

### CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY CLASS

Friday, Sept. 20, 10am-12pm

Learn characters and experience the beauty of Chinese writing. Weather permitting, the instructor will teach Tai Chi before the class. 50+

**Host:** Chinese Information and Service Center

**Location:** Redmond Senior Center, 8703 160th Ave NE, Redmond

### A WELCOMING EASTSIDE ECONOMY

Friday, Sept. 20, 12-2 pm

Help create opportunities for Eastside residents from all backgrounds to be part of our planning, outreach efforts, and strategies. Join us for a training and community discussion. RSVP required: [bit.ly/33Ubvzi](http://bit.ly/33Ubvzi).

**Hosts:** Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition, City of Redmond

**Location:** Redmond City Hall, Conference Room 127, 15670 NE 85th St, Redmond

### FREE FAMILY NIGHT AT KIDSQUEST

Friday, Sept. 20, 4-8pm

Explore our hands-on exhibits including Water, On the Go, the Tot Orchard, and our 2.5 story Atrium Climber. This event is best for families with children 1-10 years. Sign up here: [bit.ly/2Zupgp6](http://bit.ly/2Zupgp6).

**Hosts:** KidsQuest Children's Museum, Muslim Community Resource Center

**Location:** KidsQuest Children's Museum, 1116 108th Avenue NE Bellevue

### ISSAQUAH WELCOMES YOU!

Friday, Sept. 20, 5:30-8pm

Festivities include world dances, informational booth and food trucks. Wearing traditional dress is welcome and encouraged.

**Hosts:** City of Issaquah, KCLS, Cultural Bridges: Issaquah School's Foundation

**Location:** Issaquah Community Center 301 Rainier Blvd S, Issaquah

### THE POWER OF MASKS: FACES OF DIVERSITY

Friday, Sept. 20, 6-8pm

Create a mask inspired by your favorite cultural influence. Masks will be combined into a community art project and on public display for 3 weeks. Parents must accompany and participate with children (ages 7 and older). Free. Register early, space is limited! [Register.Bellevuewa.gov](http://Register.Bellevuewa.gov)

**Host:** City of Bellevue Northwest Arts Center

**Location:** Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 25th St., Bellevue

### CLOSING WEEKEND AND ONGOING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

#### NEW & INTERNATIONAL FAMILY ORIENTATION

Saturday, Sept. 21, 9:30am-12pm

Learn about navigating the school system and pacific northwest culture. Register at [LWPTSA.net](http://LWPTSA.net).

**Hosts:** Lake Washington School District and PTSA Council

**Location:** LWSD Resource Center, 16250 NE 74th St., Redmond

#### WARRIOR CULTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Saturday, Sept. 21, 12-3pm

Featuring Philippines 1500+ year old warrior culture and traditions, including martial arts, dance, and music. After the presentation a free self-defense class for girls and women ages 13+ will be offered.

**Hosts:** City of Redmond, Bellevue Martial Arts Academy

**Location:** Moving Art Center, Idylwood Beach Park, 3650 West Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE, Redmond

#### BELONGING: WHAT IT MEANS TO MUSLIMS (AN "ASK A MUSLIM OR TWO" EVENT)

Saturday, Sept. 21, 5:30-8pm

Dinner and dialogue. Table conversations with Muslim and non-Muslim community members on what it means to belong and what we can do to be more welcoming. Space is limited. RSVP required: [www.bit.ly/33WI2Gb](http://www.bit.ly/33WI2Gb).

**Hosts:** Adams Interpreting Service, Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition, City of Redmond

**Location:** Redmond Community Center, 6505 176th Ave NE, Redmond

#### CELEBRATING CHINESE CULTURE AT BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDENS

Sunday, Sept. 22, 1-4pm

Explore four regional cultures and tea booths – Beijing, Shanghai and Jiangnan, Canton and SW China. Share their cultures, plants and flowers as well the events and dresses. The event will include music, dance, Taiji, and other performances.

**Host:** Bellevue Botanical Garden

**Location:** Bellevue Botanical Garden, Education Center: 12001 Main St, Bellevue

### GROWING FOOD WITH MAYORS AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2-4pm

Enjoy an afternoon of intercity exchange on the 2.75 acre garden in Lake Hills, Bellevue. Learn about the history and future vision of the farm.

