

Youth Link Board brings a Little Free Pantry to Crossroads neighborhood

Since the outset of the pandemic, the City of Bellevue Youth Link Board has wanted to do something lasting for their community. The most pressing need of the community seemed to be food insecurity. Constructing a Little Free Pantry in the Crossroads neighborhood was a way that Youth Link could help.



The Little Free Pantries allow a “no barrier” access point to food, making it easier for families to get what they need, whenever they need it. The pantries also allow neighbors and community members to give anytime. Angela Phan and Amanda Li, Adult and Youth chairs of the Youth Link Board, reached out to Molly Harmon of The Little Free Pantries in Seattle and were able to buy a large pantry. The next step was finding an

organization in the neighborhood that would donate a spot on their land to host the pantry. Bellevue Neighborhood Church agreed to host the site, and a Little Free Pantry is now located at 625 140th Ave NE, Bellevue.

Throughout the year, a team of youth on the board and council will keep the pantry stocked and assure that there are culturally appropriate foods available for all.

Take what you need! Bring what you can!



Be part of a virtual or in-person Neighborhood Walk!

Last summer, three virtual Neighborhood Walks were conducted remotely due to COVID-19 precautions. As the state and city reopen, the series is now able to offer a welcome opportunity for neighborhoods to host the city's management team in person again as they meet informally, make connections and explore neighborhood areas. Staff greatly enjoy experiencing Bellevue's unique neighborhoods and visiting with residents.

The first two 2021 Neighborhood Walks were in-person events in July in Somerset and West Bellevue. The remaining two 2021 walks are open to all residents, and you are welcome to be part of either walk.

City Manager Brad Miyake and department directors look forward to visiting with you!



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July 27 Neighborhood Walk in Somerset.

Virtual Citywide Walk

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

To receive required event link, please email:
neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov

Three residents will share from their neighborhoods at the virtual citywide walk: Wilburton, West Lake Sammamish, and Cougar Mountain/Lakemont. Questions from all in attendance will be answered by the city manager and department directors.

City staff scheduled for the virtual walk include: City Manager Brad Miyake, Deputy City Manager Kate Berens, Finance & Asset Management

Director Toni Call, Community Development
Director Mac Cummins, Chief Information Officer
Sabra Schneider, Human Resources Director
Joy St. Germain and Transportation Director
Andrew Singelakis.

Northeast Bellevue

Thursday, Aug. 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Begin and end at Ardmore Park, 16833 NE 30th St.

City staff scheduled for this walk include: City Manager Brad Miyake, Deputy City Manager Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager Nathan McCommon, Utilities Director Nav Ota, Director of Development Services Mike Brennan and Transportation Director Andrew Singelakis.

Neighborhood Voices

A new visual project launches this September at the opening of the 2021 Bellevue Essentials class. The project is a storyboard exhibit focused on residents like you, featuring resident comments and photos that reflect the unique character of each neighborhood. The project will include resident-submitted local photos as well.

A display board for each of Bellevue's 16 neighborhood areas will highlight neighborhood photos, profile information about the neighborhood area and include quotations from residents that address one or more of these three questions:

- What do you love about your neighborhood?
- What's unique about your neighborhood?
- What are emerging concerns in your neighborhood?

You are invited to submit your comments and up to three photos from your neighborhood area, such as parks, walks, gatherings and landmarks. Outdoor photos with people are preferred!



Submit a quotation of 100 words or fewer, that reflects your thoughts about your neighborhood. We can't guarantee to use all submissions, and they are subject to editing. Please be creative and send us your best!

Please submit to jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov by August 10. Photos should be attached as jpeg files and quotations can be directly sent in an email or an attached word document. For more information, contact Julie Ellenhorn at 425 452 5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.

Mini City Hall reopens

The Crossroads Mini City Hall has reopened its doors this summer to provide limited in-person services to the public. Known for its personalized and multilingual customer service, Mini City Hall has been in the Crossroads neighborhood extending city services and community connections to East Bellevue's diverse population for more than two decades.

At Mini City Hall, community members can find a variety of resources and information on a variety of topics such as city programs, water bill payment, pet license sale and many other human services resources such as legal services, food bank, housing, employment assistance or rental assistance. Services are provided in English, Chinese, Hindi, Spanish, Russian and many other languages.

