



# Neighborhood News

June 2023

## Lake to Lake Bike Ride

Explore Bellevue's hidden treasures by bike, and be part of the tenth annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride on Saturday, June 10. The event will provide riders of all levels and abilities an opportunity to experience and explore Bellevue by bicycle on some of the city's beautiful trail systems. Children 8 years of age and younger can enjoy a ride in the park afterwards. Bring the whole family to this enjoyable, non-competitive ride benefit the City of Bellevue Youth Program donation fund to help make healthy and fun recreation accessible to all kids!

Start and Finish is at Robinswood Community Park, 14915 SE 22nd Street.

For more information, call 425-452-4882, email [bikeride@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bikeride@bellevuewa.gov) or visit [parks.BellevueWA.gov/ride](https://parks.BellevueWA.gov/ride).



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## Homeowners receive help through Day of Sharing and Caring

Requests for outdoor home projects are due by June 30



Residents needing assistance with outside home maintenance can apply for help from a team of volunteers who will complete one-day improvement projects through the Day of Sharing and Caring program. Past projects have included yard clean-up, power washing, fence, gate or shed repair and painting, green debris and junk hauling, wood-round removal and bark spreading.

In its 18th year, Day of Sharing and Caring is a partnership between the City of Bellevue and Jubilee REACH, a Bellevue-based nonprofit organization.

A committee representing Jubilee REACH will review applications and select projects that fit the skills of the volunteer teams.

To be considered for home repair assistance, residents must own and occupy a home in Bellevue. Project selection is need-based, and residents facing economic or other life challenges are highly encouraged to apply.

Residents can request more information, learn of additional resources and begin the application process by contacting Sarina Miller at [samiller@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:samiller@bellevuewa.gov).

Interested in volunteering? Individuals, businesses and nonprofit groups interested in volunteering on Service Day, Saturday August 26, can access online registration at [JubileeREACH.org](https://JubileeREACH.org).

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## Neighborhood Enhancement Program

### Eastgate/Factoria Projects Open House scheduled for June 15.

Eastgate/Factoria residents are invited to join your neighbors and city staff at a public open house on Thursday, June 15, 6:30-8 p.m. at the South Bellevue Community Center, 1459 SE Newport Way. The open house will allow you to review 10 small capital projects that will be included on your NEP ballot and eligible for funding from the \$370,000 Eastgate/Factoria NEP budget allocation. A brief overview of the project scoping and NEP voting processes will also be provided. Please email your reservation to [neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov)



### Cougar Mountain/Lakemont NEP is in scoping and review phase.

The project submission phase for the Cougar Mountain/Lakemont NEP closed on May 6. City staff are now in the scoping and review phase of the more than 120 project ideas that were submitted for your neighborhood area. Staff will present projects eligible for funding through the \$377,000 Cougar Mountain/Lakemont NEP budget allocation at a Sept. 14 public open house at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center.

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.

Questions? Contact Theresa Cuthill at [tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov).

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## June Walking Tours!

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 about Downtown's development as the city's

fastest growing neighborhood. The meeting place and instructions for each tour listed below will be emailed to you upon registration.

**Note:** The Wilburton and BelRed/Spring District tours are at participant capacity, and we are no longer accepting reservations for those tours.

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

### North Downtown Walking Tour Tuesday, June 6 | 5:30-7 p.m.

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.

### South Downtown Walking Tour Tuesday, June 13 | 5:30-7 p.m.

In this exploration of Downtown Bellevue's Great Place Strategy, participants will walk downtown and south to Main Street. 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 program that allows you to experience the daily operations and structure of city government - the work, the challenges and the collaboration between staff and community making Bellevue a great place to be.

The class is ideal for those who want to get more involved 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 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 who live or work in Bellevue. Applications are due Thursday, July 20, at 5 p.m. Tuition is \$150. Fee waivers 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).

## Keep Bellevue Beautiful

New program will organize volunteer groups, remove abandoned shopping carts and provide education on reducing waste and preventing trash in our public areas

In 2022, the Bellevue City Council adopted a 2023-2024 budget, which included focus on maintaining a safe, clean and vibrant community. The Keep Bellevue Beautiful program will work to achieve that mission through a new adopt-a-street program, partnering with community volunteers to keep Bellevue's streets clean, and through one-time events and ongoing adoption of areas selected for clean-up by neighborhood groups, civic organizations and business partnerships.

