



Neighborhood News

August 2022

There's still time! Plan your Neighbor Link summer gathering


While it has been a slower season of larger events sponsored by neighborhood and community associations, smaller gatherings of nearby neighbors have been successful. How do they do it? They've kept it simple: organized outside gatherings shorter in length on lawns, in driveways or on street closed to traffic. The menu is easy: ice cream or popsicles, a community potluck or bring your own meal. Participants are encouraged to mask at their level of comfort.

Finding out what we have in common is a great way to strengthen the fabric of a neighborhood, foster inclusion, reduce loneliness, and improve communication and safety. The Neighbor Link program for Bellevue residents runs June 1-Oct. 1 and provides city resources including colorful flyers, banners and connections to fire and police safety professionals that can all be used for your neighborhood connection events.

If you are planning a late August or early September event, we can also assist you with a free permit to help you close your street to traffic, and reimburse up to \$50 for road closure barricades.

Contact us at neighborhoodoutreach@Bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6836.



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Make a Difference for Diversity: Apply to join the Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network!

The City of Bellevue is now welcoming applications from those interested in joining the Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network, which supports and guides the city's relationships with diverse communities in Bellevue.

City of Bellevue
Diversity Advantage



Applications are available in multiple languages and can be completed at <https://forms.office.com/g/h5z77nDFVm>, where you can also find a printable form to submit by mail. All applications must be received by Sunday, Aug. 7.

BDAN members are appointed by City Manager Brad Miyake, and provide important counsel to city leadership and all city departments. The panel shares feedback and insight on issues relevant to communities in Bellevue to increase equity, access and inclusion.

The city is looking for a wide range of BDAN representation. Applicants must:

- Work or live in Bellevue
- Have cultural connections and knowledge of the city's diverse population
- Possess a willingness, curiosity and interest in bridging cultural gaps to strengthen community
- Be prepared to volunteer a minimum of six hours a month, including attending at least two meetings
- Be able and willing to serve a minimum of two years on the board
- Attend the BDAN annual retreat on Saturday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

More information about BDAN can be found by going to bellevuewa.gov and searching for Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network.



Comp Plan Corner “Community Deep Dives” are underway

By Brooke Brod, Community Development Department

Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan is the core document for guiding growth and development. It looks ahead twenty years to ensure that people who live, work, or play in Bellevue have what they need in terms of housing, transportation, economic opportunity, access to parks, and more. Updates to the Comprehensive Plan happen about every ten years and provide an important opportunity to step back and consider issues holistically.

There are a number of priorities and requirements that are providing direction to this update; these come from state legislation, regional partnerships, the existing City Council vision, and what we've been hearing from the community.

- Focus growth near transit and infrastructure
- Provide a range of housing options
- Support small businesses and local commercial centers
- Preserve and restore natural areas
- Grow sustainably and reduce impact on climate change
- Address equity, displacement and historic systemic racism
- Expand transportation options and high levels of service
- Maintain public safety

Over the summer and through the fall of this year the Comprehensive Planning Team is engaging with the community on these priorities through a series of **Community Deep Dives**. These interactive workshops provide people with the opportunity to explore data, learn about issues, and engage in small group discussion.

The first **Community Deep Dive** happened in July and focused on the environment and

sustainability. More than fifty people attended. There were thoughtful discussions about how to balance the need for more housing along with enhancing our tree canopy and access to open space. People also talked about how to create more walkable neighborhoods and ways to make it easier for people to drive less.

There are three more **Community Deep Dives** happening in August and September.

- **Wednesday, Aug. 3: Places & Spaces.** How can we create great places for social and civic connection?
- **Wednesday, Aug. 24: Access & Connection.** How can we ensure people have access to work, shops, cafes, and other amenities close to home?
- **Thursday, Sept. 15: Housing.** How can we provide housing that meets the needs of people at all stages of life and income levels?

Each session will take place at Bellevue City Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for a self-paced review of data and the workshop will begin at 6 p.m. People can register at bellevue-2044-community-deep-dives.eventbrite.com.

To learn more about the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, share feedback, and find out how to get involved visit engagingbellevue.com/bellevue-2044.

The Rock n' Roll Marathon Weekend is coming soon!

St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll Running Series Washington race weekend is coming to Bellevue Sept. 3-4. The events will include a 5K and "Kids Rock" run on Saturday, Sept. 3, followed by the half marathon on Sunday, Sept. 4. The headquarters and start of the race will be at Bellevue Downtown Park and the Bellevue Collection.

The Rock 'n' Roll running event provides an opportunity for Bellevue's active lifestyle population, while highlighting the city for tourism and economic development benefit.



