



Neighborhood News

October 2022


40th Annual Kelsey Creek Farm Fair

Celebrate the fall harvest at the 40th annual Kelsey Creek Farm Fair on Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Festivities include: hands-on pioneer activities; animal viewing; scarecrows; pedal tractors; train display and demonstration, tractor-pulled wagon rides by Northwest Vintage Tractor Club; food trucks; and a pumpkin patch, plus decorating.

Free shuttles will run from Bannerwood Sports Park, 1790 Richards Road and the Wilburton Park and Ride, 720 114th Ave. SE to Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th Pl SE. The last shuttle will leave the farm at 4:15 p.m.



 For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-2735 (voice) or email mheilman@bellevuewa.gov. For complaints regarding accommodations, contact City of Bellevue ADA/Title VI Administrator at 425-452-6168 (voice) or email ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov. If you are deaf or hard of hearing dial 711. All meetings are wheelchair accessible.

Bellevue Fire Open Houses are back!



Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

After more than two years of COVID-19 closures, all nine Bellevue fire stations will once again invite residents in for our annual open house!

Join us as we celebrate connection with community through safety awareness



exploration. You and your family can tour fire engines and aid cars, practice hands-only CPR, use a water fire extinguisher, connect with your local firefighters and paramedics, and learn about emergency preparedness.

Find your neighborhood fire station:

Station 1 – 766 Bellevue Way Southeast

Station 2 – 2802 148th Ave Southeast

Station 3 – 16100 NE 8th Street

Station 4 – 4216 Factoria Boulevard Southeast

Station 5 – 9621 NE 24th Street

Station 6 – 1850 132nd Avenue Northeast

Station 7 – 11900 SE 8th Street

Station 8 – 5701 Lakemont Boulevard Southeast

Station 9 – 12412 Newcastle Way

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Planning for Bellevue's Fiscal Future: Navigating Boom Times and Budget Constraints

Neighborhood Leadership Gathering takes place Oct. 11 at Bellevue City Hall and online.

Bellevue has in large part been remarkably resilient during the profound challenges since 2020. As cities across the world continue to emerge from the impacts of the pandemic, Bellevue has experienced record growth and development, enjoys a low unemployment rate and has attracted the headquarters and employees of major global businesses.

At the next Neighborhood Leadership Gathering Oct. 11, 6:30-8 p.m., city staff will share the known budgetary challenges that lie ahead and how the city plans to navigate them.

Like many local governments, the City of Bellevue faces an ongoing structural deficit in which expenses are projected to be greater than the revenue growth in the general fund. Bellevue's revenue is dependent on property tax receipts combined with the more unpredictable revenue streams of sales, business and occupation taxes. These revenue streams are not keeping pace with increasing expenditures.

What does this structural deficit mean for the future and for the level of services needed to keep up as Bellevue continues to grow?

Toni Call, Director of Finance & Asset Management, will provide an overview of Bellevue's budget constraints and take a deeper look at the options, challenges and trade-offs involved in balancing the budget, while also maintaining the quality of life that we enjoy.

This gathering will be a hybrid event. Virtual participants must register for the Zoom experience at cityofbellevue.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_E1imEehJRqunV_foybjvgA and in-person attendees are requested to email neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov, or call 425-452-6836 to register for the event that takes place in room 1E-108 at Bellevue City Hall. Webinar participants will be able to view the presentation and submit questions remotely.

In-person participants will also participate in a budget exercise and a facilitated conversation, during which participants can share their budget priorities.

Bellevue's budget is produced every two years and includes a seven-year capital budget. This year, the city will adopt a budget for the 2023-24 General Budget and the 2023-2029 Capital Investment Program Plan. The budget document describes how the city intends to finance its services and infrastructure. The city government is responsible for building and repairing streets, providing police and fire protection, maintaining parks, open spaces and recreational centers. Each of these contributes significantly to the high quality of life that Bellevue residents and visitors enjoy.

The Neighborhood Leadership Gathering is a gathering of residents who come together to share and learn from each other about major topics influencing Bellevue. Anyone interested in the health and quality of life in Bellevue is welcome to attend.

Cultural Conversations

“Welcoming through the Japanese Tea Ceremony”

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1-2:30 p.m.

Crossroads Community Center
16000 Northeast 10th Street, Bellevue

Cultural Conversations continues its in-person sessions with welcoming, storytelling and connection joined by Eastside Foundation, a cultural and ethnic awareness organization in Mercer Island. The presentation, “Once in a Lifetime”



Japanese Tea Ceremony, by Omotesenke style, will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at the Crossroads Community Center.