Keep Bellevue Beautiful will also work with our community to organize regular volunteer cleanup efforts, recruit and coordinate community volunteer events for Bellevue's signature streets, and collaborate with other city programs to provide environmental stewardship and waste reduction education. In addition, the program will be coordinated with other city programs and annual public events to introduce new opportunities to promote a clean community. Keep Bellevue Beautiful is also managing a retrieval program for abandoned shopping carts.

Keep Bellevue Beautiful is launching with two initial volunteer cleanup events:

- Saturday, Aug. 12, morning cleanup in Downtown
- Saturday, Aug. 19, morning cleanup in Factoria area

To learn more, please visit [Keep Bellevue Beautiful | City of Bellevue \(BellevueWA.gov\)](https://KeepBellevueBeautiful.CityofBellevue(BellevueWA.gov)), or email program coordinator, Sarina Miller: [samiller@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:samiller@bellevuewa.gov)

What is at the other end of that storm drain? Watch this short stormwater story to learn where rain runoff goes and what you can do to help keep it clean.

Protect Our Storm Drains – YouTube [youtube.com/watch?v=KnqCwSKsUj4](https://youtube.com/watch?v=KnqCwSKsUj4)







## 2023 State of the City, hosted by Bellevue Downtown Association

The community is invited to attend the annual State of the City breakfast with Mayor Lynne Robinson and Deputy Mayor Jared Nieuwenhuis on June 27, 7:30 a.m. at the Meydenbauer Center. Learn what the city's future holds, including updates on the local economy, arts and tourism, equity and inclusion initiatives, housing strategies, neighborhood safety, mobility projects and more as we celebrate our shared achievements and pave the path ahead.

Register for the event online at:  
[bit.ly/2023StateoftheCity](https://bit.ly/2023StateoftheCity)



## Bellevue's Diversity Advantage Initiative celebrates ten years

Several community engagement opportunities are scheduled.

Bellevue's Diversity Advantage Initiative is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2024, and the city is proud to look back on a decade of progress toward a more inclusive and welcoming community as it ramps up a number of activities this year to continue the work.

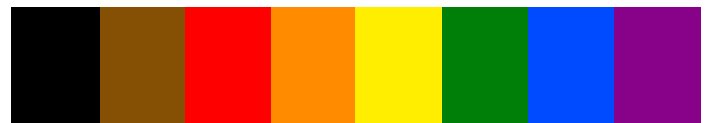
The Diversity Advantage Team is currently working on a series of projects to update and reimagine

the Diversity Advantage Plan, which is the initiative's overarching action plan that sets the city-wide strategic direction for diversity, equity and inclusion work. The team's work centers around community voices and experiences, develops and strengthens key relationships, and deepens the city's commitment to a vibrant and livable community that welcomes the world.

You'll see more information on these developing projects released over the next several months along with details on how to get involved at these sites:

- Community Dialogues on Race and Social Justice, as part of the Centering Communities of Color Initiative ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity-advantage-initiative/centering-communities-of-color](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity-advantage-initiative/centering-communities-of-color)), a community-led effort now mobilized and preparing to host upcoming community dialogues on race and social justice.
- Designing "In Community: Bellevue's Cross-Cultural Center without Walls," ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity-advantage-initiative/cross-cultural-project](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity-advantage-initiative/cross-cultural-project)) to actively share culture, build connections and be in community with each other. The city expects to engage community members and partner organizations to create cross-cultural activities and engagement opportunities with more details and information on how to participate being released this summer.

For more information and to sign up for email or text alerts, visit  
[BellevueWA.gov/diversity-advantage](https://BellevueWA.gov/diversity-advantage).



