



Neighborhood News

February 2022

"Story in the Cloth"

Quilting Traditions and Practices in the African American Community




Meeting by Zoom

Tuesday February 15, 1-2:30 p.m.

In February's conversation, celebrating Black History Month, we'll learn about quilting traditions and practices in the African American community, both past and present.

A quilt may appear to be the craft of a skilled artist applying needle to cloth. However, stories of family, community, social and racial justice are often represented in the quilt. We'll learn more about the history of quilting through such stories as those of "Gees Bend" in Alabama. This art form builds communities, creates legacies and serves as a source of social and economic empowerment for women.

Joining with us will be a panel of local artists who will share their quilting story and their sources of inspiration. Following the presentation, we'll share conversation in small breakout rooms.

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For more information, accommodation needs, and to obtain the Zoom registration link ([cityofbellevue.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYuduytpj0iHN2a2lm3sFgfS-uCXuWXAaWw](https://cityofbellevue.zoom.us/j/7542222222)), please contact NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov or 452-452-6836.

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

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Neighborhood Enhancement Program: Attention Newport Area Residents

The project idea submission period is now open for the Newport Neighborhood Enhancement Program, a capital improvements program that provides residents with the opportunity to propose and select small-scale physical projects that improve the quality of life and enhance the character in their neighborhood area. The city has a budget of \$282,000 for you to spend on projects.



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Don't miss the opportunity to let the city know what you'd like to see done in your neighborhood by sending in your NEP project ideas. The submission deadline for ideas is March 3!

Submit your ideas in two easy ways:

1. By mail: Return the prepaid Project Idea Request Card all Newport households received in the mail in mid-January
2. Online: BellevueWA.gov/nep

There is no limit on the number of project ideas you can submit, but all ideas must be received at City Hall or submitted online by Thursday, March 3, 2022.

NEP rotates through Bellevue's 14 Neighborhood areas, serving two areas each year. 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. Questions? Contact Theresa Cuthill at tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov

Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

"Shaping Our Future: Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan"

Thursday, Feb. 17

6:30-8 p.m. Zoom Meeting

*Bellevue gets ready to update the Comprehensive Plan
Brooke Brod, Community Development Department*

It's no surprise that Bellevue is growing. Recent census data shows that King County is one of the fastest growing places in the country, and that growth is expected to continue as our region is projected to add 1.8 million people by 2050. Bellevue is planning to add 35,000 housing units and 70,000 jobs by 2044.

Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan is the city's primary tool for addressing this growth. It outlines a vision for the future and provides policy direction for how to get there. Through the planning process the community works with city staff to explore the questions: "Who are we today?" "Where do we want to be in the future?" and "How will we get there?"

The Comprehensive Plan is a central document, and it is used by City Council, boards and

commissions, and city staff to inform decision-making on housing, transportation, land use, infrastructure development and more. Past updates to Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan have led to the creation of new, mixed-use, transit-oriented neighborhoods like BelRed, the adoption of a citywide Environmental Stewardship Plan and partnerships on affordable housing.

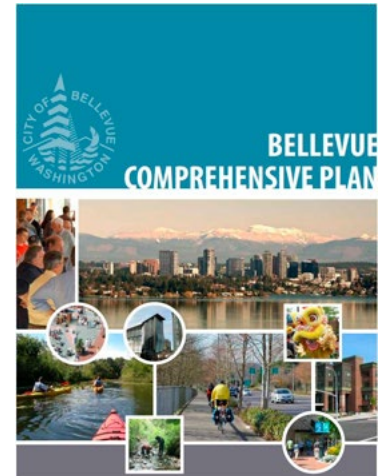
The city will kick off the conversation with a Neighborhood Leadership Gathering focused on "Shaping Our Future: Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan."

Emil King, Community Development Planning Director, Thara Johnson, Comprehensive Planning Manager and additional city staff will provide an overview of the Comprehensive Plan, its role in shaping the future growth of the city and the importance of broad community input in updating its policies and vision.

We also seek your input on a vision for Bellevue 2044. Join us for a focused conversation on Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan and what it means for future generations. During this interactive gathering, participants will share their thoughts on what the future of Bellevue will look like, ask questions and learn about opportunities to bring the conversation to friends and neighbors.

