

neighborhood news



October 2020

news for and about
Bellevue neighborhoods

Save the Date:

Tuesday Oct. 27

1-2:30 p.m.

Virtual Cultural Conversations



“Living History – Women’s voices around the world and the Suffrage Movement”

This virtual Cultural Conversations will be historical but not political. Join familiar friends and make new ones. Be inspired to connect and share in small group conversation!

During the October Cultural Conversations, we will observe the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The passage of the amendment resulted from the Suffrage Movement, giving women full voting rights in the United States. However, at that time the right to vote was not afforded to all women who were U.S. citizens, specifically those who were African-American, Indigenous – Native Americans, Asian and Latinx.

We’ll also explore suffrage stories and timelines from around the world and share what the movement means today for civic engagement and lifting women’s voices locally.

Cultural Conversations is a program entering its eleventh season, and has transformed relationships and perspectives among diverse women in our community through education and storytelling. This free event is open to all the public. RSVP appreciated for planning purposes neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6836.



Neighborhood Enhancement Program Update for Wilburton and Crossroads

Wilburton residents: Vote now for your top three project choices! Please return the postage-paid ballot each household received in the mail in September. Voting is by mail only and is limited to one ballot per household. Ballots must be postmarked by October 23 to be valid. Information on the 10 enhancement projects on your ballot can be found at: BellevueWA.gov/neighborhood-enhancement-program/wilburton



Crossroads residents: Please let us know how you liked the NEP process in your area. You have three new capital improvement projects that will be coming to the Crossroads neighborhood area:

1. NE 8th Tree Replacement: NE 8th from 136th Ave NE to 164th Ave NE
2. 148th Avenue NE Beautification: 148th Ave NE between NE 8th and BelRed Road
3. Streetlight at 140th Ave NE and NE 14th St

Please return the postage-paid evaluation postcard each household received in the mail last month or submit your comments online using the NEP evaluation form found at BellevueWA.gov/nep. Evaluations must be postmarked or submitted by Oct. 30.

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, serving two areas each year. The \$5 million program allocation is distributed among each of the NEP neighborhood areas, according to the number of households in each area.



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Next on the NEP list in 2021, are the West Bellevue and Woodridge neighborhoods. West Bellevue will kick off in late January, and watch for NEP to come to Woodridge in early April. To find out which NEP Neighborhood Area you call home, when NEP will be in your area, and how much funding your area has been allocated, please visit BellevueWA.gov/nep.

Summary of Sept. 17 Neighborhood Leadership Gathering available online



The community participated in a virtual Neighborhood Leadership Gathering on Sept. 17, which focused on “COVID-19 Community Impact and Response.” The evening included a presentation by the city’s Parks & Community Services and Community Development departments, detailing observations and responses by the city and by residents. A report on a survey of community needs and a time of Q&A with residents on the call completed the evening.

The event video, presentation slides and survey are available on the city’s Neighborhood Services website in the 2020 Archives:

BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/neighborhoods/classes-and-events/neighborhood-leadership-gathering

Twice-yearly Neighborhood Leadership Gatherings are open to anyone who has a passion for investing in their community and a willingness to share their heart, vision, priorities and best practices with other leaders across Bellevue.

Have further questions? Contact us at neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov

Share feedback on Main Street patios



To support local restaurants in an era of physical distancing, the city’s Economic Development group worked with merchants in Old Bellevue, the Transportation team and the Bellevue Downtown Association over the summer to activate additional on-street dining spaces along Main Street. As we approach the cooler fall and winter months, we need your feedback on the spaces. Take our survey to share your thoughts!

Your insights will help us to develop additional COVID-19 adaptations and support for local businesses. surveymonkey.com/r/MainStPatios

National Night Out goes virtual

National Night Out, normally held in August, was canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During these times, we find ourselves having to reimagine and create other ways to participate in some of our typical events, such as National Night Out. While our local firefighters and police officers will miss stopping by your neighborhood BBQs and the great conversations had with residents, we want you to know that crime prevention and safety are still very important to highlight. This is a time to celebrate the commitment of emergency personnel within our neighborhoods and promote working with law enforcement in a positive way.