Our current in-person service hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 a.m.-noon, and 1-3 p.m. Virtual services are still available by telephone and email, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For more information about our current language schedule and partnership offerings, please visit our website at BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/neighborhoods/mini-city-hall

You can also call 425-452-2800 or email MiniCH@bellevuewa.gov to get connected with Mini City Hall.

Permit Center reopening and Virtual Permit Center appointments available

Beginning in August, the Bellevue City Hall Permit Center will reopen for in-person services weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., except on Wednesdays when it is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Development Services staff will continue to provide all services electronically, including accepting permit applications and plans. More information is available at BellevueWA.gov/development-services

Development Services is also offering virtual permit center meetings, to allow customers to schedule one-on-one time with staff for general permitting information. Customers can schedule virtual permit center meetings with permit technicians and

plan reviewers to get answers to general permit questions. Visit the Virtual Permit Center online at BellevueWA.gov/virtual-permit-center to learn more and to book an appointment.

Did you know that the permitting process is completely paperless? Customers can submit applications, upload plans and pay permit fees online at MyBuildingPermit.com.

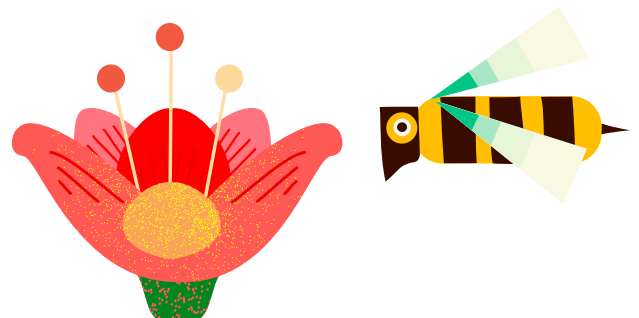


Reopening with Reusables!

As our community and businesses reopen, let's work together to reopen with reusables.

- **Going shopping?** Don't forget your tote bag!
- **Grabbing takeout?** Remember to refuse plastic utensils and keep some reusable utensils in your car!
- **Thirsty?** Skip the straw with your favorite beverage and don't forget your reusable water bottle!

Let's shift to a **zero-waste new normal** together. Together we can make a difference!



Bellevue Environmental Conservation Specialists

Invite a City of Bellevue Environmental Conservation Specialist to your next virtual or in-person HOA or neighborhood association meeting, or set up an “on demand” presentation for your residents! We tailor free interactive mini presentations to fit your timeframe and offer a variety of topics such as:

- Become a Super Sorter: Properly Sorting Recyclables/Compost/Garbage
- Composting Start-Up Kit: How to Set Up Free Composting at Your Building and In Your Kitchen
- How to Reduce Wasted Food Through Smart Storage
- Making Your Own Safe Cleaners and Proper Disposal of Toxic Cleaners
- How to Handle Unusual Items Such as Batteries, Cooking Oil and Medicine
- Which Plastics Are Recyclable

We can also customize your presentation to cover issues or topics that most interest residents. For more information or to schedule a virtual presentation, contact Erin Hislop at ehislop@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-6197.

You can prevent wildfires!

Just one spark. That's all it takes to ignite a brush fire. And in just one minute, that fire can grow out of control. It's unfortunate, but here in the Pacific Northwest, our summers are rapidly becoming known as wildfire season, and the threat of urban wildfires has grown exponentially. We must prepare for, but more importantly, prevent fires in our own backyards.

There are many ways in which one spark can go rogue, such as barbecues, backyard fire pits, portable fireplaces, lawn care equipment and even starting a vehicle that is parked on grass.

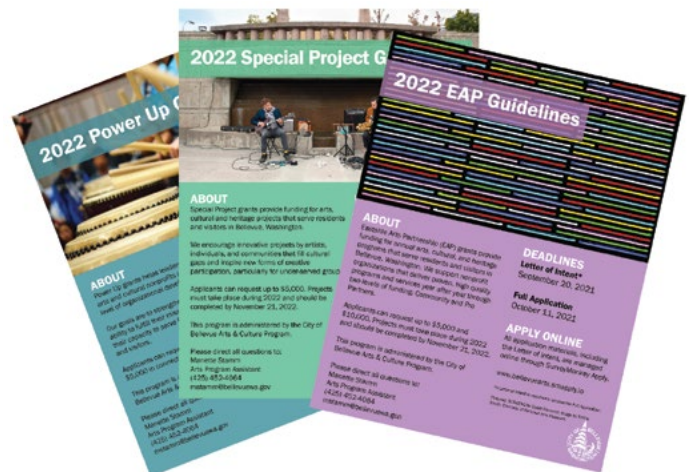
By far the greatest cause of beauty bark and brush fires that we respond to in the City of Bellevue are started by improperly discarded smoking materials. All smoking materials should be discarded in a wide, deep and sturdy ashtray.

