

# neighborhood news



September 2021

news for and about  
Bellevue neighborhoods

## **“Belonging Begins with US!”**

### **City to celebrate 2021 Eastside Welcoming Week**

The City of Bellevue invites the community to celebrate the sixth annual Eastside



Welcoming Week with several events over the coming weeks and during the official Welcoming Week period of Sept. 10-19. This Welcoming Week, let's declare that “Belonging Begins with US!” - that each and every one of us has the power to help others, regardless of their background, to feel like they are seen, embraced, welcomed, and included in our communities.

Welcoming Week in East King County brings together new immigrants and long-term community members in a spirit of unity, education and celebration through sharing of cultural traditions, art, dance and food.

The community is invited to engage in opportunities during Welcoming Week and beyond to learn, connect across differences and

take joint action to achieve a welcoming, equitable and inclusive community.

More information and the latest list of events for Welcoming Week 2021 are at [bellevuewa.gov/eastside-welcoming](http://bellevuewa.gov/eastside-welcoming).

### **Livestream national keynote event Thursday Sept. 9, 3-4 p.m.**

A virtual keynote presented in partnership between the Eastside Welcoming Week cities takes place online. Hosted by Iranian actor/comedian Peter Banifaz, the kickoff will feature stories, messages from the Welcoming Network, and performances by Jackie Cox, Cary Morin, the Oakland Interfaith Youth Choir, El Corazon de Mexico and more! Event link: [youtube.com/channel/UC8WrFZMSe2r\\_wcRdv9sv2Kg](https://youtube.com/channel/UC8WrFZMSe2r_wcRdv9sv2Kg)

### **Pop-up Story Walk: “Drawn Together” Sept. 4-25, dawn to dusk**

The pop-up story walk includes an installation along the Lake to Lake Trail from Wilburton Hill Park to Bellevue Botanical Garden, sharing the story “Drawn Together” along the way. The story explores the experience of a young boy visiting his grandfather. Their lack of a common language leads to confusion, frustration, and silence. But as they sit down to draw together, something magical happens. With a shared love of art and storytelling, the two form a bond that goes beyond words.

Access to the park and garden are free to enjoy the story walk, and the pop-up story walk will be open daily from dawn to dusk Sept. 4-25.



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## Bellwether 2021 features an exciting lineup, as part of Welcoming Week!

Sept. 9-19

Bellwether, Bellevue's annual arts festival, is a multidisciplinary festival that will showcase art exhibits, pop-up art shows, artist-led panel discussions and workshops. Plus, new this year, two days of live music performances programmed by EastHUB.

Bellwether is produced by the City of Bellevue, in a collaboration between the city's Arts Commission, EastHUB, Bellevue Arts Museum and Bellevue's arts community. Following the cancellation of last year's event amid COVID-19 concerns, Bellwether's 2021 festival will be two big years rolled into one!

Live music is a prominent addition to this year's offerings. There will be free concerts on Sept. 11 at the Meydenbauer Theater, and on Sep. 18 at Bellevue's Downtown Park, both of which are programmed and presented by EastHUB, a new Bellevue-based cultural development nonprofit.

Visual art exhibits and a pop-up art show will feature a range of renowned local artists and curators, including Anna Mlasowsky, Morgan Quick, Priscilla Dobler Dzul, Molly Sides, Megan Stelljes and Sarah Blood.

Beginning in 1992 as a biennial sculpture exhibition, Bellwether has grown in size and scope to encompass multiple art forms, support artists year-round, and harness the city's growth and development in the arts. The name "Bellwether," an indicator of future trends, represents the event's overarching mission to showcase Bellevue's creative future and to turn that future into reality.

Seattle-based artist collective SuttonBeresCuller curated Bellwether 2018, and continues to provide ongoing creative direction for the Festival. "We are so excited to be a part of the rebirth of arts in Bellevue," said Zac Culler, a member of SuttonBeresCuller. "This year's Bellwether represents two years of planning and showcases visual art, performance, glass art, commissioned video and live music. Most of this work is new and

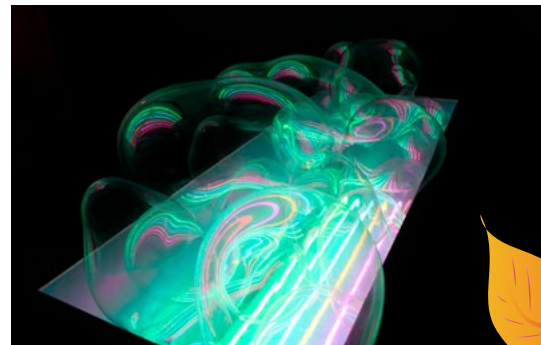


created specifically for Bellwether. It has been an honor to work with these talented artists and curators. We would like to thank everyone for their tireless work."