Emergency responders like to think of National Night Out as not just one night of the year, but the culmination of ongoing crime prevention tools that you utilize all year long. One of the most effective ways to protect your home is to get to know your neighbors.



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An easy way to communicate with your neighbors is through a neighborhood block watch program or utilizing social media platforms such as Next Door, all of which don't cost anything!

You may have to get together virtually while this pandemic continues, but the reality is that the more eyes you have watching your neighborhood, the safer it will be.

The Bellevue Police Department website hosts a variety of information surrounding crime prevention, including internet safety, prevention tips to help avoid residential burglary, and avoiding vehicle prowls. There are also resources on the site for victim assistance if you have been the target of a crime, and various ways that you can report a crime.

We sincerely respect our partnership with the community, and we look forward to a time when we can meet in person again and celebrate our commitment to fight crime.

Below are a couple of activities to help kids to be safe and work together with their families:

Emery the Emergency Penguin

Hey kids! Emery the Emergency Penguin is here to help you learn how, when, and where to call 9-1-1! Are you ready to become a 9-1-1 All-Star?

kingcounty.gov/depts/it/e-911-program/emery.aspx

McGruff's 4-Steps of Gun Safety

ncpc.org/resources/mcgruffgunsafety/

1. Stop
2. Don't Touch
3. Get Away
4. Tell an Adult!



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.



Remember to Vote!

Ballots due Nov. 3

To register to vote, you must be:

- ◆ A **citizen** of the United States – born here or a naturalized citizen
- ◆ A **legal resident** of Washington state at least 30 days before election day
- ◆ **At least 18 years old** by election day, although one can pre-register, if 16 or 17, and vote when of age
- ◆ **Not under supervision by the Department of Corrections because of a felony conviction** – not in prison, nor under community supervision

Deadlines for November 2020 election:

- ◆ **Register online** or update an existing voter registration by Monday, Oct. 26. Online registration is very user-friendly and printable registration forms are available in multiple languages.
- ◆ **Register in person:** Tuesday, Nov. 3
- ◆ **Vote in person:** at King County voting centers beginning Friday, Oct. 16
- ◆ **Vote by mail:** At least one week before Election Day. No stamp required for official ballot dropbox or USPS mail.
- ◆ **Official ballot drop box:** deposit by 8 p.m., Nov. 3
- ◆ **U.S. post office (USPS):** must be postmarked by Nov. 3

King County votes by mail, which means that you'll receive your ballot and voter's pamphlet through the mail. Ballots are mailed 20 days prior to the election and earlier to overseas and service voters.



Accessible voting options can be found here:

kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/ballots/accessible-voting-options.aspx. For election information, go to: kingcounty.gov/depts/elections.aspx or call: 206-296-VOTE (8683)



Draft Environmental Stewardship Plan is available for feedback through Oct. 16

After a year of community engagement, planning and analysis, Bellevue's staff are proud to share the draft Environmental Stewardship Plan with the community. The Environmental Stewardship Plan includes bold environmental goals that will help the city reduce carbon emissions and become more resilient. To achieve these goals, the plan also includes a range of actions, such as programs to increase tree canopy, incentives for green building and strategies for improving mobility options.

Over the past year, city staff have gathered feedback on these goals and actions from hundreds of community members and stakeholders through surveys, in-person events, focus groups and virtual events. Through each of these outreach opportunities, community members have shared that they want to see Bellevue take bold, urgent action to lower greenhouse gas emissions while ensuring that Bellevue is a livable city for all. To learn more about the results of this outreach, visit BellevueWA.gov/environment.

City staff have used this feedback, along with technical analyses of cost, feasibility, impact and equity, to create a robust plan with actions for the next five years, which balances environmental action and takes into consideration constraints around the impacts of COVID and economic recovery. The draft plan is now available for community members to read and share feedback. The plan will be open for public comment until Oct. 16, with the goal of city council adoption by the end of the year.

To learn more and share your thoughts on the draft Environmental Stewardship Plan, please visit EngagingBellevue.com/environmental-stewardship.

