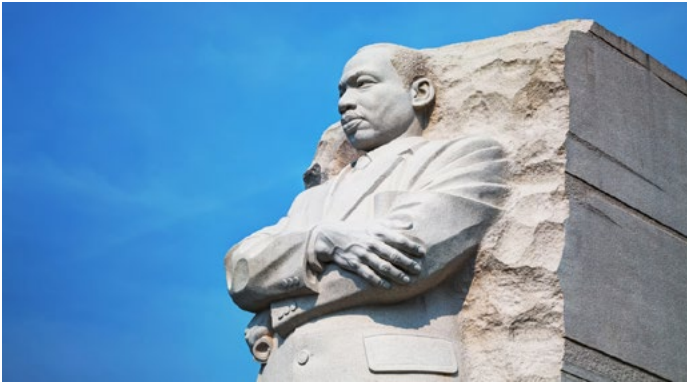


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Diversity Advantage

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Celebration

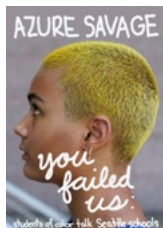
Every year, the City of Bellevue honors and celebrates the legacy of the civil rights leader and social activist, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through a series of special events. These events pay tribute to Dr. King's vision of building a beloved community, and challenge us to reflect and to act.

Special Keynote Speaker:
Azure Savage, youth author and activist

Thursday, Jan. 16, 12:30-2 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE

The City of Bellevue welcomes youth author and activist, Azure Savage, who wrote "You Failed Us: Students of Color Talk Seattle Schools", as this year's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. keynote speaker. Azure is a black, transgender student in the Seattle area who will share his experiences and those of other youth of color, specifically addressing the pervasive ways that race impacts their educational experiences, identity and mental health. Azure engages with administrators and local leaders to elevate understanding and inform restorative actions to reduce and eliminate harm to students of color.



Use of public transportation or carpooling is encouraged. Limited parking will be available for the duration of the event at the Meydenbauer Center parking garage.

Please RSVP at

tinyurl.com/MLKKeynote-AzureSavage

MLK Day of Service Tree Planting

Monday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Wilburton Hill Community Park, 12400 Main St.

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by volunteering with Parks Natural Resources planting seedlings to improve the health of our parks and forests. Gloves, tools, hot drinks, water and snacks will be provided. Trees will be planted rain or shine, and no previous experience is necessary.

For more information call 425-452-6048 or sign up for the event at EarthCorps.org (click on "Volunteer Calendar").

MLK Celebration and Health Fair

Monday, Jan. 20, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

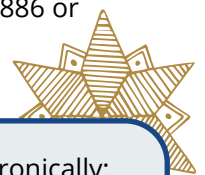
Marketplace at Factoria

4053 Factoria Square Mall SE

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Health Fair hosts over twenty health-related resources and providers including a Bloodworks Northwest donation vehicle and cancer prevention services for the Bellevue community. The event will feature special guest speakers, community leaders and live entertainment to honor Dr. King's legacy of a healthy and thriving community.

This event is co-sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Marketplace at Factoria.

For additional information or accommodation needs, contact Yuriana Garcia Tellez at 425-452-7886 or diversity@bellevuewa.gov.



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Save the Date:

Celebrating Cultural Conversations' 10th Anniversary and Evening Forum of Storytelling

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6-9 p.m.

"Just Between Us"

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE

This year marks ten years of Cultural Conversations, and you're invited to join with family, friends and neighbors for the sixth annual Evening Forum of Cultural Conversations called "Just Between Us."

"Just Between Us," is an invitation to lean in and bear witness to three Bellevue storytellers and their cultural journeys. Our speakers will share how the "in-between" spaces in their lives shaped who they are and what they stand for.

Cultural Conversations began formally in 2009-2010. The program was inspired by women who had a desire to increase their cultural awareness and to build bridges of friendship within the growing community of diversity around them. Over the years, the group has grown



from informal meetings of fifteen women to a more structured program of storytelling, tea and conversation offered six times a year. Today, Cultural Conversations is attended by an average of seventy women at each session. An annual evening program was added to include men as storytellers to reach a wider public audience and for those unable to attend during the day.

What is the secret to the longevity of the program? Long-time residents and newcomers to the area come together to make and renew connections, learn and share in conversation through a variety of cultural topics, and invite participation in building a more resilient community.