"Bellevue and the surrounding cities are teeming with creativity across an incredible range of cultures and artistic genres," said EastHUB's CEO Ray Cullom.

Bellwether 2021 will showcase some of Bellevue's most popular art venues, including Downtown Park, the Bellevue Arts Museum, Meydenbauer Center Theater and the Bellevue Botanical Garden.

Information about Bellwether 2021 and the calendar of events are available at [bellwetherart.org](https://bellwetherart.org).



*Hiromi Takizawa*



*Nao Yamamoto-Happy future*



*Jen Elek-Native Species*



## Cultural Conversations:

### "Belonging Begins in the Garden"

Friday, Sept. 17

1-2:30 p.m.

Cultural Conversations begins a new season of storytelling and connection with "Belonging Begins with Us" for National Welcoming Week, at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

Join us on Friday, Sept. 17, 1-2:30 p.m. for "Belonging in the Garden," featuring informal pop-in conversations and sharing. Reconnect outdoors in the

"Gathering Place" at the garden and share your story on interactive story boards. Take a walk with friends and check out Bellwether art garden installations. As we navigate the concept of belonging for those who have moved here from across the U.S. and the globe, let's consider what is universal about flowers, gardens, traditions and the connections they create. How is that expression of beauty similar? What might be different or a surprise?

The event will be held at the outdoor covered reception area. We will be following state and Public Health guidelines for safety during COVID-19 and masks will be available.

Cultural Conversations, a program entering its twelfth season, has transformed relationships and perspectives among diverse women in our community through education and storytelling.

For more information, accommodation needs, and to RSVP for purposes of space planning and providing event updates, contact



[NeighborhoodOutreach@Bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodOutreach@Bellevuewa.gov) or 452-452-6836.

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## Bellevue Neighborhoods Forum

### "Affordable Housing: Planning for Tomorrow"

Thursday, Sept. 23

6:30-8 p.m. | Zoom meeting

#### Panel discussion and Questions & Answers

Living in Bellevue and surrounding areas has become financially out-of-reach for many as the cost of housing continues to rise. This impacts our entire community, including our day-to-day workforce, as well as those who want their children to attend school here and older adults seeking to "age in place." Adopted in 2017, the city's Affordable Housing Strategy provides a roadmap for our entire community to work together to make housing choices in Bellevue more inclusive and accessible.

This past year, the city has accelerated putting the Affordable Housing Strategy into action, and the Neighborhoods Forum will address these topics:

- How is the city making progress on affordable housing? Who will benefit?
- What does this mean for our neighborhoods moving forward?
- How can we participate and get involved?

#### The Forum panelists:

**Mac Cummins**, Community Development Director, will provide an overview of the benefits of affordable housing in Bellevue, recent successes and the strategies that the city is taking to encourage more affordable housing.

**Emil King**, Assistant Director of Planning and  
**Thara Johnson**, Comprehensive Planning



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Manager, will highlight the current planning efforts underway to increase affordable housing, tell you how to get involved and explain how these efforts will serve all of our community.

Join us to learn how the city is making progress on affordable housing and hear about the work that remains ahead. There will be time for questions and answers, and an opportunity to comment about your priorities on affordable housing for Bellevue.

Email [neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov) to register for the Forum and receive the Zoom meeting link or call 425-452-6836.

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## Neighborhood Enhancement Program updates for Woodridge and West Bellevue neighborhood areas

### Woodridge residents:

Voting for your top three project choices is on the way! Look for your NEP Voter's Pamphlet to arrive in the mail in early September, and then return the enclosed postage-paid ballot. Voting is by mail only and is limited to one ballot per household address. Ballots must be postmarked by **Friday, Oct. 22** to be valid.