Medicare changes planned for 2021

There are some important changes to Medicare that will be introduced in 2021. The changes include:



- ◆ Greater flexibility for emergency use of ambulances. At the scene of an emergency, a qualified medical practitioner will be able to treat a patient without a requirement of transporting the patient to a hospital. After the initial treatment, an ambulance can transport the patient to a primary care facility, urgent care clinic or hospital.
- ◆ Greater use of home dialysis and kidney transplants. Medicare-eligible individuals with End-Stage Renal Disease will be able to enroll in Medicare Advantage Plans during the Oct. 15-Dec. 7 open enrollment period.
- ◆ Establishment of a maximum \$35 co-pay for a 30-day supply of insulin. Part D and Medicare Advantage Plans participating in the Senior Savings Model will have the \$35 co-pay insulin maximum.
- ◆ Use of online virtual services by patients without geographic restrictions. Medicare will pay for telehealth visits that are initiated by a patient with physicians and other health care professionals. Medicare coinsurance and deductibles will apply to these services. Medicare Advantage Plans may offer additional benefits that are not primarily health related to chronically ill enrollees. These additional benefits may include home-delivered meals, transportation for non-medical reasons, pest control, indoor air quality equipment and structural home modifications.

Beginning Oct. 15, Medicare participants will be able to learn about changes to Part D and Medicare Advantage Plans at the Medicare Plan Finder website. Information can be accessed by entering the search term "Medicare Plan Finder" into Google, Bing or another search engine.



Once a participant has entered a zip code and possibly a list of the medications, they will be able to see details on Part D and Medicare Advantage Plans.

If you have questions about accessing the Plan Finder website or about the Medicare changes for 2021, you can contact a Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) volunteer. You can contact a volunteer through Sound Generations at 206-727-6221 or statewide at 1-800-562-6900. SHIBA is a free, unbiased counseling service of the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

Lists of the 2021 Part D Plans for Washington State and the 2021 Medicare Advantage Plans for King County will be on the SHIBA website in late October. The website is insurance.wa.gov/medicare.

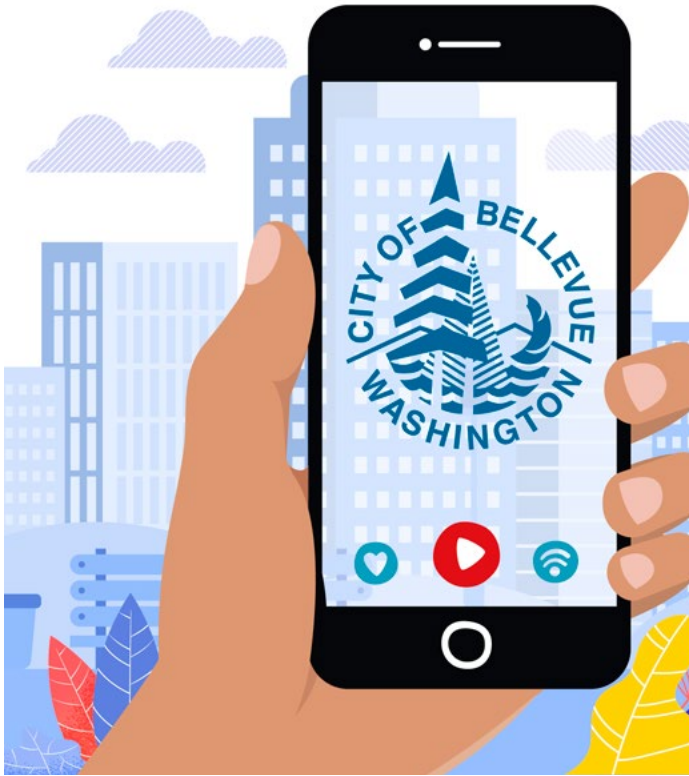


Greener Living Virtual Class Series with new Genius Classes!

City of Bellevue Utilities and King County Library System are offering free, live and interactive Greener Living virtual classes on Zoom. Participants may attend one class, any combination, or all of the classes. **Registration is required**

to receive the link to the class. To register online, visit BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes or register by contacting the city at recycle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6932.