## Celebrate Pride Month with the City of Bellevue

Thursday, June 1, Noon – 1:30 p.m.  
At Bellevue City Hall

Join the City of Bellevue and several community partners for a fun and celebratory Pride event. The event will begin with the raising of the Pride

flag and comments from city leaders in City Hall Plaza, and will continue inside City Hall Concourse with a keynote address from Seattle University's Dr. Jodi O'Brien. A reception with music, food, performances from local queer artists and resources from nonprofit organizations will follow. We hope that you can join us!

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## Bellevue recognizes the impacts of Juneteenth

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

At Bellevue City Hall

The City of Bellevue's Diversity Advantage Team invites you to join us for the 2nd annual celebration of Juneteenth. The newly-recognized federal holiday commemorating the official end to slavery in the United States.



In 1865, over 250,000 enslaved Africans were freed in Texas, nearly three years after the Emancipation Proclamation. This year, Bellevue will host a panel of influential Black leaders to discuss the impacts of Juneteenth on our communities. Registration information will be available at [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity-advantage-initiative/diversity-advantage-events](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/diversity-advantage-initiative/diversity-advantage-events)

You can also e-mail [diversity@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:diversity@bellevuewa.gov) with any questions.

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## Employment and entrepreneurship assistance

**Do you want to explore employment opportunities, but you're not sure what career is right for you?**

**Have you always dreamed about starting your own business but don't know where to start?**

The City of Bellevue is fueled by an entrepreneurial, diverse and supportive community that has a wealth of talent and skills. Connecting residents and business owners to resources and opportunity builds a better Bellevue for the future. To connect the community to the opportunities available, the City of Bellevue

is introducing a career navigation program and expanding its small business outreach program.

Pranaya Hart has joined the City of Bellevue as a Workforce Development Specialist to assist residents in navigating options in upskilling, career exploration and advancement. Pranaya joins Ashis Joshi, the City of Bellevue's Economic Development Analyst, who assists aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners by connecting them to resources and programming.

Both Pranaya and Ashis are eager to meet and connect with residents and business owners. Learn more about the programs that are available at [BellevueWA.gov/sites/default/files/media/pdf\\_document/2023/CDD-22-7393\\_Career-Business\\_Flyer-WEB.pdf](https://BellevueWA.gov/sites/default/files/media/pdf_document/2023/CDD-22-7393_Career-Business_Flyer-WEB.pdf) and reach out to start your journey! Both Pranaya and Ashis have office hours at Mini City Hall on Fridays, 1-3 p.m. and more information on available programs is posted at [BellevueWA.gov/workforce](https://BellevueWA.gov/workforce).

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## Help us to learn about employment challenges on the Eastside

The Center for Economic and Business Research at Western Washington University is conducting a survey in partnership with the City of Redmond and City of Bellevue to understand employment challenges in East King County. Please take a few minutes to tell us about your employment status, needs and desires. Participation is for everyone, regardless of your employment status.

The survey is available in five languages: Spanish, Chinese (simplified), Russian, Hindi, Korean and Vietnamese. You can select your preferred

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language using the drop-down list on the intro page. You can take the survey at: [https://www.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eaK2qSrUwRkNWS](https://www.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eaK2qSrUwRkNWS)

Current jobs and employment resources can be found at [findajob.oneeastside.org](http://findajob.oneeastside.org) or email [phart@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:phart@bellevuewa.gov) for more information.

## Open Art Studio is free to participants

Through June 20, South Bellevue Community Center (14509 SE Newport Way, Bellevue) is hosting a free open art studio. The open art studio meets on Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., and is an opportunity for artists 18 years and older to gather and practice their art and techniques, receive feedback from other artists and socialize. The studio will primarily focus on media that includes pencil, charcoal, watercolor, acrylics and oil. Artists that work with textiles, knitting and needle work are also welcome! Participants must bring their own supplies.

## Bellevue 2044 – Moving Toward a New Growth Strategy

by Brooke Brod, Community Development Department

The most recent update to Bellevue's Comprehensive plan will result in big changes in the coming years – opportunities to create new housing and transportation options, enhance neighborhood centers, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and more. State law requires significant projects like this to go through a process of "environmental review" to ensure impacts to the environment are taken into consideration before a decision is made.

Central to the environmental review process is the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS provides a detailed analysis of various options for future growth, identifies potential environmental impacts, and provides suggestions for how to minimize any negative impacts. The EIS will be used by the Planning Commission and City Council to determine Bellevue's new growth strategy.