Neighborhood Leadership Gatherings are open to anyone who cares about the quality of life in Bellevue's neighborhoods. Please RSVP at neighborhood-leadership-gathering-comp-plan.eventbrite.com or call 425-452-6836 to receive a Zoom link.

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City of Bellevue Arts Program

Call for portable artworks

The City of Bellevue seeks to purchase portable artworks that exemplify the mission of the Bellevue Art Collection. The call is open to all professional visual artists and visual artists working towards professional status that live in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties. The deadline for consideration is March 11. Purchased artworks will be included in the Bellevue Art Collection and will eventually be located throughout city-owned and publicly accessible buildings and offices. The future placement locations of the purchased artworks will be determined by the City of Bellevue.



The City of Bellevue seeks to be a vital platform for cultural exchange and creative inspiration. Living artists enrich the collective experience of Bellevue's public places through permanent commissions and a growing collection of moveable artworks funded through the Public Art Program. A segment of the collection is devoted to artworks that continue the discourse on the defining aspects of Bellevue's civic life, exploring the diverse identities of our residents, converging cultures, international connections, technological currents and interplay between nature and the urban experience that make Bellevue's environment unique. Bellevue's art collection helps document the dynamic moments and complexities of Bellevue's cultural life and is an important resource for future generations.

Applications are due by Friday, March 11 at midnight. Link to Call submission: bellevuearts.smapply.io/prog/portablecall_2022

All applications will be collected on SurveyMonkey. Apply via the Portable Call application. All questions regarding the call and how to apply should be directed to Manette Stamm, 425-452-4064 or mstamm@bellevuewa.gov.

Become a Neighborhood Tree Ambassador



Are you looking for an opportunity to make a positive difference in your community, learn about trees, collect volunteer service hours, and develop outdoor education skills? Consider becoming a Neighborhood Tree Ambassador!

Ambassadors are volunteers who help to promote the value and benefits of trees in Bellevue by educating their neighborhood about urban trees and assisting with city efforts to preserve and plant more trees.

Ambassadors do not need any prior knowledge or experience. Participants will receive training in tree identification



and environmental education techniques and will work with Bellevue's Urban Forestry Specialist to support Bellevue tree programs and forestry projects in their neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Tree Ambassadors must attend three training workshops.

To learn more and apply, visit Neighborhood Tree Ambassador Program on City of Bellevue website (BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/environmental-stewardship/trees-open-space-0). Please email rbarbiero@bellevuewa.gov with questions.

2022 Recycling Guide to help you recycle right

Bellevue residents continue to benefit both the environment and the economy by recycling their plastic, paper, cardboard, glass and metal cans, and by composting their food scraps. However, aspirational or "wishcycling" by well-intentioned recyclers creates contamination. Wishcycling is defined as the practice of putting something in a recycling bin without being certain that it is actually recyclable. Become familiar with the basic

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rules of recycling, so that your good intentions aren't wasted!

Republic Services' recycling guide is available in multiple languages online at RepublicBellevue.com.

If you have recycling questions or if you have a missed garbage, recycling or compost pickup to report, please contact Republic Services at 425-452-4762.

Spring roster of Greener Living Classes

By Erin Hislop, Utilities Conservation and Outreach

Bellevue Utilities is pleased to offer another round of free, interactive Greener Living classes this spring.



Classes will be virtual via Zoom.

To register, email recycle@bellevuewa.gov or call 206-949-1787. All classes are first come, first served.

Classes include:

- **Safer Cleaning:** Learn how to shop for safer products and how to make your own non-toxic cleaners.
 - **Plastics - Problems and Possibilities:** Learn which plastics can be recycled and how to reduce your global impact.
 - **Responsible Reorganizing:** Explore how to declutter and downsize without putting so much in the garbage.
 - **Super Sorter:** Learn which common items belong in recycle, compost or garbage. Find out how to properly dispose of unusual or potentially hazardous items.
 - **Reduce Wasted Food:** Maximize your food through proper storage, label reading and innovative recipes.
 - **Curbside Composting and Beyond:** Identify compostable products and how to set up composting service for your house, apartment or condo.
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Exploring "senior villages"

The senior population in the United States is growing. By 2034, older adults are expected to outnumber people under the age of



18 for the first time in American history. As the older population grows, not all will have access to formal systems of care, and an increasing number of older adults are seeking ways to stay connected to their community and to get support in navigating the transitions of getting older without losing their independence.