During the presentation, guests will receive an enlightening overview of the history of the tea ceremony, including “how” and “why” the foundation preserves this cultural tradition. A limited number of randomly selected attendees will participate in the tea ceremony while we observe, honor and learn more about the ritual. Following the presentation, enjoy tea and table conversation, as you share your own experience of drinking and sharing tea.

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

As this meeting is in person, we will continue to honor your safety preferences during the COVID-19 pandemic; masks will be available.

For more information, accommodation needs, and to register for purposes of planning as space is limited, please contact NeighborhoodOutreach@Bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6836.

NEP Updates for Somerset and Newport

Somerset residents: Vote for your top three project choices. Please return the postage-paid ballot each household received in the mail in September. Voting is by mail only and is limited to one ballot per household. Ballots must be postmarked by **Tuesday, Oct. 18** to be valid. Information on the **11 enhancement projects** on your ballot can be found on the Somerset webpage in the Neighborhood Areas section of the NEP website at BellevueWA.gov/nep.

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



1. **Newport Hills Property Forest Enhancement** (Newport Hills Property, 11450 SE 60th St)
2. **SE 60th/120th Ave SE Flashing Crosswalk** (Intersection of SE 60th and 120th Ave SE (at the NE corner of Newport Hills Park))

Please return the postage-paid evaluation postcard each household received in the mail last month or submit your comments online using the NEP evaluation form found at BellevueWA.gov/nep

Evaluations must be postmarked or submitted by **Thursday, Oct. 27**.

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.

NEP Project Spotlight:

Flashing Crosswalk at 156th Ave SE and SE 4th Street

Residents of the Lake Hills neighborhood area requested and selected as their NEP project installation of a new marked crosswalk and a new push-activated flashing crosswalk over 156th Avenue Southeast at Southeast 4th Street. In addition, a new concrete bus pad was added at the existing northbound bus stop and the curb ramp was reconstructed on the east side of the street to improve accessibility.

Thanks to City of Bellevue Transportation department project manager, Ellen Webster, the crosswalk is now ready to use and enjoy!



Outdoor dining survey

Have you taken advantage of outdoor dining in downtown Bellevue this summer? Share your thoughts and experiences in this quick survey (engagingbellevue.com/outdoor-dining/survey-tools/2022-satisfaction) by Oct. 7 to help the city explore its next placemaking and activation priorities downtown. We're looking for your feedback and ideas!



Remember to close your garage door!

By Ruby Daly, Crime Prevention Officer

Nobody intentionally leaves their garage door open all night, but it does happen. Some find themselves in situations that cause them to rush into the house, and in the process, forget about closing the garage door. Oftentimes, by the time they remember to close the garage door it's too much of a hassle to do it and they just say "It's no big deal. There's nothing to worry about." In fact, Bellevue Police have been experiencing a rash of thefts from open garages.

Leaving your garage door open, whether at night or during the day, leaves you vulnerable to crime.

Even if the garage door is open only for a few minutes, it leaves the contents inside visible for



an opportunistic criminal to see. A thief could see into your garage, observe what you're doing and check out what valuable belongings you have stored away. Valuable items include cars, lawnmowers, snowmobiles, bikes, snow blowers or even a motorcycle. If you have any expensive tools and store them in your garage, those are valuable and can attract thieves as well.

If you leave your valuable items in plain sight, you can become a target. Instead, close your garage door securely and avoid leaving it open for extended periods of time to help prevent break-ins. Check and double check every night that it is closed and let your neighbors know if you see that their garage door is open!

Updates from the Bellevue Network on Aging: Medicare will pay for more telephone consultations in 2023

As a result of the coronavirus crisis, Medicare is paying for more telemedicine. Medical practice over the telephone or online can result in faster diagnoses and treatments, increased care efficiency and reduced patient stress.



Medicare is currently paying doctors, specialists and other medical professionals for telephone and internet mental health evaluations, diagnoses and treatments of existing patients in their homes. During 2023, Medicare will temporarily add some telephone and internet consultation services including:

- Certain cardiac care and intensive cardiac rehabilitation for established patients
- Emergency and urgent care visits for established patients
- End-stage renal disease visits
- Home visits for established patients
- Lab test and X-ray result consultations
- Post-surgical follow-up
- Therapy services, physical and occupational

- Treatment of recurring conditions such as migraines and urinary tract infections
- Treatment of skin conditions

Medicare Advantage Plans are also providing telephone and internet consultations.

After 2023, Medicare will evaluate these services to determine which ones to permanently add to the telehealth list. The Medicare fee schedule for these services will be the same as for in-person visits.

Medicare open enrollment begins on Oct. 15, and ends on Dec. 7. Medicare.gov has a useful tool for enrollees who want to consider changing plans during open enrollment. The tool is called Medicare Plan Finder and is available at this website: [medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).