Preparation of an EIS is a multi-step process that began last fall with scoping. During scoping, the city determined the issues to study and proposed several growth alternatives. On April 27, the city released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS includes detailed analysis of three different "growth alternatives" that were created based on community input and one "no action alternative" that looks at what would likely happen if the city continued with its current growth strategy. Community members and stakeholders are invited to submit comments until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 12.

*In its June meetings, the Planning Commission will review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and make a recommendation to City Council on what should be the preferred alternative. In July, City Council will consider that recommendation and make the final decision on the preferred alternative, which then becomes the city's new growth strategy.* The preferred alternative could be one of the alternatives studied or a mix of elements from multiple alternatives, using feedback from the community as well as direction from City Council to develop the final approach.





This is not the end of the planning process. In the summer of 2023, the city will release the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) that analyzes the preferred alternative and responds to all comments received during the 45-day comment period.

The city will also share draft policies with the community in the fall of 2023 for review before a final draft of the updated Comprehensive Plan is released in early 2024. Public input is an important part of each step in the process and community members are encouraged to get involved. Mark these dates on your calendar and look for updates on the Environmental Review page on the city website ([BellevueWA.gov/2044-environmental-review](https://BellevueWA.gov/2044-environmental-review)) or at [engagingbellevue.com](https://engagingbellevue.com)

### Key Dates

- June 12 – Deadline to Comment on the DEIS. Comments may be submitted online, via email or by mail. Learn more at [BellevueWA.gov/2044-environmental-review](https://BellevueWA.gov/2044-environmental-review).
- June 14 – Planning Commission Meeting. Discussion of neighborhood centers, Equity Analysis and Economic Analysis.
- June 21 – Planning Commission Meeting. Discussion of Wilburton, BelRed and affordable housing.
- June 28 – Planning Commission Meeting. Discussion of land use and transportation. Recommendation on the preferred alternative.

The public may submit comments in writing or provide oral comments at Planning Commission meetings either in person or virtually. To learn more about how to provide comments or sign up, visit the Planning Commission webpage ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/planning-commission](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/planning-commission)).

## Combating food insecurity

Food insecurity for seniors is a growing concern, including in Bellevue.

According to a 2020 report by Feeding



America, an estimated 6.4% of the population in King County are food insecure. This means that they lack consistent access to enough food for an active and healthy lifestyle. Seniors are particularly vulnerable to this issue, with many living on fixed incomes and struggling to afford healthy food options. According to a recent report by the National Foundation to End Senior Hunger (NFESH), nearly one in six seniors in Washington state struggles with food insecurity. This translates to over 200,000 older adults who are at risk of going hungry on any given day. This is a deeply concerning issue, as food insecurity can lead to a range of negative health outcomes, including malnutrition, chronic illnesses, and a weakened immune system.

In Bellevue and on the Eastside, there are a number of resources available to older adults:

- The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides vouchers for low-income seniors to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers markets and can be accessed through Washington's Department of Social & Health Services Aging and Long-Term Support Administration at 206-962-8467. The Bellevue Farmers Market is a participating member.
- Sound Generations' Meals on Wheels program, available at 206-448-5767, delivers nutritious meals to homebound seniors and operates locally in Bellevue and through some several service providers like Catholic Community Services.
- The Nourishing Network is a non-profit working with and across many locations on the Eastside, and provides information about multiple options like Hopelink's Food Market and Service Center, on 14812 Main St, which also offers hygiene products and other basic necessities.
- The Renewal Foodbank, which is a part of the Northwest Harvest and Food Lifeline hunger relief network, is located at 15022 NE Bel-Red Road.

There are also a number of local faith organizations and programs that provide food pantries. Visit [nourishingnetworks.net/bellevue/find-food](https://nourishingnetworks.net/bellevue/find-food) for more detailed information.