That's where senior villages come in. The senior village concept has emerged over the last several years as a community-based approach to aging in place that recognizes and relies on the concepts of community, belonging and interdependence. The purpose of senior villages is to build both personal resilience and community resilience.

The village model brings together neighbors and members of a community to form a network of support for senior members, offering opportunities for social engagement and connection in order to help seniors remain in their communities of choice. As members of a senior village, people who want to stay in their own homes or communities as they age contribute their resources to a community pool of funds to access a neighbor-based system of support.

Members can then access numerous resources, such as transportation, health and wellness programs, basic home repairs, community engagement activities, support fulfilling basic needs and connection to vetted and affordable service providers, even if they do not access formalized funding for that care.

The model emulates the concept of a village, where community members know their neighbors, provide mutual support and rely upon one another's expertise to thrive independently in daily life.



For more detailed information, visit the national Village to Village website (vtvnetwork.org) or contact:

- Denise Klein, Wider Horizons at 206 650-3586
- Jeanne Marie Thomas, NEST at 360 480-9244
- Riana Nolet, PNA Village at 206 789-1217
- Eastside Neighbors Network (eastsideneighborsnetwork.org)
- Northwest Neighbors Network (3n.clubexpress.com)

Mary's Place seeking volunteers for new family shelter location

Mary's Place (marysplaceseattle.org) has recently opened a new emergency family shelter at the former Silver Cloud Hotel in downtown Bellevue and is welcoming in-person volunteers in a limited capacity.

Mary's Place provides shelter and services for families with children experiencing homelessness. At their new Bellevue Family Center, nearly 200 moms, dads, and kids will find safe shelter, nutritious meals, housing and wellness resources, and fun and learning in Kids Club!



You can help by supporting meal service, sorting incoming donations, organizing the hygiene distribution center, and creating hygiene kits for guests. If you're interested in learning more, email volunteer@marysplaceseattle.org.

Choose an alternative to solo driving and earn rewards

Through its Choose Your Way Bellevue travel options program, the City of Bellevue works to promote alternatives to driving alone. As the pandemic starts to ease and more people return to traditional offices, Choose Your Way Bellevue is offering a "Return to Travel" campaign to encourage the use of bus, carpool, vanpool, bicycling and walking options for commutes and other trips.

By logging days of travel by these non-drive-alone modes at ChooseYourWayBellevue.org/rewards, Bellevue travelers may be eligible for the following reward programs.

- **Get Back on the Move:** Log 25 days to receive a \$50 reward (limit one per participant).
- **Stay on the Move:** Log eight days in a calendar month to be entered in a drawing for a \$25 reward (two recipients will be selected).
- **Super Traveler:** Log 50 days of non-drive-alone travel in Bellevue in a three-month period and submit a 150-word story describing your experience to be entered in a drawing for a pair of Bose 700 noise-cancelling headphones, with charging case, or an equivalent gift card, an approximate \$500 value.

Offers are valid while supplies last. Learn more on the chooseyourwaybellevue.org website, including how to ride a bus; vanpool and carpool partner matching; and personalized commute planning assistance.



WSDOT project on 148th Ave NE to require closures

The state Department of Transportation project at State Route 520 and 148th Avenue Northeast will require up to four weekend-long closures of the northbound or southbound lanes of 148th Avenue Northeast, and up to four weekend closures of the eastbound SR 520 off-ramp to 148th Avenue.

Designed to reduce congestion in the Overlake Village area and provide more options for travelers, construction begins later this year; WSDOT will provide closure dates and times on the project webpage (search for: WSDOT Overlake ramp) once they are scheduled.

The eastbound SR 520 off-ramp to southbound 148th Avenue Northeast will be shifted and a new ramp will be built that goes under 148th Avenue to Overlake Village. The new ramps will reduce backups on southbound 148th as well as on the eastbound SR 520 off-ramp.