The program festivities will kick off with light refreshments on the concourse, followed by storytelling and table conversation. The evening



forum is free and open to the public and welcomes women and men, as well as children age 13 and up. Parking is available in the P2 level of the City Hall parking garage on a first-come basis. For more information and accommodation needs, please contact NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-6836. RSVP is appreciated. Read more about Cultural Conversations' ten years of programs in the Bellevue Reporter Nov. 8, 2019 edition:

bellevuereporter.com/print-editions/?iid=i20191107105926923

Neighborhood Enhancement Program Comes to Crossroads Area

Crossroads Kickoff

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 6:30-8 p.m.

Stevenson Elementary School

14220 NE 8th St., Bellevue



This month, the NEP process will be launching in the Crossroads neighborhood area with an allocated budget of \$439,000 for enhancements.

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) is a \$5 million, city-funded capital improvements program that allows residents to propose and select projects that improve their neighborhood's quality of life and enhance its character. The program rotates through the city's 14 NEP neighborhood areas, serving two areas each year. Since 2015, NEP has rotated through the Eastgate/Factoria, Cougar Mountain/Lakemont, West Lake Sammamish, Northeast Bellevue, Bridle Trails, Northwest Bellevue, Downtown/BelRed and Lake Hills neighborhood areas.

At the kickoff meeting on Jan. 22, city staff will provide attendees with a brief overview of the program guidelines and schedule, answer questions, and invite residents to share, discuss and submit project ideas. Following the kickoff meeting, each household in the Crossroads area will receive a prepaid NEP Project Request Form in the mail. We encourage all residents in the Crossroads area to use this form or the online project request form on the NEP website, to submit as many NEP project requests as they like by March 4.

To find out which NEP Neighborhood Area you call home, when NEP will be in your area and how much funding has been allocated for your area, please visit BellevueWA.gov/nep. For more information about NEP, please contact Theresa Cuthill at tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov or 425-462-4186.

Fire Station 10 Open House

Thursday, Jan. 23, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE

The community is invited to learn about Fire Station 10, the newest station that will be added to the city network. Fire Station 10 will be located at the corner of 112th Ave NE and NE 12th St. The new station is being built to strengthen emergency response in Downtown, BelRed and Northwest Bellevue. The key to saving lives is response time, and the addition of Fire Station 10 will help us meet the citywide travel time goal of four minutes, with no gaps in service.



The open house will begin at 5:30 p.m. on the City Hall concourse. This is your opportunity to get an overview of the project process, timeline and goals as well as learn about site analysis, environmental, traffic and transportation considerations, and station operations. Residents will be able to view displays and speak with staff and consultants on areas of interest around Fire Station 10.

At 6:30 p.m., the program will move into Council Chambers, and Fire Chief Jay Hagen will provide a brief presentation, followed by a question and answer session with subject matter experts. The community is encouraged to attend, ask questions and offer feedback.

A second public meeting will be held in the spring to present station design concepts prior to the conditional land use permitting process that will follow.

For more information please visit BellevueWA.gov/fire-station-10 or contact project manager, Marina Stefanovic at mstefanovic@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4486.



“The Art of Listening” and New Listening Salons

Over the past year, 526 people have taken “The Art of Listening” classes through the Bellevue



Conflict Resolution Center (BCRC), in partnership with King County Libraries. This winter and spring, BCRC continues to offer beginning and advanced classes and has added a new event: Listening Salons!

Listening Salons are monthly opportunities to practice your listening skills with others who are practicing theirs. The salons include mini-lessons and feedback forms to navigate the listening session as well as a question and answer period before and after the listening session. You will have time to practice with three people, or you can stick to one person. BCRC staff and volunteers will be listening in to offer feedback if you want it. It is advised to take The Art of Listening class first.

Classes are taught by Marci McReynolds, manager of BCRC. The Art of Listening workshop meets once a week for three weeks. The Advanced Art of Listening is a two-week course including topics such as how to handle anger and difficult conversations. Here’s what one participant said about these classes:

“I believe this class has the power to change the course of our country. I see the major problem we have is no conversation about values. That is caused by lack of listening, on all sides, for insight into other people’s fears, issues, concerns, backgrounds, reasoning and functioning. Learning to listen is the very key to our shared future.”