Class	Class Dates and Times Note: Many classes are offered twice.
Super Sorter (Core Class) Learn where items at home go: Recycle, Compost or Garbage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Thursday Oct. 1, 5-6 p.m. ◆ Wednesday Oct. 21, 12-1 p.m.
Responsible Reorganizing: Declutter without Wasting (New! Genius Class) Explore how to downsize your stuff without tossing it all into the trash.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Tuesday Oct. 6, 5-6 p.m. ◆ Friday Oct. 30, 12-1 p.m.
Curbside Composting and Beyond (New! Genius Class) Dig into how to identify compostable products and how to set up composting service for your house, apartment, or condominium.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Wednesday Oct. 7, 5-6 p.m. ◆ Tuesday Oct. 27, 12-1 p.m.
Plastics: Problems and Possibilities (New! Genius Class) Deepen your knowledge on plastics, what plastics can be recycled, and how to help reduce our global plastic piles through action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Thursday Oct. 8, 5-6 p.m. ◆ Wednesday Oct. 28, 12-1 p.m.
Sustainable Shopping (New! Genius Class) Sharpen your skills for making choices on products you need vs. want. We will cover resources for borrowing, reusing, repairing, and purchasing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Friday Oct. 9, 5-6 p.m. ◆ Thursday Oct. 29, 12-1 p.m.
Safer Cleaning (Core Class) Join us for live demonstrations on how to make safer cleaners and safer purchasing choices.	Thursday Oct. 22, 12-1 p.m.
Reduce Wasted Food (Core Class) Watch hands-on examples of how to maximize your food usage through proper storage, label reading and innovative recipes.	Tuesday Oct. 20, 12-1 p.m.



The Great Bellevue Scavenger Hunt!

COVID-19 has brought many changes to our lives, and one of the biggest is that we are all staying closer to home. People are enjoying their neighborhood parks more, supporting local businesses and finding new ways to connect with friends and families. City staff have also been looking for additional ways to connect with residents and have some fun!

We're excited to launch **The Great Bellevue Scavenger Hunt!** This is a virtual game you can play on your phone using the free Goose Chase App. This game gives families and friends a safe and fun way to enjoy time in and around your home, and a chance to explore your neighborhood and our city! And there's a chance to win some city swag.

The game begins on Friday Oct. 2 at 8 a.m. and runs until Friday Oct. 30 at 10 p.m. Teams are encouraged to download the free Goose Chase app and sign up early, but registration can be done any time throughout the game time frame. During each day of the hunt, a set of missions will be released. Teams earn points by answering trivia questions or taking pictures and videos doing the missions. Missions will vary but may include:

- ◆ Visiting local parks for nature hunts
- ◆ Sharing your favorite local takeout meal
- ◆ Showing off something special about your neighborhood

- ◆ Enjoying Bellevue's "core" values through fitness activities
- ◆ Preparing for emergencies with fun drills
- ◆ Getting savvy with safer cleaning practices and non-toxic home tips
- ◆ Becoming a zero-waste hero through personal challenges and recycling mania
- ◆ Fighting the war on food waste with kitchen challenges
- ◆ Activities for the love of your pets – even your furry loved ones can participate in missions!

All the activities can be accomplished safely within the Safe Start WA guidelines. The top scoring players or teams will be entered into a raffle to win city swag!

To participate:

1. Download the free GooseChase app onto your mobile device.
2. Create an account or log in as a guest. Only one account is needed per team.
3. Enter the game code "COBFUN" or search for "The Great Bellevue Scavenger Hunt"
4. Select or create your team. Teams can have a single member.



Happy hunting!

Auto parts stores help you recycle motor oil and filters.

Now, that's slick!

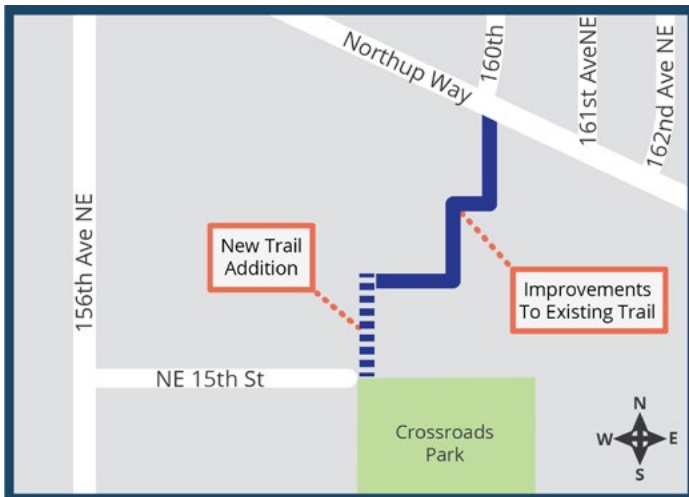
As community partners, many of Bellevue's auto parts stores will take back - at no cost to you - used motor oil in small quantities and used oil filters from people who change their own car oil at home.

