attend one of three upcoming information meetings:

- Thursday, June 8, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE
- Wednesday, June 14, Noon-1 p.m.  
Zoom Virtual Meeting (link sent with your reservation)
- Tuesday, June 20, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way

For more information or to reserve space for an information meeting, contact Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-5372 or [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov)



## Community members invited to provide comment on city's growth alternatives

*By Brooke Brod*

As part of the Periodic Update to the Comprehensive Plan, the city has recently released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Community members and organizations with an interest in the future growth of Bellevue are invited to submit their comments.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required when a project has the potential to cause significant negative environmental impact. An EIS provides information to the public and decision-makers about the environmental effects of plans or projects on the natural and built environment. An EIS describes different courses of action known as “alternatives,” analyzes the environmental impacts of each one, and identifies ways to reduce or mitigate any negative impacts. Some of the issues that are analyzed include:

- Air and water quality;
- Greenhouse gas emissions;
- Impact on plants and animals;
- Impacts on transportation;
- Energy and natural resources;
- Utilities;
- And more.

The alternatives under consideration for the Comprehensive Plan look at a range of options for achieving the city's housing and

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jobs targets while also meeting other state and regional requirements.

### Alternative 0: No Action

- Capacity for an additional 41,000 housing units
- Capacity for an additional 124,000 jobs

**FOCUS OF GROWTH:** Primarily within Downtown and BelRed. No changes to the city's existing growth framework.

### Alternative 1: Providing options for families of all kinds

- Capacity for an additional 59,000 housing units (18,000 above No Action)
- Capacity for an additional 179,000 jobs (55,000 above No Action)

**FOCUS OF GROWTH:** Primarily in Mixed-Use Centers (Downtown, East Main, BelRed, Wilburton, Crossroads, Factoria, Eastgate). Gentle density added across the city.

### Alternative 2: Unlocking access for more residents

- Capacity for an additional 77,000 housing units (36,000 above No Action)
- Capacity for an additional 177,000 jobs (53,000 above No Action)

**FOCUS OF GROWTH:** Both in Mixed-Use Centers, Neighborhood Centers and in areas with good access to transit/jobs. Further gentle density added across the city.

### Alternative 3: Providing options throughout the city

- Capacity for an additional 95,000 housing units (54,000 above No Action)
- Capacity for an additional 200,000 jobs (76,000 above No Action)

**FOCUS OF GROWTH:** In Mixed-Use Centers, in areas of high opportunity (good access to transit/jobs or near Neighborhood Centers). Further gentle density added across the city.

Members of the public can comment on the DEIS **until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 12.** Comments will be accepted through an online portal, by email, by mail or at one of three public meetings.

### Online Comments

[bit.ly/deiscomment](http://bit.ly/deiscomment)

### Email Comments

Send to: [CompPlan2044EIS@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:CompPlan2044EIS@bellevuewa.gov)

### Mailed Comments

City of Bellevue  
Development Services  
Attn: Elizabeth Stead  
450 110th Avenue NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004

**Three public meetings** will include information about the proposed Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, review the State Environmental Policy Act process, and provide community members a verbal comment opportunity on the DEIS.

- A virtual public meeting– Thursday, May 18, 6-8 p.m.
- An in-person meeting–Tuesday, May 23, 6-8 p.m. at Crossroads Community Center (16000 NE 10th St, Bellevue, WA 98008).
- An in-person meeting – Thursday, June 1, 6-8 p.m. at City Hall, in the Council Chamber room (450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue WA 98004).

There will be opportunities to provide comments at each meeting and a court reporter will be in attendance to transcribe comments. To register to attend any of these meetings, visit [bellevue-2044-DraftEIS.eventbrite.com](http://bellevue-2044-DraftEIS.eventbrite.com).

To read the full Draft Environmental Impact Statement and learn more about the environmental review process visit [BellevueWA.gov/2044-environmental-review](http://BellevueWA.gov/2044-environmental-review).

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## Drowning Prevention

*By Heather Wong, Bellevue Fire Department*

It may not feel like swimming weather is near, but the reality is, it's just around the corner!

After a long, cold and wet winter, when the sun stays out longer than a week, experience tells us people will flock to the water. We don't blame them! In fact, we may be some of those early champions testing the waters. Access to water



recreation is one of the elemental appeals of living and playing in Bellevue. From swimming in community or private pools, playing at one of our beaches or boating on the lake, water activities are a fantastic way to unwind, have fun and create cherished memories.