Fall/Winter 2022 Greener Living Community Classes

Learn to “Recycle Right” and to live more sustainably!

Want to learn how to Recycle Right, reduce food waste, or shop and live more sustainably? Bellevue Utilities is pleased to offer free interactive environmental conservation classes. Fall/Winter 2022 classes will be offered virtually via Zoom.



Current workshop topics include the following:

- Curbside Composting and Beyond
- Plastics: Problems and Possibilities
- Safer Cleaning and Healthy Home
- Reduce Wasted Food
- Super Sorter
- Sustainable Shopping

For class descriptions, dates and times, visit [BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/greener-living-classes).

Registration is required to attend classes. To register, email recycle@bellevuewa.gov or call 206-949-1787.



Stop Littering – Simple as That! We Keep Washington Litter-free

Litter is a problem, but doing your part is simple. Be part of the solution and **join more than 75% of Washingtonians who never litter!**

Preventing litter from ending up on the ground is more effective and cheaper than paying crews or arranging volunteers to pick it up.

The following small daily actions can make a big difference:

1. Always have a dedicated containers for trash in your car. Whether you purchase a fancy litter bag or use a bag you have lying around, a litter bag keeps your car tidier, keeps the state litter-free, and sets a good example for others.
2. Hold on to trash during travels and use gas station, rest area or other destination recycling and garbage containers.
3. Live litter-free and help others to do the same!

With a car litter bag and a little bit of effort, you can help keep our state healthier, tidier, and litter free. Visit [LitterFreeWA.org](https://www.LitterFreeWA.org) for more information.



Walk & Roll to School Day is back for its 20th year in Bellevue!

Walk & Roll to School Day is Wednesday, Oct. 12 this year, and takes place in partnership with Bellevue School Pool. The program encourages walking and rolling as an active and healthy way to get around. Walking and rolling to school also reduces vehicle congestion around schools.

For more information go to BellevueSchoolPool.org or email BellevueSchoolPool@bellevuewa.gov. A list of participating schools will be available on the website on Oct. 21.



A group of students attending the walking audit near Sammamish High School, Stevenson Elementary School and Odle Middle School in May 2022.

Help make streets near schools safer

As part of its Vision Zero work, the city is inviting Bellevue School District students, parents and neighbors to help make walking and bicycling safer on routes near their school buildings.

Starting in November, Bellevue will launch the fourth in a series of six road safety assessments for streets near schools that are part of the city's "high injury network" – a relatively small number of city streets where most fatal and serious-injury collisions occur. Results of the assessments will be used to make on-the-street safety improvements through city transportation projects.

Those interested in helping can respond to a short online questionnaire (engagingbellevue.com/road-safety?tool=survey_tool) and take part in an upcoming "walking audit" near their school. Information on both can be accessed from the project webpage at BellevueWA.gov/road-safety-assessments.



Bellevue is working closely with the Bellevue School District to encourage suggestions for improving safety. Below is the schedule for upcoming walking audits.

- Big Picture School, Lake Hills Elementary School, Phantom Lake Elementary School and Tillicum Middle School combined walking audits will occur in early November. Dates and times for those walking audits will be shared through school communication channels and posted on the project webpage for sign up.
- International High School walking audits are tentatively set for Feb. 2023. Newport High School walking audits are tentatively set for March and April 2023. Dates and times for those walking audits will be shared through school communication channels and posted on the project webpage for sign up.

In addition, anyone interested in taking part in a road safety assessment focus group can contact Bianca Popescu at bpopescu@bellevuewa.gov. A road safety assessment is a proven tool to identify safety issues, particularly for vulnerable travelers such as pedestrians and bicyclists. It's a key strategy of [Bellevue's Vision Zero initiative](https://bellevuewa.gov/visionzero) (bellevuewa.gov/visionzero) to eliminate traffic deaths and serious-injury collisions on city streets by 2030.



Update on Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

Virtual scoping public meeting

Oct. 13, 6-8 p.m.

To participate in the scoping meeting, attendees should register in advance and may sign up to provide comment using the following meeting link: bit.ly/bellevuecomp

In-person scoping public meeting

Oct. 18, 6-8 p.m.

Meeting will be held at Bellevue City Hall, at 450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue. There will be an opportunity to provide public comment. Project-related information can be reviewed on the project website at: BellevueWA.gov/2044-environmental-review.

Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan captures the vision for the future of the City of Bellevue over the next 20 years, including policies and capital investments.