- ◆ On average, each participating Bellevue store collects 15,400 gallons of used motor oil from Bellevue's do-it-yourself oil changes each year!
- ◆ Nearly 10,000 filters were collected last year from customers bringing their oil and filters in for recycling. Oil filters, even when drained, contain valuable steel and an ounce of oil.

Tip: If you get your oil changed at a fast lube shop or service station, make sure to confirm they recycle your filters, rather than "drain-and-dump" them. While the latter is technically legal, it misses the chance to capture recyclable oil and high-quality steel for return to our economy.

Visit BellevueWA.gov/recycle-motor-oil to learn more and find a location in Bellevue near you!

Crossroads pedestrian trail opening



Mayor Robinson and Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis officially reopened the Crossroads Trail on the first day of fall. The trail provides a connection between Northrup Way and Crossroads Park. Enjoy a walk, stroll or jog along the newly paved and fenced pathway. (Please no bicycles).

New on-demand ride service introduced for Crossroads area



Bellevue and King County Metro launched an on-demand service Oct. 1 called Crossroads Connect.

It serves people in the city's diverse Crossroads and Lake Hills neighborhoods, linking homes, jobs, schools and shopping to Metro bus routes that serve the broader Eastside.

Crossroads Connect provides shared ride connections to frequent transit service and is intended to improve mobility for people who live and work in the service area, which has comparatively lower rates of car ownership and lower household incomes. To promote physical distancing, service is currently limited to one rider or party per trip. Here's how the service works:

- ◆ **Booking a ride:** People request rides using the Crossroads Connect app (available in your preferred app store) or by calling 1-855-233-6043. Passengers will be picked up in a wheelchair-accessible passenger van or a Nissan Leaf within about 15 minutes. If wait times are long, passengers may be offered a cab ride instead at no additional charge.
- ◆ **Where and when:** Crossroads Connect rides are available within the service area Monday through Friday, 3-9 p.m. Trips must start or end at the pick-up/drop-off area at Northeast 10th Street and 156th Avenue Northeast, near the B Line Station at Crossroads Shopping Center.
- ◆ **Connecting to buses:** The pick-up/drop-off area is next to Metro's RapidRide B Line station, which connects riders to downtown Bellevue and Redmond. Nearby are stops for Metro routes 221, 226 and 245, serving Eastgate, Downtown and Factoria in Bellevue, plus Redmond and Kirkland.
- ◆ **Cost and how to pay:** Standard King County Metro rates apply; the cost is the same as a bus ride, and includes a free transfer to connecting bus lines. Fares may be paid using an ORCA card, cash (exact fare only), Transit GO ticket or a valid transfer.
- ◆ **Health and safety:** Masks are required. At launch, for safety and physical distancing, service is limited to one rider per vehicle; additional riders are allowed if they are members of the same party as the rider booking the trip. King County Metro vehicles are disinfected daily and partitions separate riders from drivers.

The service began operating on Oct. 1 and is expected to run through June 2021. More information is available at the Crossroads Connect web page: BellevueWA.gov/crossroadsconnect

Crossroads Connect is a partnership between the City of Bellevue and King County Metro. It's funded by a \$394,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation and Bellevue's 2016, voter-approved Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy. The service is operated by King County's contractor, Hopelink. The on-demand app and software is provided by Spare Labs Inc.

Boards and Commissions Meetings

As of April 1, no meetings are taking place at City Hall. Stay updated on meetings and cancellations: 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

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 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

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 BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-and-commissions/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

Bellevue's Neighborhood Services Division offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, please visit our website at: BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/neighborhoods or call 425-452-6836 or email: neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov. To subscribe to this newsletter, visit: BellevueWA.gov/neighborhood-news

City Council Bellevue.Legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

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