However, amid the excitement, it's crucial to prioritize water safety before a good time turns tragic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), drowning remains one of the top five causes of unintentional death by injury for those 0-54 years old and is the leading cause of unintentional death by injury for children ages 1-4. On average, 4,000 people drown each year in the United States with an additional 9,000 seen at emergency departments for non-fatal submersion injuries.

One essential component of water safety that should never be overlooked is a life jacket. Life jackets, also known as life vests or personal flotation devices, are a fundamental tool for keeping you and your loved ones safe. Designed to help you stay afloat with your head above the surface, wearing a life jacket when recreating on or near water is the single most important thing you can do to prevent drowning.

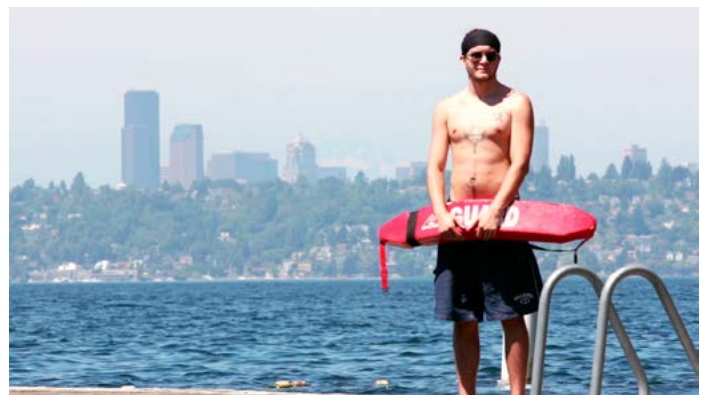
Learning CPR and taking swimming lessons are other elements of water safety not to be ignored. Learning to swim can reduce the risk of drowning by 88% for children 1-4 years of age. Bellevue Fire offers free monthly CPR classes



([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/fire/medical/cpr-training](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/fire/medical/cpr-training)) and the Bellevue Aquatic Center has swim lessons ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/parks/sports-and-athletics/bellevue-aquatic-center/aquatics-fees](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/parks/sports-and-athletics/bellevue-aquatic-center/aquatics-fees)) .

Drowning does not discriminate. Strong swimmers drown. Boaters drown. And as one Bellevue mother knows and shares ([youtube.com/watch?v=l-uPtUBvcN8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-uPtUBvcN8)), children who were never intended to be in the water can drown.

We owe it to ourselves, our families and our community to keep everyone safe!



## Lifeguards needed to keep Bellevue's waters safe, accessible

### Hiring bonus for new and rehired city beach and pool lifeguards

Bellevue is currently hiring up to 60 lifeguards for work at six beach parks and the Bellevue Aquatic Center this summer. The positions offer flexible hours in a work environment with the chance to have a positive impact on the lives of community members.

Lifeguards need to have an active American Red Cross lifeguard certification and must be 15 or older to work at the Bellevue Aquatic Center and 16 or older to work at Bellevue's beach parks.

The Aquatic Center will refund the \$75 lifeguard certification course fee for applicants who take the training course at the Aquatic Center and are subsequently hired as Bellevue lifeguards. Call 425-452-4444 to sign up for the training.

The typical lifeguard pay rate starts at \$17.25 per hour and will go up based on experience

and position. Additionally, all new and rehired lifeguards are eligible to receive an initial \$75 hiring bonus with a chance to earn up to another \$175 based upon the number of hours worked.

For more information about becoming a lifeguard, contact recreation supervisor Patrick Simmons (425-452-4444) or apply online ([governmentjobs.com/careers/bellevuewa/jobs/3963118/lifeguards-i-iii-pools-and-beaches](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/bellevuewa/jobs/3963118/lifeguards-i-iii-pools-and-beaches)).

Vulnerable adults are more likely to experience abuse. In Washington state, the term “vulnerable adult” includes: a person 60 years of age or older with functional, physical, or mental barriers to living independently or an adult 18 years of age or older, who has a developmental disability or meets other legal requirements.

## Bellevue Network on Aging

“Vulnerable Adult Abuse” describes a range of behavior including physical abuse, financial exploitation, emotional abuse, confinement,

neglect, willful deprivation, self-neglect and sexual abuse. Such abuse is often perpetrated by a known, trusted person, such as an adult child, grandchild or spouse. Vulnerable adult abuse occurs in private homes, in institutional settings including nursing homes or assisted living facilities, and within businesses in the community. The National Council on Aging has reported that in almost 60% of elder abuse and neglect incidents, the perpetrator is a family member.