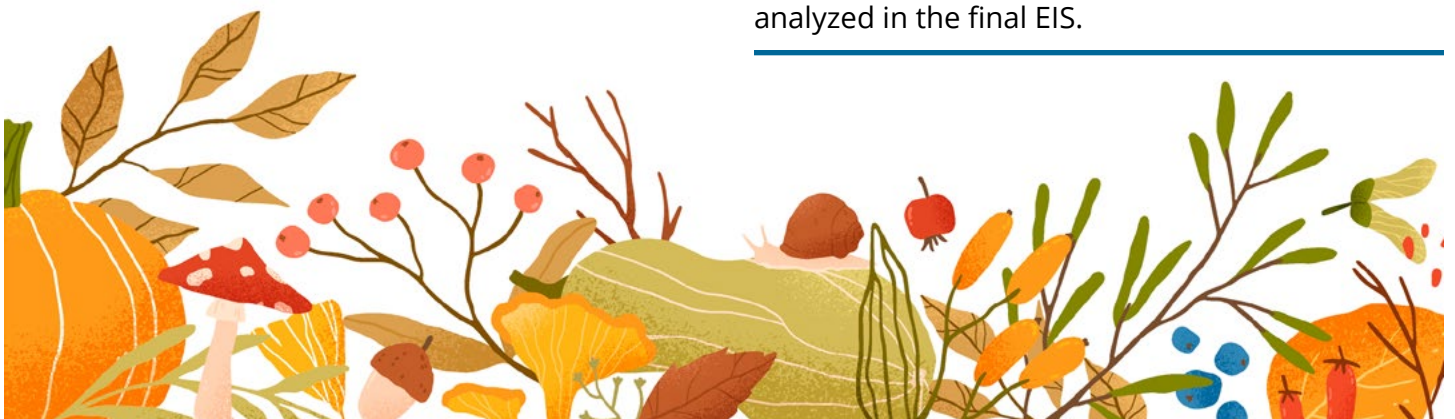
The Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update is required by the state Growth Management Act (GMA) and is due by 2024. The current work to update the City's Comprehensive Plan includes expected growth of at least an additional 35,000 housing units and 70,000 jobs by the year 2044. The Plan update will reflect council's updated vision, which includes increasing housing options and affordability, maintaining the city's economic innovation, and protecting the environment. As a first step in the update process, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be conducted, consistent with the requirements of the State Environment Policy Act (SEPA) in Washington state.

The SEPA process identifies and analyzes environmental impacts to help city decision-makers and the public understand how the Plan update and the growth being proposed will affect the environment. The EIS identifies probable adverse environmental impacts, potential mitigation and reasonable growth alternatives.

Scoping is the first step in the EIS process. Scoping helps to focus the EIS by identifying specific elements such as carbon emissions, wildlife habitat or resident displacement that might be affected by the proposed growth alternatives. During scoping, members of the public have the opportunity to learn more about the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and the draft growth alternatives.

The community and organizations with an interest in the future growth of Bellevue have the opportunity to comment on the scope of the analysis during a 30-day comment period. The city will issue a Determination of Significance (DS) and request for comments on the scope of the EIS on September 29, 2022. The 30-day public comment period begins at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29, and ends at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31, 2022. The city will accept comments through an online portal, by email, by mail or verbally. Verbal comments will be collected at two EIS scoping public meetings in October and a court reporter will transcribe the comments.

The city will then review the input received and determine which topics to include in the EIS. The EIS process will also incorporate a displacement analysis, housing affordability impacts, an equity analysis and an economic analysis. Each of the growth alternatives will be assessed with an equity framework. Following scoping, the draft growth alternatives will be finalized so they can be analyzed in the final EIS.



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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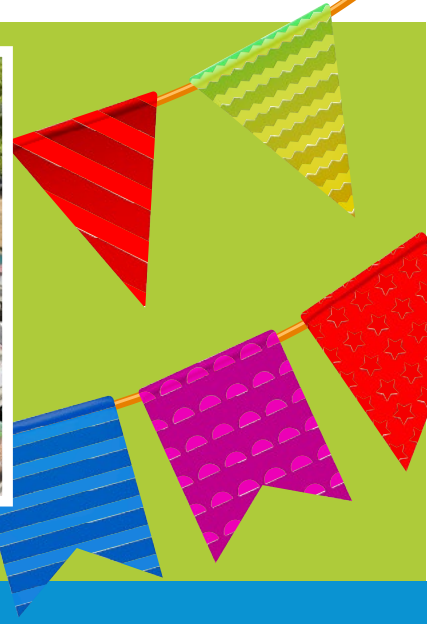
City Council Bellevue.Legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

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			

More 2022 Neighborhood Block Parties!



Apple Fest in Eastgate



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