There are many ways Bellevue residents and the business community can get involved! Run, volunteer, participate in a cheer station, provide runner perks and more!

Questions about traffic impacts can be directed to community.cgi@ironman.com

Learn more and get involved at BellevueWA.gov/biz or at BellevueWA.gov/rocknrollrunning

“To burn or not to burn?” Here’s the answer!

By Heather Wong, Bellevue Fire Department



Warm summer evenings are on the horizon, and with them come outdoor gatherings centered around the age-old practice of

watching flames flicker and dodging smoke that shifts on the wind. But before you promise the kiddos an evening of s'mores, take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with local burn bans and guidance about outdoor fires.

First, it should be noted that in the City of Bellevue, the burning of yard debris, construction materials or trash, is never allowed.

Second, it goes without saying that if a burn ban is in effect, the rules change. The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (pscleanair.gov/168/Air-Quality-Burn-Ban-Status) regulates burning in the urban areas of King County. Visit their website or call 1-800-595-4341 to check for burn bans or learn more about outdoor burning restrictions.

If a burn ban is not in place, recreational fires, which are small outdoor fires made for pleasure, warmth, cooking or ceremonial/religious purposes are allowed. Fires in permanent firepits must be three feet or less in diameter, two feet or less in height and at a minimum, 25 feet from any structure or combustible material, including decks and fences. Chimeneas and portable firepits or fireplaces must be 15 feet from any structure or

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combustible materials and used according to all manufacturer instructions.

All outdoor fires must constantly be attended and supervised by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing tools such as shovels, garden hoses, or a fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating.

You may get a visit from your friendly neighborhood fire station. If your outdoor fire is deemed hazardous, the firefighters will have you extinguish it. Additionally, complaints regarding smoke or other air quality concerns can be directed online to The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (pscleanair.gov/168/Air-Quality-Burn-Ban-Status) or by calling 1-800-552-3565.

Bellevue Police Community Academy



After a two-year pause, the Police Community Academy is back!

Step behind the scenes to learn about the Bellevue

Police Department. You'll get unique experiences and training demonstrations, ask questions and meet our officers and detectives. The Community Academy is primarily classroom-based with hands-on lessons about patrol, firearms, narcotics, K-9, major crimes investigations, collision investigations, defensive driving tactics and more. The fall academy is on Thursdays, Sept. 8-Dec. 1, 6-9 p.m.

Visit our website for more information and to apply at <http://bit.ly/2ulZNjY>.



Bellevue police launch targeted anti-crime initiative



Bellevue police are increasing the number of targeted operations to reduce crime in the city's hotspots. The hotspots include stores, malls and the downtown core, where thefts and criminal activity have been on the rise. Traffic enforcement officers will also conduct high-visibility patrols in known problem areas, looking for traffic infractions, DUI and collision-causing violations. The anti-crime patrols will also include apartment complexes with surface parking lots and neighborhoods experiencing a high number of car and catalytic converter thefts and prowls.

"Like many areas, Bellevue is seeing a rise in property crime of about 22% and we are committed to crime-fighting efforts to address these issues," said Chief Wendell Shirley. "We are approaching this with individual anti-crime plans for each sector of Bellevue. Our patrol captains work with their teams to run these operations, including targeted stings, high-visibility patrols and undercover work."

The anti-crime initiative coincides with the department's new Transparency and Accountability website (bpd-data.bellevuewa.gov/), which tracks current crime statistics. Officers have access to regularly updated information that allows them to monitor existing and emerging hotspots. This data-driven approach allows teams to quickly adjust resources and tackle crime trends.

In the recent weeks, these operations have already located and led to the arrests of prolific shoplifters, DUI drivers and wanted subjects. In addition, traffic officers have issued over 60 citations, resulting in three arrests for outstanding warrants.

"Our officers have built relationships with businesses in their sector, and together we are working to combat the ongoing crime," stated Chief Shirley. "We want our residents and visitors to feel safe and be safe here in Bellevue."

Shredded Paper Recycling Event

Saturday, Aug. 20

9 a.m.-Noon (or until trucks are full)

Sammamish High School main parking lot,
south entrance

100 140th Ave SE, Bellevue

Bring your paper documents containing sensitive information to have shredded and recycled by a safe and secure shredding company on Saturday, Aug. 20, 9 a.m.- Noon, or until the trucks are full. Limited to four "banker size" boxes **per car** (11"x11"x17.5" maximum). Shredding staff will take documents from your vehicle to an on-site shredder. Empty boxes will be immediately returned to you.

