



Neighborhood News



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2022 Eastside Virtual Job Fair Connect with Eastside Employers!

Thursday, Nov. 10 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The free 2022 Eastside Virtual Job fair offers a dynamic opportunity to connect with employers from different industries with positions available at all levels. The virtual fair is a partnership with WorkSource – Seattle/King County and Eastside Washington Cities. Showcase your resume and talk with employers to find your next job!


Visit Eastside Annual Hiring Event (brazenconnect.com) to reserve your spot. Contact Pranaya Hart at psathe@bellevuewa.gov for questions.

Cultural Conversations Save-the-Date

Tuesday, Dec. 6 | 1-2:30 p.m.

Cultural Conversations storytelling, tea and conversation continues in person Dec. 6, 1-2:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Community Center, located at 16000 NE 10th St.,



 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. Look for program details soon! If you wish to be on the mailing list to receive announcements when they are released, please email: NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov.

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



Bellevue Essentials celebrates ten years of community impact!

10th Anniversary Celebration at City Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 7 | 7-9 p.m.

In 2013, the city launched Bellevue Essentials, a ten-week civic engagement course explaining the structure and daily operations of city government. Bellevue Essentials now has more than 300 graduates. In recognition of ten years of graduates' impact in our community, a 10th Anniversary celebration at City Hall is planned for Dec. 7 – and you're invited!

To reserve your complimentary space, visit BE10thAnniversary.eventbrite.com

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The event will celebrate civic engagement, leadership and volunteerism, as well as recognize the 2022 graduates of the program. Mayor Lynne Robinson will provide welcoming remarks and Gary Locke, interim president of Bellevue College and former Washington state governor, will be the keynote speaker, discussing “All About Community.”

The community is invited to connect with Bellevue Essentials graduates, visit with city staff and community leaders, while enjoying a festive appetizer and dessert reception and live music from local musicians, Choloroco.

Supporting partners include Amazon, Perkins Coie, Bellden Café, Wallace Properties, Vulcan Real Estate, Microsoft, Matcha Agency, Puget Sound Energy, Kizuki Ramen and Chen Heritage Foundation.



Transgender Day of Remembrance Memorial

Transgender Awareness Week is Nov. 13-19, and raises awareness and visibility around transgender and gender non-conforming topics and communities. Transgender Day of Remembrance on Nov. 20 honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence in the past year.

Join the City of Bellevue for a virtual remembrance ceremony being held on Thursday, Nov. 17, Noon-1 p.m. Staff will read the names and short biographies of each transgender person who lost their life due to anti-trans violence this year and talk about ways to help support our transgender family, friends and neighbors to ensure that Bellevue is a place where everyone is welcomed and can thrive.

This event may be viewed live on Bellevue TV channel 21 or livestreamed on the Bellevue Television YouTube channel at youtube.com/c/bellevuetelevision

Wilburton Vision Implementation

Bellevue is proactively planning for growth and change over the next twenty years.

The Wilburton Vision Implementation initiative will transform the west edge of Wilburton into Bellevue’s next mixed-use, transit- and trail-oriented area that supports future housing, jobs and amenities for Bellevue’s growing and diverse communities.

There is still time to share your ideas for enhancing and implementing this mixed-use vision for the Wilburton study area. Please participate in our Questionnaire and Interactive Map at Wilburton Vision Implementation, on Engaging Bellevue (engagingbellevue.com/wilburton-vision-implementation)

The Questionnaire and Interactive Map will be available on the site until December 2022. We look forward to summarizing and sharing the results.