### Reporting and Symptoms of Adult Abuse.

Unfortunately, adult abuse is underreported. A victim may not report abuse for many reasons including inability to report, fear of retaliation, concern that a report will send the abuser to jail or fear that reporting will lead to placement in a nursing home. **Thus, it is important for members of the community to be aware of and report elder abuse.** Signs of adult abuse include suspicious or unexplainable bruises, sores, or weight loss, change in normal personality, inattention to hygiene, food, or medication, statements that are intimidating, threatening, or



degrading, and unexplainable financial changes or missing money.

### How to Prevent and Report Vulnerable Adult Abuse

To report vulnerable adult abuse in an emergency, dial 911. Otherwise, phone Adult Protective Services (APS) at 1-877-734-6277 or file a report. The following website: [dshs.wa.gov/altsa/adult-protective-services](https://dshs.wa.gov/altsa/adult-protective-services) provides helpful links and information.



## Annual paving program kicks off

The Transportation Department’s annual repaving program kicked off in April, and it includes three components: pavement overlay, pavement sealing and curb ramp upgrades. Pavement overlay involves milling the top layer of existing asphalt pavement and repaving to help rehabilitate the roadway surface to get the most mileage from existing asphalt. Pavement sealing provides a new wearing surface that protects against the deteriorating effects of rain and sun, extending the life of the pavement.

Curb ramp upgrades ensure both the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as the city’s accessibility guidelines for safe sidewalks are met.

Program highlights for 2023 include:

- Repaving approximately 31.5 lane miles
- City contractors will focus on repaving some arterial and residential streets in downtown, Eastgate, West Lake Sammamish and Lake Hills with attention to Main Street between 140th and 156th Avenues Northeast
- Replacing over 80 curb ramps to improve accessibility for people who walk and roll
- Repaving several bridge surfaces

Repaving work in most neighborhoods takes about one week and does involve some inconvenience



to residents. Staff will hand-deliver flyers or door hangers to residents impacted by nearby paving activities. The city appreciates your patience as crews work to make streets smoother and safer.

This year's program has projects throughout Bellevue. A map and listing of all locations and weekly updates can be found at [BellevueWA.gov/pavement](http://BellevueWA.gov/pavement).

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## King County sewer project begins in BelRed

*By Eunice Lee, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks*

King County collects and treats wastewater from almost 2 million people to protect public health and the environment. The Lake Hills sewer pipe collects and carries wastewater from homes and businesses in Bellevue to the South Treatment Plant in Renton for treatment and safe discharge to Puget Sound.

The Lake Hills sewer pipe is aging and needs to be relined so it does not fail, overflow or disrupt service. Construction started in April in Bellevue, on the streets between 120th Avenue Northeast and Northeast Spring Boulevard, and will last up to seven months. Sewer service will be maintained during this work. Work hours will generally be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and weekends with occasional night work. King County's goal is to complete construction efficiently to minimize disruptions to the community. For more information, visit [kingcounty.gov/lake-hills-sewer-relining](http://kingcounty.gov/lake-hills-sewer-relining) or email Demmelash Adera at [deadera@kingcounty.gov](mailto:deadera@kingcounty.gov).



*Example of a King County temporary detour pipe (Photo credit: King County)*

## Construction begins at Bellevue Transit Center to improve safety for people walking and rolling

Construction is anticipated to begin later this month at the intersections of 108th and 110th Avenues Northeast at Northeast 6th Street, on the east and west sides of the Bellevue Transit Center.

The Transportation Department will be raising the intersections to the height of the sidewalk to provide a seamless street crossing for people walking and rolling, especially between the Transit Center and the East Link light rail station. The existing traffic signal system will also be replaced, along with the water main under 110th Avenue Northeast at Northeast 6th street and the existing sidewalk. To learn more about this project, visit [BellevueWA.gov/transit-center-intersections](http://BellevueWA.gov/transit-center-intersections).

This project also advances the Grand Connection vision to build an engaging, people-oriented experience along a dedicated route from Meydenbauer Bay Park through downtown to Eastrail. For more information, visit [BellevueWA.gov/grandconnection](http://BellevueWA.gov/grandconnection).



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## Bellevue's City Hall Plaza now open

The reimaged Bellevue City Hall Plaza, which neighbors the future East Link light rail Bellevue Downtown Station, reopened to the public on March 31. To mark the milestone, the city hosted a ribbon-breaking ceremony attended by community stakeholders. The event also highlighted the plaza's many public art pieces.

In June 2017, construction began on the new plaza with the goal of making it a welcoming, community-centered space along the Grand

Connection ([BellevueWA.gov/grandconnection](http://BellevueWA.gov/grandconnection)). The plaza also helps to establish the city's cultural legacy with major works by Pacific Northwest artist Dan Corson and statues gifted by sister city Hualien, Taiwan.