**Virtual NEP Woodridge Projects Open House – Sept. 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** RSVP to [neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov) for Zoom meeting link.

**West Bellevue residents:** The votes are in! Look for your NEP Project Announcement Newsletter to arrive in mailboxes in mid-September with details on the projects that you and your neighbors chose to fund with the \$294,000 allotted NEP budget. Please let us know how you liked the NEP process in your area by returning the postage-paid evaluation form postcard, or submit your comments online using the NEP evaluation form found at [BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep).

Evaluations must be postmarked or submitted online by **Friday, Oct. 29**.

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.

Next on the list for NEP are the Newport and Somerset neighborhood areas in 2022. Newport will kick off in late January, and look for NEP to come to Somerset 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](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep).

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## Neighborhood Leadership Gathering: Community input sought for Parks Plan

Save the date:

**Thursday, Oct. 7**

**6:30-8 p.m.**

How do you use Bellevue's parks and open spaces? What do you enjoy about the system? What facilities and opportunities would you like to see more of in the future? **We want to hear from you!**

Parks and Community Services is updating one of its long-range policy planning documents, the Parks & Open Space System Plan. The Parks Plan provides long-range policy and guidance on the acquisition, development and management of parks and open space citywide. It is also a foundational tool in developing the department's Capital Investment Program. The current plan was adopted in 2016 and is on a sixyear schedule for renewal. The 2016 plan is available online at [BellevueWA.gov/parkplan.htm](http://BellevueWA.gov/parkplan.htm)

During a virtual **Neighborhood Leadership Gathering on Thursday, Oct. 7**, Parks and Community Services staff will share the scope of the department's many assets and services and the purpose of a master plan. You will have

opportunities during the evening to share your priorities and dreams for the future of the parks system.

Public outreach for the forthcoming 2022 Parks Plan is occurring this fall, with adoption of the plan expected spring 2022. There will be a variety of ways for you to participate.

Project updates and information on these outreach opportunities and others can be found at the project website [BellevueWA.gov/park-plan.htm](https://BellevueWA.gov/park-plan.htm). Additional opportunities for input will occur through other presentations and engagement. The public is encouraged to communicate interests and feedback directly to staff. Please refer to the project website for contact information.

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## Back to school safety

For many students, the beginning of September means full days of in-person learning. There are more child



pedestrians, more school buses and more vehicle traffic around school zones. It's been 18 months since school days as we knew them changed, so we wanted to take a little time to refresh our memories on some basic back-to-school safety tips, with a twist.

With mask mandates in schools, it's expected that students walking to and from school will have half of their face covered. As a driver, it has never been more important to make eye contact with students at intersections, crosswalks and traffic lights. Since we're all a little out of practice driving through active school zones, remember to slow down and stay attentive.

Another important refresher we may need is the rules surrounding school buses. Think of a school bus as a roving traffic light. When the lights start flashing yellow, that means it's time to slow down (not speed up). When the stop-arm is extended with red lights flashing, that's a stop light. And just like at any intersection, prior to driving through a green light, start slow and check your

surroundings. Focusing on a large object like a school bus makes noticing a smaller object, like a child, harder to see.

Lastly, we implore you to plan ahead. With more traffic, school pick-up and drop-off lines encroaching on roads, stops and starts of school buses, and more pedestrians, it's likely that your commute will take a little longer than it has during the past 18 months. Build in extra travel time to your routine to avoid making poor driving decisions.

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## Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center is on the frontline of the rental housing crisis

The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue, especially for those involved with rental housing.



Tenants who have fallen behind are worried about homelessness. Landlords who have been waiting for those rent checks are worried about bankruptcy.

Rental assistance dollars are on their way from a variety of sources, and, for landlords and tenants who qualify, that financial help may be all they need. However, Washington State has come up with an additional innovative solution to prevent homelessness: the Eviction Resolution Pilot Program (ERPP).

ERPP builds on the financial support provided with rental assistance dollars, both by increasing the availability of legal aid for tenant facing eviction, and by giving both landlords and tenants access to free dispute resolution services. Dispute resolution centers will be providing landlords and tenants the opportunity to negotiate a rent repayment plan, before going to court. This dispute resolution process will become a mandatory step prior to filing a court action once local and federal eviction moratoriums expire.