**Hosts:** Global Social Business Partners (GSBP), tBUG (The Bellevue Urban Garden), Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition

**Location:** tBUG, shuttle from Spirit Ridge Elementary: 16401 SE 24th St, Bellevue

### MIGRATION IS BEAUTIFUL

Sept 13-22

A photo booth installation by Oakland based artist Favianna Rodriquez featuring wings of a butterfly that proposes a new way of thinking about migration, rooted in movement transformation, and captivating grace. Visit [redmond.gov/welcomingweek](http://redmond.gov/welcomingweek) to find the photo booth each day.

**Host:** City of Redmond

**Location:** various locations throughout Redmond

### BELLWETHER ART+EXPERIENCE: TAKING ROOT

Sept 13-22

Join us for site-specific installations, live music, talks, culinary events and more.

**Hosts:** City of Bellevue in collaboration with Bellevue's arts community

**Location:** various locations in downtown Bellevue

More event details at: [www.EastsideWelcomes.org](http://www.EastsideWelcomes.org)



Welcoming is more than a week of celebrations. Join the movement. Contact Debbie Lacy at the Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition for more information: [debbie@ERICmembers.org](mailto:debbie@ERICmembers.org).

### MORE EVENTS

All area YMCA's and King County Library System branches are hosting events beyond what's listed here. See what's happening in your neighborhood by visiting their websites for more information.

Get updates and post your event photos: [facebook.com/WelcomingKingCo](https://facebook.com/WelcomingKingCo)



# WELCOMING WEEK EVENTS

East King County  
September 13-22, 2019



## OPENING WEEKEND

### MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL – CELEBRATION OF ASIAN CULTURE

**Friday, Sept. 13, 10am-12pm**

Celebrate the harvest festival with dance and musical entertainment. 50+

**Hosts:** Redmond Senior Center, Chinese Information and Service Center

**Location:** Redmond Senior Center, 8703 160th Ave NE, Redmond

### COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT

**Friday, Sept. 13, 5-9pm**

Enjoy a variety of board and card games from all over the world! Some games provided, bring one to share. Light snacks provided.

**Host:** City of Redmond Parks & Recreation

**Location:** Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village, 6505 176th Ave NE, Redmond

### BOTANICAL GARDENS: CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF DISCOVERY, INCLUSION, AND ACCESS

**Friday, Sept. 13, 6:30-8pm**

Discuss the social role of botanical gardens and their potential contributions to diversity and inclusion efforts.

**Host:** Bellevue Botanical Garden

**Location:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center: 12001 Main St, Bellevue

### BELLEVUE WELCOMES THE WORLD

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 11am-1pm**

Come and enjoy live music and dancing from around the world, crafts and activities for kids, ethnic food samplers, selfies for all, and the Eastside Equity Arch.

**Hosts:** Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network, Eastside Race & Leadership Coalition, Crossroads Bellevue

**Location:** Crossroads Bellevue, Market Stage, 15600 NE 8th St, Bellevue

### WELCOME TO JUANITA

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 12-3pm**

Enjoy free food donated by local restaurants and learn about community resources. Games and prizes, too.

**Hosts:** Juanita Neighborhood Association, City of Kirkland

**Location:** Edith Moulton Park, 108th Ave NE & NE 137th Pl, Kirkland

### WELCOME AMERICA COMMUNITY & HEALTH FAIR

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 1-4pm**

Community resource information, health screenings, healthcare information, legal aid information, snacks, face painting, bouncy house, games and more!

**Hosts:** Bellevue Family YMCA

**Location:** YMCA, 14230 Bel-Red Rd. Bellevue

### PERFORMANCES, CRAFTS and MARTIAL ARTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 1:30-3:30pm**

Chinese tea tasting, turkish coffee, Kung Fu and Taiji demonstrations, Henna, unicycle and Pipa performances, marbling and food crafts for kids.

**Hosts:** City of Bellevue, English Language Learners Alliance, Turkcha, Popcorn Play Party and Cook,

**Location:** Boundless Parenting Group, Echo Pipa Studio, Mariko Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Rd Bellevue WA 98007

### FILM SCREENING OF “LITTLE REBEL” AND “THIS BEING HUMAN”

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 7-8:30pm**

Two films which describe the experiences of a refugee and asylee, one a disabled educated African woman and a young Iraqi man. Ask questions of the film producer and meet the stars of the films.