Through its partnership with Sound Transit and the light rail station adjacent to the plaza, Bellevue has created a direct connection between downtown, East Link and the regional transportation system, a key component of the city's multimodal transportation evolution. The plaza is expected to be a gateway for thousands of commuters to reach a variety of destinations where people live, work and play once the station opens for service sometime between spring 2024 and 2025.

Visit the plaza located at 450 110th Avenue NE, which currently has tables and seating made possible through a partnership with the Bellevue Downtown Association.

## Get involved in Bike Bellevue!

At their March 27 meeting, the Bellevue City Council approved the project principles for Bike Bellevue, a program aimed at implementing bicycle network improvements in the urban core areas of Downtown, Wilburton and BelRed. The goal of Bike Bellevue is to enhance the city's multimodal transportation system and help make it safer and more equitable, sustainable and accessible

for everyone. It has eight principles: safety, connectivity, comfort, evaluation, coordination, partnerships, engagement and equity.

Staff will be working with the Transportation Commission over the coming months to finalize details of the program. Part of this work includes several opportunities to learn more about Bike Bellevue and provide feedback. An online open house through [EngagingBellevue.com](http://EngagingBellevue.com), an in-person open house, Transportation Commission meetings and more will be happening in the coming months. To keep up to date on the project, visit [BellevueWA.gov/bike-bellevue](http://BellevueWA.gov/bike-bellevue).

sidewalk. To learn more about this project, visit [BellevueWA.gov/transit-center-intersections](http://BellevueWA.gov/transit-center-intersections).

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## Boards and Commissions Meetings

Stay updated on meetings and cancellations:  
[BellevueWA.gov](http://BellevueWA.gov)

All meetings are conducted at City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. If a holiday occurs on a Monday, please check the updated calendar. Agendas can be downloaded from the city's web pages listed below. Meeting alerts are available through subscribing to the City's Special Meeting Notices page.  
[BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/special-meeting-notice](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/special-meeting-notice)

### Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network

(6 p.m., Bellevue City Hall) Last Tuesday of each month  
[BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity/bellevue-diversity-advisory-network](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity/bellevue-diversity-advisory-network)

### Arts Commission (4:30 p.m., 1E-113)

First Wednesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/arts-and-culture/arts-commission](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/arts-and-culture/arts-commission)

### Environmental Services Commission

(6:30 p.m., 1E-113) First Thursday of each month  
[BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/utilities/conservation-and-the-environment/environmental-services-commission](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/utilities/conservation-and-the-environment/environmental-services-commission)

**Planning Commission** (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second and fourth Wednesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/planning-commission](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/planning-commission)

### Transportation Commission

(6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second Thursday of each month with fourth Thursday as needed.  
[BellevueWA.gov/planning/transportation-commission](http://BellevueWA.gov/planning/transportation-commission)

### Human Services Commission (6 p.m., 1E-113)

First and third Tuesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/human-services-commission](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/human-services-commission)

**LEOFF 1 Disability Board** (6 p.m., Room 1E-118) First Wednesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/human-resources/retirees-former-employees/leoff-1-disability-board](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/human-resources/retirees-former-employees/leoff-1-disability-board)

**Library Board** (5p.m., Lake Hills, Bellevue or Newport Way Library) Third Tuesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/library-board](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/library-board)

### Parks & Community Services Board

(6 p.m., 1E-113) Second Tuesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/parks-and-community-services-board](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/parks-and-community-services-board)

**The Bellevue Network on Aging (BNOA)** 8:30 a.m., North Bellevue Community Center 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue) First Thursday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/bnoa](http://BellevueWA.gov/bnoa)

**Special Events Committee** (8:30 a.m., 1E-112) Second Thursday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/special-events-committee](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/special-events-committee)

### Youth Link Board (6 p.m., 1E-120)

Second and fourth Wednesday of each month [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/youth-link-board](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/youth-link-board)

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Day	Scheduled Meeting(s)	Location	Public Comment Opportunity
First four Mondays of each Month, except August and December	6 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chamber Bellevue TV channel 21 and BTV YouTube channel <a href="http://youtube.com/user/BellevueWashington">youtube.com/user/BellevueWashington</a>	Emails to Council are accepted at <a href="mailto:council@bellevuewa.gov">council@bellevuewa.gov</a> at any time. Further opportunities for public comment are published on each Council agenda and can be found at <a href="http://bellevue.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">bellevue.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a>
August – first Monday only			
December – first and second Mondays only			