Please never throw them out of your window or stub them out in landscaping. Smokey Bear said it best, “Only you can prevent wildfires.”



City of Bellevue Arts and Culture 2022 Grants open for submissions

Organizations and individuals providing art or cultural and educational programming, events or services for Bellevue residents can apply starting Aug. 16 to receive a grant through the City of Bellevue's Arts and Culture Program. The Arts and Culture Program provides several different kinds of grants for nonprofits and individuals planning to deliver arts and culture programming in Bellevue or for Bellevue residents:



- The Eastside Arts Partnerships portion of the program offers annual operating support to nonprofit organizations to support high-quality arts, cultural and heritage programs in Bellevue.

- Special Projects grants provide one-time project support to artists and groups for special projects that fill in cultural gaps and inspire new forms of creative participation, particularly for under-served groups.
- Through the Power Up grants, the City looks to support capacity-building for Eastside Arts Partner organizations, allowing them to reach the next level of organizational development.

Interested individuals and groups can apply online, submitting a Letter of Intent before moving to the full application round. For the 2022 Arts Grants cycle, Letters of Intent are due through the online portal by Sept. 20 and completed applications are due Oct. 11.

All applications are reviewed by members of the professional arts community and the Bellevue Arts Commission. The Commission and the Bellevue City Council give final approval for the grants. Applicants can expect to know the status of their award in December 2021. All projects eligible for grant funding must occur in 2022.

Applicants can visit the city's website at bellevuewa.gov/artsgrants for more information, including guidelines, timelines, a program flowchart to help navigate the different types of grants and directions to submit a Letter of Intent. Please contact Manette Stamm, mstamm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4064, with any questions.



Poison prevention for senior

The Bellevue Network on Aging would like to share information on the Washington Poison Center (WAPC), whose mission is "to prevent and reduce harm from poisoning through expertise, collaboration and education."

The organization can be reached by dialing 800-222-1222. Their phone is answered 24 hours per day by nurses, pharmacists and trained poison



BNOA volunteers at Bellevue Farmers' Market. Come see us the second Thursday of each month!

information providers. As stated on their website, the WAPC "...provides immediate, free, and expert treatment advice and assistance on the telephone in case of exposure to poisonous, hazardous, or toxic substances. All calls are confidential." Services are available in multiple languages and for those with hearing difficulty.

WAPC is a resource for persons of all ages, including health care providers.

In 2020, 43% of WAPC's poison cases involving adults 60 and over were due to medication errors. Medication errors involved such actions as taking a double dose of medicine, the wrong medication, the wrong dosage or medicine at the wrong time. The website recognizes mistakes happen, emphasizes that one should not be ashamed of mistakes, and gives suggestions for avoiding medication errors. The website also has household tips on how to prevent poison related problems caused by cleaners and disinfectants.

Because older adults often care for their grandchildren, the website gives helpful suggestions to grandparents such as:

- Keep medication and toxic household items out of reach in child-resistant containers;
- Put Mr. Yuk stickers, which are available from WAPC, on household cleaners and chemicals;
- Don't take medication in front of children, as children often mimic adults;
- Don't leave purses or bags where children can reach them;
- Vacuum or sweep the floor promptly, if medications have spilled or dropped;

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- Always supervise children when using a hand sanitizer, as sanitizers have high alcohol content, which can lead to alcohol poisoning if ingested; and
- Leave household products in their original containers with their original labels.

The WAPC website also has a number of prevention and treatment guides which can be downloaded.

Remember to contact the Washington Poison Center when you have poison related questions relating to children, seniors and other adults.

Wanted: Community input on trailhead restoration!