Winter-Spring Listening Classes and Salons

Listening Salons (one night each):

- Jan. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Lake Hills Library
- March 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Lake Hills Library
- March 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Newport Way Library
- April 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Lake Hills Library
- May 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bellevue Library

Art of Listening Workshops (3-week class):

- Feb. 3, 10 and 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bellevue Library
- April 15, 22 and 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Lake Hills Library

Advanced Art of Listening (2-week class):

- Feb. 20 and 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bellevue Library
- May 5 and 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Newport Way Library

Early registration is recommended, as classes fill quickly. To register, email bcrc@bellevuewa.gov

Enjoy a Tree Tour!

Winter Tours at Weowna Park

Friday, Jan. 24, 12-1:15 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 25, 10-11:15 a.m.

Meet at the west side park entrance at 168th Ave. SE and SE 16th St.

RSVP at BellevueWA.gov/trees

Trees are a very important element of Bellevue's neighborhoods, and there's a lot to explore in our "City in a Park!" The City's Tree Tour program helps participants to experience the forests right outside their home.



You're invited to join Bellevue's urban forestry specialist for one of two winter walking tours at Weowna. Come along and you'll learn a bit about our urban forest, native trees and the surprising history of Phantom Lake. The tree tours will be lighthearted, educational and suitable for all ages.

Attendees of our popular tours this past fall in Downtown Park, Weowna Park and Robinswood Park learned about Bellevue history, our area's iconic tree species and the role of trees in cities.

For more information, go to BellevueWA.gov/trees or email pmogilevsky@bellevuewa.gov.

South Bellevue Community Center Celebrates 14 Years

Jan. 5-11

South Bellevue Community Center

14509 SE Newport Way

We're celebrating South Bellevue Community Center's 14th birthday with a variety of free classes, activities and programs.

Come celebrate with Indoor Cycling, Zumba, Rock Climbing, Fit 360, Parent/Child Indoor Play, Strong & Fit for Seniors/Adults, Drop-in Sports, Total Body Fitness, Purna Yoga, Pilates, Jazzercise, Yang Style Tai Chi, Parkour, Post-rehab Strength and Conditioning, children's ballet, and more!

Details at: BellevueWA.gov/sbcc or call 425-452-4240.



Become a 2020 Census Ambassador



Help ensure that Bellevue has the political power, financial resources and demographic information to shape the future of our community. Become a Census Ambassador and spread the word that everyone counts! Together we thrive.

Here are some things you can do to help as a Census Ambassador:

- Include articles and information on the 2020 census in upcoming publications such as newsletters for your business, community group, or homeowner's association (Feb-May). There are a number of communication samples and additional information on our webpage that describe how Bellevue will benefit from an accurate 2020 Census, what to expect when the census kicks off in March, how to fill out the questionnaire, where to get help or answers to your questions and how to recognize a census taker if they knock on your door.
- Be a census expert and help your neighbors! Get your questions answered and discover all the facts about the census so you can be a source for accurate census information. Check out 2020Census.gov to learn all the basics, including who gets counted, what questions are asked, a timeline of census operations and what exactly the Trust and Safety Team is.
- Post about the 2020 Census on social media every week. Include links to fun videos and facts from trusted sources and share 2020 Census FAQs.
- Join a 2020 Census Communities Count Committee. Team up with others who are doing amazing work in the community to stay informed and share their knowledge. Check out
 - [Eastside Communities Count Committee \(ericmembers.org/2020-census/\)](http://ericmembers.org/2020-census/)
 - [Chinese Information Service Center Census 2020 \(cisc-seattle.org/census/\)](http://cisc-seattle.org/census/)
- Host a 2020 Census Party on April 1 and celebrate with your neighbors and friends that everyone in Bellevue is being counted.

Even better, apply for a job with the U.S. Census Bureau! Learn more at 2020census.gov/jobs

150th Avenue SE Corridor Construction Update

Retaining walls, sidewalk finished; Right-turn lane, sidewalk construction at SE Newport Way begins in January.

If you drive along 150th Avenue Southeast from Southeast Newport Way to Southeast 38th Street, you may notice the new sidewalk and retaining wall on the east side of the street.

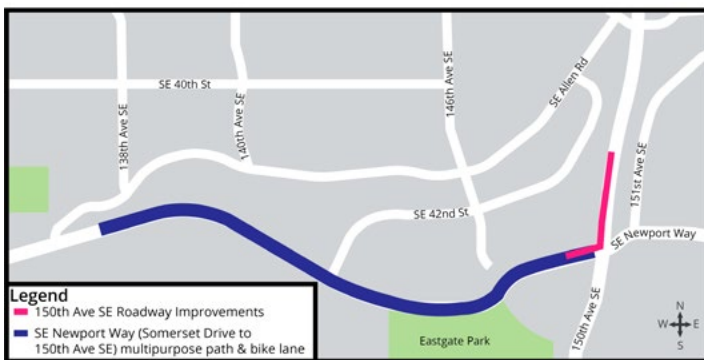


What comes next as part of the 150th Avenue Southeast Congestion Reduction project, is the installation of a new southbound right-turn only lane and sidewalk on the west side of the street, at the intersection of 150th Avenue Southeast and Southeast Newport Way.