Items that will not be accepted

The following material will contaminate the recycling process and is NOT accepted at this event:

- Computer disks
- Plastic of any kind
- X-rays
- 3-ring binders
- Cardboard
- Garbage

Shredded paper cannot go in your home recycling or composting carts. If you cannot take shredded paper to a shred event, it belongs in the garbage. Shredding with a service, instead of at home, allows the paper to be recycled. Shred only what you must - shredded paper has fewer recycling uses than whole sheets of paper. Only documents containing sensitive information, such as bank account or social security numbers, need to be shredded. For additional guidance on shredding from the WA Attorney General's Office visit atg.wa.gov/what-shred. For additional event or recycling questions, email recycle@bellevuewa.gov.



Bellevue Network on Aging

A heartfelt message from the Network on Aging:

"We celebrate the life of Janet Jelleff, a valued member of the Bellevue Network on Aging. Janet orchestrated the monthly submission of articles to the Neighborhood News, and organized the distribution of the newsletters throughout the city. Her efforts on behalf of older adults the last three years were greatly appreciated, and she will be dearly missed."

Established by the City of Bellevue in 2006, the Bellevue Network on Aging is an advisory group consisting of volunteers who either work or live in Bellevue. The Network acts in an advisory capacity to the City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department. Members study, review, evaluate and make recommendations to the city on matters affecting Bellevue's older adults.

The Bellevue Network On Aging is dedicated to healthy aging in our community by promoting awareness of needs and resources that support older adults through life's transitions. The Network meets monthly for two hours. Members meet with their subcommittees an additional hour each month and also participate in subcommittee activities. The subcommittees are Advocacy, Housing & Transportation, and Outreach.

The Advocacy subcommittee is a joint committee of the BNOA and the Kirkland Senior Council. Members discuss and study local, state and federal issues that impact seniors and decide on which topics to take positions. For the state and federal issues, members write letters to legislators and meet with them and their assistants. For local issues, members communicate with the appropriate City departments and City Council members.

The Housing & Transportation subcommittee works on local transportation and affordable

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housing issues to ensure that senior needs are being considered and included in the City's plans. The goal is twofold: to make sure that senior citizens are provided convenient, accessible, and fairly priced transportation and parking in order to conduct their daily living activities; and to focus on affordable housing options for low- and fixed-income seniors.

Issues on which the subcommittee has worked include: METRO bus, Sound Transit, Uber and Lyft, parking at senior facilities, Crossroads Connect, parking and restrooms at trails and transit stations, pedestrian safety and lighting, Light Rail station design, Park 'n' Ride portal-to-portal rides, ORCA passes, bus stops, City of Bellevue affordable housing plan, and advocating for affordable units in new construction.

The Outreach subcommittee is responsible for the communication of valuable information to older adults in Bellevue, including hosting a table at Bellevue Farmers' Market days, contributing a monthly column to the City of Bellevue Neighborhood News, being a liaison with non-profits in Bellevue, and distributing paper copies of the Neighborhood News to key locations in the city.

Recruitment of new BNOA members occurs in September of each year. Members must live, work or serve older adults in Bellevue, 51% of the group must be over 50 years of age. Members must be willing to volunteer 6-12 hours per month.

If you are interested in applying to be on the Bellevue Network on Aging, please visit the website BellevueWA.gov/bnoa for an application or call Dan Lassiter at the North Bellevue Community Center 425 452-4470.

“Art Wall” at South Bellevue Community Center

Local artists exhibition will be on display Aug. 1-Sept. 30

In support of the City of Bellevue's goal to “support a variety of artwork in public places,” an art enrichment opportunity for Bellevue residents will be installed in the lobby hallway of South Bellevue Community Center. Displays will be limited to non-commercial material and will celebrate the



diversity of our community.

A Display Review Committee will review the materials to be displayed at SBCC and oversee

the scheduling and installation of each display. Selection for artwork to be displayed was based on the relationship of the material to the city, the quality of the presentation, the treatment of the subject matter, the educational value and the craftsmanship and timeliness of the material. You're invited to come and enjoy the creativity and craftsmanship of Bellevue's arts community!

Citywide Summer Paving Projects

Pavement Preservation Program

Our annual Pavement Preservation Program will be starting in the upcoming weeks. This year, we are resurfacing over 30 lane miles of road and upgrading 81 curb ramps to improve accessibility. Projects are located throughout the city. For more information, visit the program website at BellevueWA.gov/pavement.

Pavement restriping

You may have seen our contractor around the city the past two weeks as they restriped about 200 lane miles of road. We restripe annually to ensure there is clear delineation between lanes so people who drive, walk, and roll can easily see them.