If you are a landlord or tenant looking for help dealing with unpaid rent, The Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center (BCRC) is here for you. You can

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reach us at 425-452-4091, email us at [BCRC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:BCRC@bellevuewa.gov), or learn more about our program at [bellevuewa.gov/conflict-resolution](https://bellevuewa.gov/conflict-resolution).

## Here is what you need to know:

### Do not move

Tenants should stay in your home. Rent assistance may be denied if you move.

### If tenant has moved out

- Tenant is still responsible for rent for the term of the lease.
- Tenant is no longer eligible for rent assistance with most assistance providers.
- Landlord may be eligible for assistance through mitigation funds.

### Apply for rental assistance

- Apply for [EPRAP Assistance](#), financial help for landlords and tenants.
- Local non-profit organizations have financial help for tenants.

### Get help from the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center before going to court

- Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center helps landlords and tenants write repayment plans. If a tenant is sent a repayment plan offer by the landlord, they should call BCRC for help on the response. Tenants can also initiate this plan now through BCRC.
- Landlords must:  
Send a copy of the Eviction Resolution Pilot Program Notice to the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center
- Tenants contact the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center if:
  - ◆ You receive an Eviction Resolution Pilot Program Notice
  - ◆ You receive a 14 Day Pay or Vacate Notice



## Help us protect Bellevue's streams

### Take a short survey about the city's Watershed Management Plan by Sept. 30

Bellevue residents are invited to **take a survey** ([engagingbellevue.com/watershed-management](https://engagingbellevue.com/watershed-management)) to help shape "Our Streams, Our Future," the 20-year Watershed Management Plan initiated by the city to improve the health of Bellevue's streams for people and wildlife.

Bellevue's landscape has changed dramatically in the past 150 years, transitioning from forests and farmland



to a bustling city. That growth, while positive in many ways, can also affect the health of our waterways and the salmon, other fish and wildlife who call our more than 80 miles of streams home.

When rain falls over hard surfaces such as rooftops, driveways, streets, highways and parking lots, it picks up pollutants including fertilizers, soap, oil and dirt. This polluted stormwater could flow into storm drains and harm streams, lakes and wetlands.

As we expand paved areas, more stormwater has the potential to flow into streams. Too much stormwater running into streams can erode their banks and harm fish and wildlife habitat. What happens in Bellevue's watersheds impacts the water quality and habitat of Lake Sammamish, Lake Washington, and ultimately, Puget Sound.



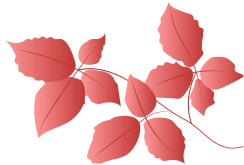
The Watershed Management Plan will recommend actions for the city in four categories:

- **Projects**, such as controlling and treating rainwater runoff from city streets before it gets into streams;
- **Programs**, including removing barriers in streams, so fish can move easily through them;
- **Policies or regulations**, such as incentives for developers or homeowners to build facilities to clean runoff before it gets into streams; and
- **Enhanced maintenance**, such as more street sweeping to prevent pollutants from entering streams.

The input of residents and community partners will help the city develop an effective plan that will prioritize investments to protect, maintain and improve Bellevue's streams now and in the future.

**To learn more about the plan and take the survey, go to [EngagingBellevue.com/watershed-management](https://EngagingBellevue.com/watershed-management).**

The **survey is open through September 30** and is available in **simplified Chinese, English, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese**.



## Statewide plastic bag ban is coming this fall

Washington state passed a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags that is scheduled to begin Oct. 1. Plastic bags are a major contaminant in recycling facilities, waterways, roadways and the environment. Washington's Plastic Bag Ban will reduce pollution by prohibiting single-use plastic carryout bags and charging a fee for acceptable bags.

Under the ban, after using up their existing supply of plastic bags, retail establishments will only be allowed to provide reusable and recycled-content carryout bags for a fee. Examples of acceptable bags include machine-washable bags, paper bags, compostable bags that meet requirements and recycled-content, thicker plastic bags designed for reuse. Any brown or green tinted film bag must be compostable. Exceptions to the ban include bags used by consumers in stores to bag items such as produce, bakery items, frozen food, meat, small hardware items, or prescription drugs. Customers using a voucher or electronic benefits card issued by approved assistance programs will not be charged the bag fee.