Construction of the turn lane and sidewalk was planned to be finished by the end of 2019. However, due to design adjustments construction is expected begin in early 2020 and be complete by summer.

The new southbound right turn lane will help to reduce travel time in the afternoon peak hours.

Immediately adjacent to the 150th roadway improvements, a 10-foot wide multipurpose path (westbound) and a bike lane (eastbound) will be built on Southeast Newport Way, from Somerset Boulevard Southeast to 150th Avenue Southeast. This work is expected to start in March 2020 and be complete by fall 2021.



To receive traffic advisory information via email or text, subscribe at BellevueWA.gov/trafficadvisories.



For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-2735 (voice) or email mheilman@bellevuewa.gov. For complaints regarding accommodations, contact City of Bellevue ADA/Title VI Administrator at 425-452-6168 (voice) or email ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov. If you are deaf or hard of hearing dial 711. All meetings are wheelchair accessible.

Working Together for Roadway Safety

Four of our community members were killed this year while walking or biking on Bellevue streets. The crashes are sad and preventable reminders of the need for road safety awareness and a review of safety systems.



In four separate incidents in four different locations, drivers struck and killed two people who were walking in crosswalks and two people who were riding their bicycles on city streets. Including a single-vehicle crash in which the driver was killed, there were five fatal crashes last year in Bellevue. That number is more than twice the yearly average in the previous nine years. From 2009 through 2018, 17 people were killed on Bellevue streets.

The increase locally parallels a recent national trend showing more pedestrians and bicyclists killed in 2018 than in any year since 1990, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Vision Zero (BellevueWA.gov/visionzero) is Bellevue's effort to eliminate serious-injury and fatal collisions on Bellevue streets by 2030. One principle of Vision Zero is that these injuries and deaths are unacceptable and preventable.

To implement its Vision Zero effort, the city is taking a systems-oriented approach to safety that focuses on streets, people, vehicles and speeds. That means everyone must play a role to improve traffic safety.

Transportation staff are working to design safer streets and sidewalks and Bellevue Police are enforcing traffic laws. When collisions and even near-misses do occur, we're trying to analyze the data and use it to help make the transportation system safer.

Road users can help, too. Drivers should obey traffic laws, be very aware of your surroundings and other road users, slow down when it's dark or roads are slippery, and stay off the phone while driving. In addition, many vehicle models on the market today have features that can enhance your awareness and safety while operating a vehicle.

Pedestrians and bicyclists should assume they are not seen by drivers, obey traffic laws and consider wearing bright or reflective clothing and using lights at night.

The last time there were zero traffic-related fatalities in Bellevue was in 2010. We want the number to be zero EVERY year. It's a number to strive for in 2020 and beyond!



Boards and Commissions Meetings

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

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

East Bellevue Community Council (6:30 p.m., Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) First Tuesday of each month BellevueWA.gov/city-government/east-bellevue-community-council

Arts Commission (4:30 p.m., 1E-109) First Tuesday of each month 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 Utilities.BellevueWA.gov/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

Transportation Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second Thursday of each month with fourth Thursday as needed. 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

LEOFF 1 Disability Board (6 p.m., Room 1E-118) First Tuesday of each month 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

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

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

Special Events Committee (8:30 a.m., 1E-112) Second Thursday of each month Parks.BellevueWA.gov/special-events/special-events-committee

Youth Link Board (6 p.m., 1E-120) Second Wednesday of each month 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 and third Mondays except in August and December	6 p.m., Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8 p.m., Regular Session	Council Chambers	8 p.m., Oral Communications
Second and fourth Mondays except in August and December	6-10 p.m., Extended Study Session	Council Conference Room	6 p.m., Oral Communications
August – first Monday only	6 p.m., Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8 p.m., Regular Session	Council Chambers	8 p.m., Oral Communications
December – first and second Mondays only	6 p.m., Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8 p.m., Regular Session	Council Chambers	8 p.m., Oral Communications