**Hosts:** First Congregational Church of Bellevue and Aimie Vallet, Film Producer

**Location:** Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St, Bellevue

### MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 7-10pm**

Make a new friend, share a meal, and get to know your neighbors with foods and cultures from around the world.

**Hosts:** Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee, Redmond High School Clubs

**Location:** Old Firehouse Teen Center, 16510 NE 79th St, Redmond

## SEPTEMBER 16-20

### GERMAN KAFFEEKLATSCH

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1-3pm**

Kaffeeklatsch is an informal social gathering for coffee and conversation. Join us for some German and fun. 50+

**Host:** Redmond Senior Center

**Location:** Redmond Senior Center, 8703 160th Ave NE, Redmond

### CREATING WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

**Tuesday, Sept 17, 1:30-2:30pm**

Watch a short film about an Indian immigrant's daughter campaigning to be a city council-member of a working class town. Opportunity to discuss following the film.

**Hosts:** King County Library System, City of Redmond Human Services Commission

**Location:** Redmond Library, 15990 NE 85th St, Redmond

### PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 4-6pm**

Meet representatives from the police, fire and emergency management departments. Participate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) demonstrations, bike helmet fitting, child identification cards, and lawn games.

**Hosts:** City of Redmond Police, Fire, and Emergency Management Departments

**Location:** City Hall Campus, plaza outside Public Safety Building, 15670 NE 85th St, Redmond

### WELCOME TO YOUR LIBRARY

**Tuesday, Sept. 17, 4:30-6pm**

Learn what your library has to offer. Crafts for kids and light refreshments available.

**Host:** Friends of the Redmond Library

**Location:** Redmond Library, 15990 NE 85th St, Redmond

### STORYTIME WITH REDMOND POLICE

**Wednesday, Sept. 18, 11am-12pm**

Reading multicultural stories and answering questions by Redmond police. Coloring station and snack area.

**Host:** Redmond Police Department

**Location:** Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village, 6505 176th Ave NE, Redmond

### TODAY'S SPECIAL: TAKING ROOT AT BELLWETHER

**Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1-2:30pm**

Explore identity, roots and cultural heritage, making and craft, navigating the intersections where foodways connect us all.

**Host:** City of Bellevue, Cultural Conversations

**Location:** Bellevue Arts Museum: 510 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue

### INTRODUCTION TO “WE ARE HISTORY KEEPERS WORKSHOPS”

**Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6-7:30pm**

Preserve your family and ethnic community history. Tools, techniques and resources for keeping records, caring for personal, family and community papers, organizing photos and audio/visual collections, books and other collections.

**Hosts:** City of Bellevue, Ethnic Heritage Council of the PNW and University of Washington Libraries

**Location:** Crossroads Community Center, Community Room: 16000 NE 10th St, Bellevue

### WELLNESS WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6-8pm**

Learn and explore different facets of wellness.

**Hosts:** City of Redmond, Overlake Medical Center & Clinics

**Location:** Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village, 6505 178th Ave NE, Redmond

### NEW NEIGHBOR NIGHT

**Wednesday, Sept 18, 6:30-8pm**

Meet your neighbors, learn about the community and local organizations. Enjoy activities, social games, giveaways and prizes.

**Hosts:** Sammamish Library – King County Library System, Plateaupians for Peace

**Location:** Sammamish Library: 825 228th Ave SE, Sammamish

### COMMUNITY COFFEE SOCIAL

**Thursday, Sept. 19, 10-11:30am**

**Hosts:** Sammamish Community YMCA, City of Sammamish

**Location:** Sammamish Community YMCA, 831 228th Ave SE, Sammamish (Rotary Room)

### WELCOMING WEEK EMPLOYER MEET & GREET

**Thursday, Sept. 19, 12-1:30pm**

Jobseekers, come get information about local opportunities. Employers will represent a range of different sectors. Many are immigrants excited to connect with you.

**Host:** Hopelink

**Location:** Bellevue Hopelink, 14812 Main St, Bellevue