The city's contractor restriping lines along Forest Drive Southeast

Second segment of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail completed

The second segment of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail from 132nd Avenue SE to 142nd Place SE opened July 1. The 12-foot-wide paved path on the north side of SE 36th Street continues from the first segment that was completed in March 2021; the two segments together provide 6100 feet of new trail. As part of this project, the contractor also constructed retaining walls, improved traffic signals at two intersections, made stormwater system improvements and installed new lighting and landscaping. Funding for this work came from the city's Capital Investment Program and grants from Sound Transit and the Puget Sound Regional Council.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway (mtsgreenway.org/explore/map/) is a 100-mile-long corridor along Interstate 90. It starts in Seattle and stretches all the way to Ellensburg in Central Washington. The trail will eventually connect Seattle, Mercer Island, Bellevue, Issaquah, Preston and Snoqualmie.

Please note that this segment of the trail will be closed intermittently to complete outstanding work. To learn more about the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail and keep up to date on its progress, visit the project webpage at BellevueWA.gov/mtsgreenwaytrail

Transportation Facilities Plan Update Adopted

The council voted unanimously to adopt the 2022-2033 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) at their July 11 meeting following a recommendation from the Transportation Commission. The plan was last updated in 2019 and is usually updated every two to three years.

The TFP serves as the city's 12-year transportation capital facility planning document and provides the first level of prioritization for transportation projects city-wide. It includes projects from long-range plans, such as the Downtown Transportation Plan Update (BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/transportation/planning/infrastructure-and-subareas/downtown-transportation-plan), the Transit Master Plan (BellevueWA.gov/city-government/



[departments/transportation/planning/transit-commuting/transit-master-plan](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/transportation/planning/transit-commuting/transit-master-plan)), and the Pedestrian-Bicycle Implementation Plan (BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/transportation/planning/pedestrian-and-bicycle-planning/pedestrian-bicycle-implementation-initiative), and projects that address emerging needs and opportunities. The plan also serves as the basis for the city's Impact Fee Program, which requires new developments to share the necessary costs to increase transportation system capacity as the city grows.

The 2022-2033 TFP includes 71 projects that will improve safety, address vehicular capacity needs, enhance transit mobility and continue building out key segments of Bellevue's pedestrian and bicycle systems. For more information, and to view the adopted 2022-2033 TFP, visit BellevueWA.gov/tfp.



Boards and Commissions Meetings

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

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 Wednesday 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 and fourth 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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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	Council Chamber 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			

2022 Neighborhood Walks

For the sixth year, City Manager Brad Miyake and City of Bellevue staff visited and walked with residents during the city's Neighborhood Walks program. This year we had conversations with residents in Eastgate, Wilburton, Bridle Trails and Lake Hills neighborhood areas. Thanks to the association leaders in each area that encouraged their residents to connect with each other and city staff!

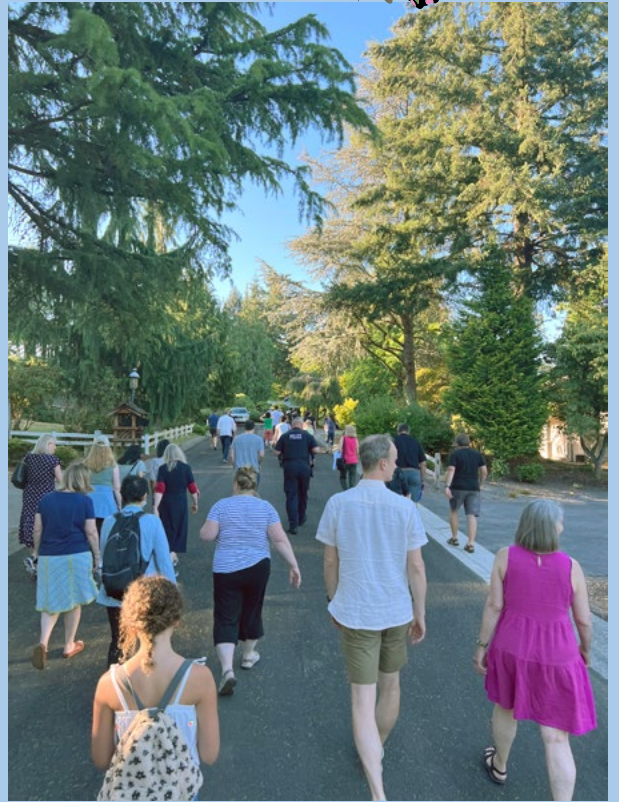


Eastgate



Wilburton





Bridle Trails



Lake Hills