### What can you do? BYOB – Bring your own bag!

Let's eliminate the need for all paper and plastic bags, avoid fees and protect our natural resources by remembering to bring our own reusable bags while shopping.



**NO**  
**Single-use Plastic Carryout Bags**



**8¢ charge**  
**Large Paper Carryout Bags**  
Made with 40% recycled content.  
Charges must be retained by the business.



**8¢ charge**  
**Thick Reusable Plastic Carryout Bags**  
Made with 20% recycled content and a minimum of 2.25 mil thick film.  
Charges must be retained by the business.



**Charge optional**  
**Compostable Carryout Bags Allowed but Not Recommended**  
Green or brown tinted film bags must be compostable.

## Fall environmental classes offered at no cost!

Bellevue Utilities is pleased to offer free “Greener Living” environmental community classes this fall and winter, including **in-person classes** at Bellevue Botanical Garden’s (12001 Main St.) indoor education conference room and **live virtual classes via Zoom**. For more information visit [BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes](https://BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes).

Registration is required. Email [recycle@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:recycle@bellevuewa.gov), or call Sam Wilder at 206-949-1787 to register.

Current safety protocols related to the COVID-19 pandemic at the time of each class will be followed.



CLASS	DATES AND TIMES
<b>Safer Cleaning</b>	Sept. 7, 10-11 a.m. at Bellevue Botanical Garden Oct.13, Noon-1 p.m. at Bellevue Botanical Garden Oct. 18, 7-8 p.m. Virtual class Nov. 9, Noon-1 p.m. Virtual class
<b>Super Sorter</b>	Sept. 8, 10-11 a.m. Bellevue Botanical Garden Oct. 11, Noon-1 p.m. Bellevue Botanical Garden Oct. 25, 7-8 p.m. Virtual class Nov. 2, Noon-1 p.m. Virtual class
<b>Reduce Wasted Food</b>	Sept. 21, 7-8 p.m. Virtual class Nov. 18, Noon-1 p.m. Virtual class
<b>Plastics: Problems and Possibilities</b>	Sept. 22, Noon-1 p.m. Bellevue Botanical Garden Dec. 2, 7-8 p.m. Virtual class
<b>Sustainable Shopping</b>	Nov. 15, 7-8 p.m. Virtual class Dec. 1, 7-8 p.m. Virtual class







## September is National Preparedness Month

**"Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."**

[ready.gov](https://ready.gov)

## Fall Prevention and Older Adults

In recognition of Falls Prevention Awareness Week, Sept. 20-24, the Bellevue Network on Aging would like to increase your knowledge of fall prevention.

Older adults are at risk for falls and the risk for falls increases with age. However, falls are largely preventable and do not need to be an inevitable part of aging. Agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institute on Aging and the Washington Department of Health all have useful articles on fall prevention. Here are some steps one can take to help prevent falls.

1. Talk to your doctor about fall risks and prevention and have your doctor or pharmacist review your medications for fall-related side effects.
2. Have your eyes and hearing tested regularly, wear your glasses and hearing aids when needed, and wear well-fitting shoes with good support both inside and outside your home.
3. Make your home safe. Arrange furniture so that there is room to walk without obstacles, remove from the floor and stairs items that you could trip on, keep halls and walkways well lit, install grab bars next to and inside the tub and next to the toilet and have handrails and lights installed on all staircases.
4. Keep physically active to the extent that you are able, and with your health provider's

approval engage in exercises and programs designed to improve balance, flexibility and strength.




5. Use the Washington Dept. of Health worksheet, "My Falls-Free Plan," referred to in: [dshs.wa.gov/altsa/home-and-community-services/falls-prevention](https://dshs.wa.gov/altsa/home-and-community-services/falls-prevention)