## Extra DUI police patrols planned for the summer

Summertime is typically the most dangerous time of the year on roadways. To help ensure everyone gets home safely this summer, the Bellevue Police Department will step up high visibility DUI (driving under the influence) patrols, starting with the “100 Safe Days of Summer” campaign, June 9-10. Law enforcement agencies across King County will participate



in the high visibility patrols with the mission to interact with impaired drivers before they are involved in a fatal or serious injury collision.

In 2022, Washington state recorded 745 traffic fatalities, a 20-year high. Over 50% of those fatalities involved an alcohol- or drug-impaired driver. “These collisions and deaths are 100% preventable, and we encourage people to plan ahead to call a rideshare, designate a sober driver or call a friend so you don’t get behind the wheel if you are impaired,” said Bellevue Police Department Major David Sanabria.

Bellevue police had a record 267 DUI arrests involving 72 collisions in 2022, and are on pace to meet or surpass that number in 2023. “Our efforts support the city’s Vision Zero initiative ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/transportation/safety-and-maintenance/traffic-safety/vision-zero/vision-zero-action-plan](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/transportation/safety-and-maintenance/traffic-safety/vision-zero/vision-zero-action-plan)) to eliminate traffic deaths and serious-injury collisions on city streets by 2030,” Sanabria added.

The extra DUI patrols will continue throughout the summer.

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## Creating defensible space from fire

*By Heather Wong, Bellevue Fire Department*

Humor us for a moment!

Close your eyes. Imagine a rapidly growing brushfire advancing towards your home, threatening to turn



your cozy sanctuary into an unintended bonfire. Now picture having a fighting chance against such a formidable force of nature. Which would you choose?

As our region continues to grow, building up and around natural landscapes, we must buy into the importance of defensible space, (and we’re not referring to Star Wars or space battles), a proactive measure we can all take to protect our homes from the tinderbox known as urban wildfire interface.

Defensible space refers to the buffer zone around our homes that is intentionally cleared of flammable materials. By creating this zone, we create a line of defense against encroaching wildfires.

Our beautiful surroundings, with lush forests and scenic landscapes, are a double-edged sword. While they offer tranquility and natural splendor, they also increase the risk of wildfires. However, by adopting defensible space practices, we can strike a harmonious balance between preserving our environment and safeguarding our lives.

The first step towards creating defensible space is to assess the immediate vicinity of our homes. Remove dead vegetation, dry leaves, and fallen branches that act as kindling for flames. Trim tree limbs within 10 feet of structures, creating a barrier against fire spreading from the ground to higher levels.

Maintaining a minimum clearance of 30 feet around structures is equally essential. Regularly mow grass, keeping it short and well-hydrated. Replace highly flammable plants with fire-resistant alternatives. By reducing fuel sources, we hinder the progression of fires and minimize the intensity of flames that reach our doorsteps.

Creating defensible space is not a one-time task. It requires ongoing maintenance and vigilance. Regularly inspect and clear gutters, remove debris from roofs, and maintain adequate clearance for vehicles and emergency personnel access. Let us be proactive, not reactive.

Remember, we are not alone in this endeavor. Collaboration is key. Engage your neighbors, form community groups, and encourage everyone to take action. Together, we can build a united front against the wrath of wildfires.





## Construction starting on Eastrail connection to Northup Way

Work is starting this month on a new trail connection in North Bellevue between the Eastrail and the 520 Trail Corridor, which extends from downtown Redmond to the Montlake neighborhood in Seattle. This connection is scheduled to open in mid-August.

Once completed, it will provide Eastrail users with a gradual, direct link to existing sidewalks and the bike lanes on Northup Way. This project is led by Eastrail Partners on behalf of King County, with the cost largely covered by \$2m of funding from Meta and REI, and last-in funding from King County. During construction, there will be some minor traffic impacts to the westbound lanes of Northup

Way at 116th Avenue NE, as well as a sidewalk detour. Additional information will be available at [BellevueWA.gov/traffic-advisories](http://BellevueWA.gov/traffic-advisories).

More information on this project and Eastrail can be found at [EastrailPartners.org](http://EastrailPartners.org).