King County is receiving community input on restoration of the Red Cedar Trailhead in the Coal Creek Natural Area. The county's Coal Creek Sewer Upgrade Project will carry out major construction at this location, closing the trailhead for up to three years. The community has an opportunity until Aug. 31 to provide feedback on options to improve accessibility and visitor experience at the restored trailhead. There are several ways to participate:

- Visit an online open house and virtual tour to learn about options: arcg.is/0SXDaH
- Take the survey: publicinput.com/O7186
- Visit the project website: kingcounty.gov/CoalCreekSewer
- Contact Monica Van der Vieren at monica.vandervieren@kingcounty.gov or 206-477-5502



Crossroads Connect ride service pilot extended through Oct. 1

Crossroads Connect, the app-based ride service launched in October 2020 to offer rides to and from key transit and neighborhood areas near Crossroads, has been extended through Oct. 1, 2021. The pilot program had been expected to conclude June 30 but was continued to help bridge post-pandemic gaps in transit service. With people heading back to their jobs, Crossroads Connect can help meet travel needs as King County Metro ramps up service. On Oct. 2, Metro will expand bus service on many of its routes.



Customers can take a Crossroads Connect trip to or from any RapidRide B Line station within the Crossroads area, or the Eastgate Park and Ride. The service area in northeast Bellevue extends roughly from SR 520 south to I-90 – including Bellevue College – and west to 124th Avenue Northeast or I-405. It links homes, jobs, schools and shopping to Metro bus routes that serve the broader Eastside. The Crossroads Connect service is available Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Since the pilot launched in October 2020, both the service area and hours have been expanded to accommodate customer needs. Rider feedback and data generated by the pilot have provided valuable information about on-demand transit services that will be useful for future projects in Bellevue and throughout King County.

Crossroads Connect is a partnership between the City of Bellevue and King County Metro. More information, including a service area map, information on how to book a ride, King County Metro bus connections, health and safety protocols, and cost is available at BellevueWA.gov/crossroads-connect. The webpage includes information in seven languages.

Annual restriping program keeps streets safe

Everyone knows that summer is the best time to paint your house and the same is true for painting city streets. The difference is that pavement must be repainted every year.

The city's annual pavement restriping program is expected to start in August. It takes approximately two weeks and 4,000 gallons of special paint to stripe about 200 lane miles of roadway citywide.



Having fresh, visible paint on streets is important, providing clear delineation between lanes so people who drive, bicycle or walk don't drift into trouble.

Most of the white paint is for "fog lines" along the sides of roadways, with some on bike lanes and yellow paint for the center lines. Most arterial streets in Bellevue use raised pavement markings, known as "turtles" or "buttons," as lane delineators, which do not require painting.

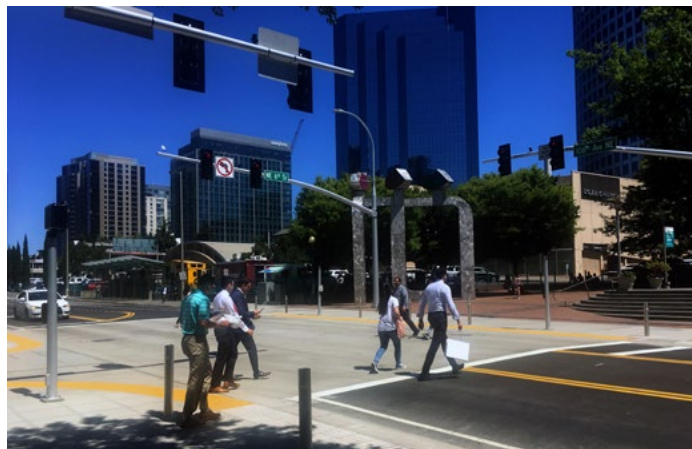
Once applied, the paint takes about five minutes to dry, but during that time drivers must stay off it to avoid tracking. During restriping, tiny glass beads are added, providing reflectivity so people can better see the lines at night or in rainy conditions.

During the two-week restriping window, drivers can help the cause by making sure their vehicles are not parked on the fog line, leaving at least 12 inches of clearance so the city's contractor, Stripe Rite, can spray on white paint from their trucks. The tab for the restriping program is about \$125,000 annually.

Questionnaire seeks input on your transportation priorities

The city is creating a new long-range planning framework to better guide transportation system investments. To make sure the plan reflects the priorities of everyone who walks, bikes, takes transit or drives in Bellevue, we're inviting people to provide feedback through a questionnaire.

The questionnaire is available at EngagingBellevue.com/mobility-plan through Friday, Aug. 13; it takes about 10 minutes to



complete. Your input is critical in the development of this planning framework – called the Mobility Implementation Plan (MIP) – and your responses will be shared with the Transportation Commission, which the City Council has tasked with developing the plan.