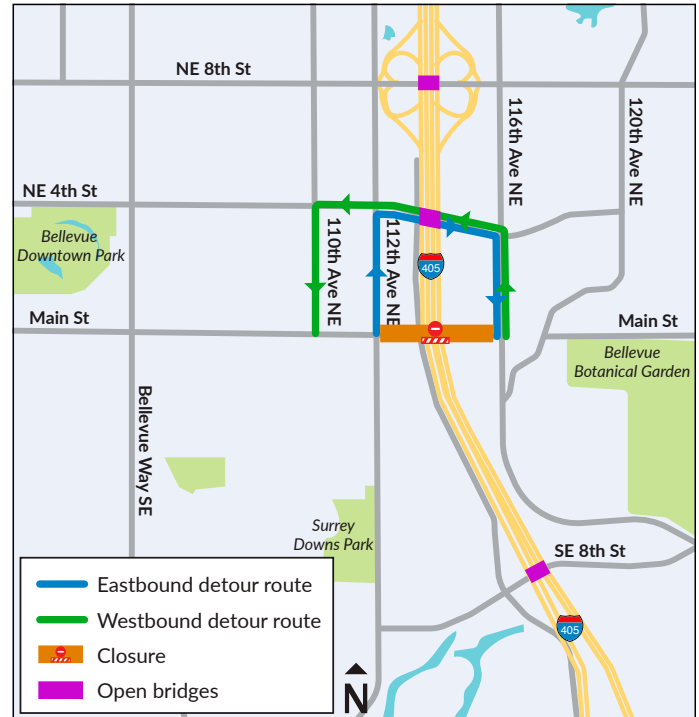
In addition to improving vehicle traffic, pedestrian improvements will include sidewalks with spaces for people in wheelchairs to pass each other on NE Shen Street and narrowing the ramp connection from SR 520 to 148th Avenue, reducing the width of roadway pedestrians must cross.

For questions, please contact Adrienne Hatmaker at adriennehatmaker@wsdot.wa.gov.

WSDOT will replace Main Street bridge over highway

Project requires 150-day closure of Main, weekend closure of I-405

The state Department of Transportation will close Main Street between 112th and 116th avenues starting as early as March 1 as it begins work to replace the Main Street bridge over Interstate 405 with a span that includes a pedestrian and bicycle path for people who walk and bicycle.



In addition to a 150-day closure of Main, WSDOT will close I-405 in both directions through downtown. The timing of the highway closure is weather-dependent, but could be as early as March 5-6.

City and WSDOT officials know the closure will impact traffic around downtown and encourage travelers to use alternate routes, if possible.

The overpass project is part of WSDOT's I-405 Renton-to-Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project. The new bridge will span the new, wider I-405. The project requires that:

- The principal detour for Main Street will be on Northeast Fourth Street. The closure of Main Street will be followed by a 60-day period when one lane in each direction is open.

- The detour route for the I-405 closure will move traffic onto city streets between the highway ramps at Northeast Fourth and Southeast Eighth streets.
- Additional I-405 weekend closures will be scheduled in the coming months to set girders for the new bridge, but those closures will be in one direction only.

More about the Main Street bridge replacement and all WSDOT closures on I-405 is at [WSDOT.wa.gov/I405Widening](https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/I405Widening). Get the latest information on street closures citywide at [BellevueWA.gov/trafficadvisories](https://www.belleuvewa.gov/trafficadvisories).



Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail improvements

Bellevue City Council members joined federal, state and local officials on Jan. 7 to celebrate the latest Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail improvements. The 1.2-mile segment in the city's Factoria neighborhood extends from Interstate 405 to 142nd Place Southeast. Safety upgrades include a new tunnel under the I-405 ramps to eastbound I-90 and a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over busy Factoria Boulevard Southeast. Final work is wrapping up in February on the section from 132nd Avenue Northeast to 142nd Place Southeast. Project information is available at [BellevueWA.gov/mtsgreenwaytrail](https://www.belleuvewa.gov/mtsgreenwaytrail).



Boards and Commissions Meetings

As of April 2020, 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

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			

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.

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