## What do you think about speed limit pavement markings?

The City of Bellevue Transportation Department is interested in learning what you think about speed limit pavement marking. The city uses 25 mph speed limit pavement markings, like the one shown in the picture, to remind drivers of the posted speed limit and encourage safer speeds. There are approximately 260 25 mph speed limit pavement markings throughout the city. The markings are created using thermoplastic, which is bonded to the pavement. Although it has a longer lifespan than paint, these markings still need to be maintained and replaced.

Bellevue has been using these speed limit pavement markings for many years but has limited information on their effectiveness and popularity among Bellevue residents. Staff in the Transportation Department are looking for feedback to learn how people in Bellevue feel about these speed limit pavement markings. Take a short, anonymous, 5-minute survey to let us know what you think. This information will be used to help make decisions on speed limit pavement markings in the future. Take the survey at [SurveyMonkey.com/r/Bellevue25mph](https://SurveyMonkey.com/r/Bellevue25mph) by July 31.



## 124th Avenue Northeast Corridor Improvements: Ichigo Way to Northup Way

The next phase of work on 124th Avenue Northeast from Ichigo Way to Northup Way begins June 1. On that day, the road will be closed in both directions to through traffic for approximately seven months to raise the roadway and replace the existing culvert. Full project completion is anticipated in summer 2024.

Some access to businesses will be maintained on 124th Avenue during the closure. Other

access will be maintained via a detour on 120th Avenue Northeast, Northup Way or 127th Avenue Northeast.

Overall, the project will enhance access and improve traffic flow between Downtown Bellevue, Wilburton and BelRed for people who walk, roll, drive and take transit. Upgrades include a multi-purpose path on the west side of 124th Avenue between Northeast 16th Street and Ichigo Way only, sidewalks on both sides of the street separated by landscape planters, the construction of a culvert that fish and wildlife can navigate and raising and widening 124th Avenue to five lanes.

For more information and to sign up for email or text alerts, visit [BellevueWA.gov/ichigo-northup](https://BellevueWA.gov/ichigo-northup).



## Tree Canopy Code Amendments Public Information Session

The City of Bellevue is holding a public information session to share updates and gather community perspectives on its work to update tree regulations to better support tree preservation, retention, replacement, and protection during construction. This update could change regulations for removing trees on private property, protections for trees on property being developed, and other related topics. The input staff receive will help inform recommendations for the code amendments which will be developed this summer.

Please join us on Thursday, June 8, 6-8 p.m. at City Hall. Additional information and registration link is available at [BellevueWA.gov/tree-code-update](https://BellevueWA.gov/tree-code-update).

Are you interested in sharing your thoughts but unable to attend this event? Take our questionnaire: [surveymonkey.com/r/BellevueTreeCode](https://surveymonkey.com/r/BellevueTreeCode).





## Two Bellevue police officers listed on National Memorial



The names of two fallen Bellevue police officers have been added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C. The names of Officer Jordan Jackson and Detective Thomas Wray were inscribed on the memorial wall during Police Week in May. This is the first time in the department's history that officers' names have been listed on the memorial.

Officer Jordan Jackson was killed while patrolling on his motorcycle along Bellevue Way SE on November 21, 2022, after a driver pulled out in front of him. Officer Jackson was a 34-year-old Bellevue native who had been with the department for four years.

Detective Tommy Wray was a 24-year veteran of the department and died in 2002 after suffering a heart attack on his way back to the station from an investigation. The department requested Detective Wray's name be added to the memorial wall, and that request was granted this year.

Members of the Bellevue Police Department, including the Motors Unit, Honor Guard and Police Chief Wendell Shirley, were on hand to honor the officers and their sacrifice.

"It's a very emotional yet healing time for Officer Jackson's family and his BPD coworkers and for Detective Wray's family," said Chief Wendell Shirley. "The loss of Officer Jackson is still very fresh. Seeing their names on the Memorial Wall is meaningful and a fitting tribute. We will never forget them and their sacrifice to Bellevue."

Police Week occurs annually in May, remembering and honoring those who gave their lives in the line of duty. The week's events include a Candlelight Vigil and Memorial Service where the names of all the fallen law enforcement officers are announced. This year, 556 new names of fallen heroes were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, including 224 officers killed in 2022 and 332 officers killed in previous years. The week also provides coworkers, families and survivors support and connection as they grieve.





## 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			