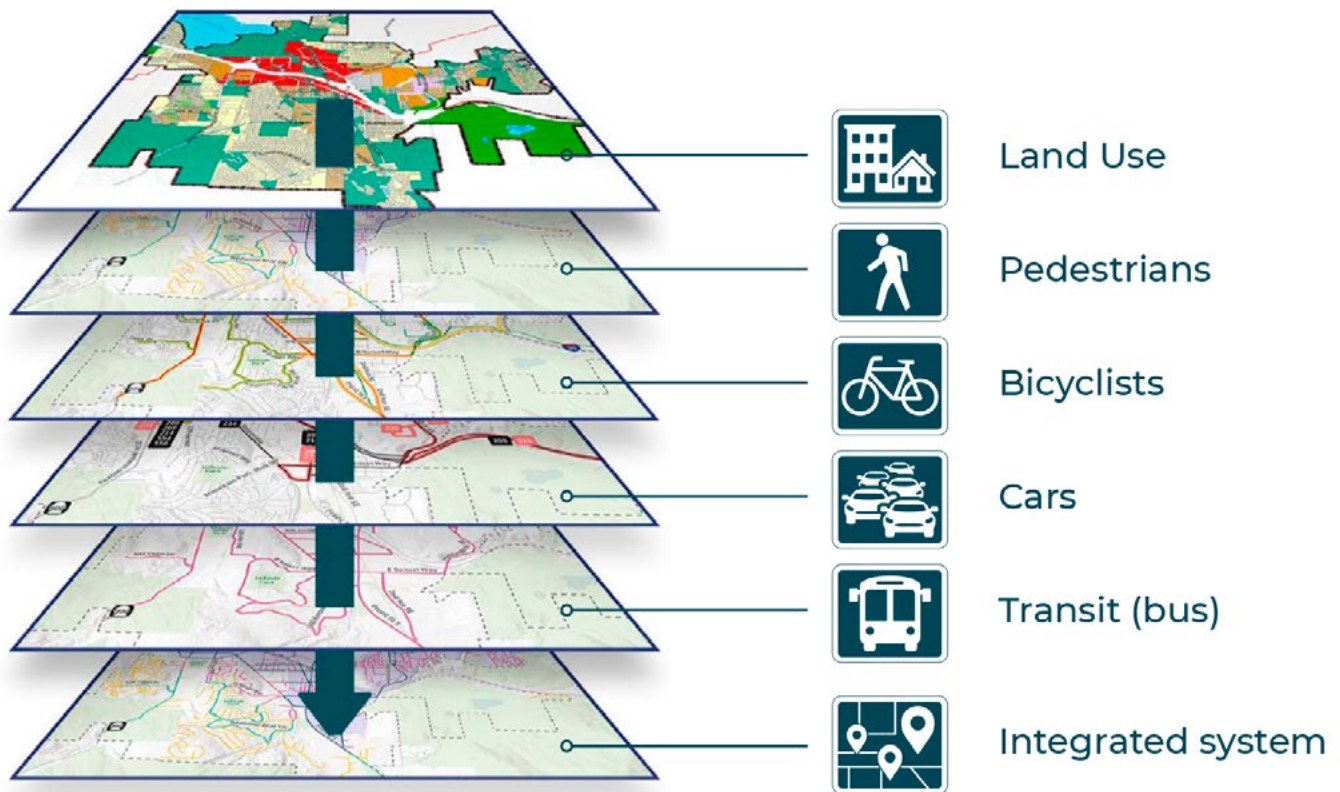
The purpose of the MIP is to ensure that the various transportation plans are compatible with each other and with the city's land use plan. It will help the city make decisions on project investments based on what people want in their transportation system. Key elements that will be incorporated into the MIP are:

- **Multimodal concurrency:** Concurrency is a state requirement that cities adopt transportation system plans to accommodate anticipated growth. Bellevue's concurrency standard now only measures vehicle capacity at specific intersections. Under multimodal concurrency, additional travel modes would be considered, such as transit, bicycling and walking.

- **Equity:** The plan will integrate equity into transportation planning and project prioritization to ensure that everyone can get around town. It will develop an “equity index” with metrics to identify and measure equitable access to the transportation system. Metrics could include indicators such as income, language, race, disability and other measures.

- **Sustainability:** The MIP will support the city’s goal to minimize the impacts of transportation on the environment. Strategies include reducing commute trips by solo drivers, expanding mobility options and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.

More information on the MIP is available at BellevueWA.gov/mobility-plan.



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

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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	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			