## City hosting aging seminar series

### HEALTHY AGING AND WELLNESS

### FALL SPEAKERS SERIES

TUESDAYS | 1:00PM-2:00PM

 <p><b>DR. PATRICK RAUE</b> SEPTEMBER 14TH</p> <p>A Healthy Outlook: Recognizing Depression in Later Life.</p>	 <p><b>DR. MURRAY RASKIND</b> OCTOBER 12TH</p> <p>Forgetfulness episodes in later life... when are they benign, and when should one worry about Alzheimer's Disease</p>	 <p><b>DR. MICHAEL SCHRIFT</b> NOVEMBER 9TH</p> <p>Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia/Medications</p>
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- The North Bellevue Community Center has teamed up with the University of Washington Medicine and VA Puget Sound Health Care System to offer a special free online Speakers Series.
- On the second Tuesday of each month we will present remarkable talks featuring local professors and health care professionals who specialize in healthy aging and wellness. Each talk is about 45 minutes with a 15-minute Q&A session. We hope you'll join us for one, two or all three of these talks to discover important information about healthy aging, brain health and wellness.
- All events are free but pre-registration is required. You can sign up for the whole series or individual events that interest you most. Each session is designed to be informative and interactive, with a chance

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to ask your questions live of our presenters. You have two options to participate:

- ◆ **Online:** Joining online you'll need a computer with internet to participate, and instructions for connecting will be emailed after you register.
- ◆ **In person:** We will have a computer connected to a television screen at NBCC. To sign up for in person contact the NBCC by phone 425-452-7681 or email [nbcc@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:nbcc@bellevuewa.gov).

**Register for Patrick J. Raue, PhD lecture, Sept. 14, 1-2 p.m.:** [register.bellevuewa.gov/php/online/#/bvuewa/programinfo/326780](https://register.bellevuewa.gov/php/online/#/bvuewa/programinfo/326780)

**Register for Murray Raskind, MD lecture, Oct. 12, 1-2 p.m.:** [register.bellevuewa.gov/php/online/#/bvuewa/programinfo/326784](https://register.bellevuewa.gov/php/online/#/bvuewa/programinfo/326784)

**Register for Michael Schriff, DO lecture, Nov. 9, 1-2 p.m.:** [register.bellevuewa.gov/php/online/#/bvuewa/programinfo/326785](https://register.bellevuewa.gov/php/online/#/bvuewa/programinfo/326785)

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## Summer road construction season continues

Work continues on a slope stabilization project on Northeast 24th Street at 172nd Avenue Northeast, near Ardmore Park, part of a busy summer construction season. Recently, crews used a drilling machine to install tiebacks that will support the new retaining wall (see photo).



Other elements of the work include stormwater enhancements, sidewalk improvements, a new bike lane and landscaping. The project launched in June and is expected to finish in December. The

\$1.9 million effort is partly funded by the voter-approved Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy.

Other substantial project locations this summer include:

- City-managed transportation projects such as West Lake Sammamish Parkway; 105th Avenue Southeast, south of Main Street; and 112th Avenue Northeast, north of Northeast 12th Street
- Repaving work that's part of the city's annual pavement preservation program
- Streets impacted by Utilities projects at various locations
- Light rail construction work at various locations
- Numerous private development projects, especially in the downtown area.

Please drive, ride and walk with caution near construction zones, obeying flaggers and signs set up to keep both workers and travelers safe.

General project information is available at [BellevueWA.gov/transportation](http://BellevueWA.gov/transportation). For information about traffic impacts from the many projects across the city, please check [BellevueWA.gov/trafficadvisories](http://BellevueWA.gov/trafficadvisories).

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## Newport Way Opening



*On July 30, city councilmembers and staff were joined by members of the Newport Way Sidewalk Committee to celebrate the completion of the SE Newport Way multipurpose path, sidewalk and bike lane.*

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## 2021 Neighborhood Walks

Neighborhood Walks reaffirmed that two-way conversations are vital between the public and city leadership. As a first opportunity to begin meeting again in person, residents shared the unique aspects of their neighborhoods and their priorities, and the city manager and directors from all departments interacted with residents.

This year's walks were held in the following neighborhood areas: Somerset starting at Somerset Elementary School, West Bellevue starting at Enatai Park and Northeast Bellevue starting at Ardmore Park. One citywide virtual walk was conducted online with input from residents from West Lake Sammamish, Wilburton and Cougar Mountain/Lakemont areas.



Northeast Bellevue



Somerset



Somerset



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## Boards and Commissions Meetings

As of April 1, no meetings are taking place at City Hall. 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)

**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](http://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](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)

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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 <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			

### 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 Tuesday 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 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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