Finally, learn more about the Wilburton Vision Implementation initiative and project timeline, view and download related reports and presentations, and sign up for initiative updates at the city’s Wilburton Vision Implementation we page (BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/planning-initiatives/wilburton)





Missing Middle Housing: Filling the need for more types of housing

By Brooke Brod

Bellevue is growing and needs a variety of housing options for new and existing residents. The city can no longer expand outward, so additional housing will generally need to be achieved by replacing existing buildings. In recent years, most of the new housing built has been either larger single-family homes or small studio or one-bedroom apartments in larger multi-family buildings. That has created a gap in what is often called “missing middle” housing. Finding ways to fill this gap and provide people with more choices is an important piece of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

Missing middle housing can come in a variety of shapes and sizes. It includes things such as small-scale backyard cottages or detached accessory dwelling units (DADUs), duplexes, cottage style housing where smaller homes are built around a shared yard or small two- to four-story apartment buildings. These types of homes often appeal to people who cannot afford or do not need a larger single-family home but may want or need something bigger than a one-bedroom unit.

Missing middle housing is a way to add gentle density while still fitting into the overall scale and character of existing neighborhoods. This type of housing is generally found in pedestrian-friendly, walkable and transit-accessible areas and allows a compromise between urban and suburban living, with both access to urban amenities and a less dense “neighborhood feel.” Because the price of missing middle housing is less than the typical single-family home (\$1.45 million in Bellevue on average) they are often more affordable for teachers, dentists, nurses, accountants and other

professionals. These smaller-scale homes also make it easier for people looking to downsize while still staying in their neighborhood.

Bellevue already has some older housing developments of this scale that are often more affordable. These are typically located along arterials and are mostly two- to three-story small scale apartment buildings.

The Comprehensive Planning Team wants to understand where else the city might make room for missing-middle housing and what type of housing would be appropriate for different areas. People are invited to fill out a Missing Middle Housing Questionnaire at tinyurl.com/housing-diversity. Help shape the future of Bellevue’s housing landscape and fill out this questionnaire by Nov. 18.



Eastside Live Arts Resource Provides One-Stop-Shop for Arts Activities

Looking for something interesting to do this week? Start exploring and plan your next outing at eastsidelive.org!

Last year the City of Bellevue partnered with arts nonprofit EastHUB to create an online calendar for Eastside events, so you can now find arts

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events and activities all in one place. The calendar, "Eastside Live" at eastsidelive.org, offers patrons a platform to find events, and for organizers a place to advertise.

"This one-stop-shop for the latest happenings within our Eastside arts community is a convenient way to find and engage with Bellevue's longstanding and evolving arts presence," said Lorie Hoffman, the city's Arts Community Manager. "We want to engage with arts partners and cities throughout the Eastside to ensure the community has the information necessary to fully enjoy the character and vibrancy of the arts in our local areas, our region and our lives."



Reduce and Recycle Food Waste!

Food waste and food-soiled paper make up about 30 percent of a typical household's waste and about 16 percent of our landfills! Try these tips to help reduce food waste:

Reduce first! Make the most of the food that you purchase! Visit BellevueWA.gov/recycle-food-waste to learn how to store food to keep it fresh longer, meal plans to reduce waste and learn what dates on food labels actually mean.

Compost Right: Food in, plastic out! Plastic bags, containers and packaging do not break down and can contaminate compost soil that people use on their lawns and gardens.

You CAN compost:

- Meat, fish, poultry, bones
- Dairy (yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.)

- Vegetable and fruit trimmings (including fall pumpkins!)
- Egg shells, bread, pasta and coffee grounds
- Paper towels, napkins, and coffee filters
- Food-soiled cardboard like pizza boxes

Apartment and condo communities can receive up to two compost carts per garbage container, collected weekly by Republic Services at no extra cost. The city can provide a free small kitchen compost container for individual households, signage and more. Contact 425-452-6932 or recycle@bellevuewa.gov if you have more composting questions.

The Value of Recycling

Does recycling work? Are the materials you recycle actually being recycled? How clean, empty, and dry does something have to be to retain its recycling value?

Bottomline: 2022 recycling markets are thriving, accepted materials placed in your recycling containers are being recycled, and Bellevue residents and businesses continue to benefit both the environment and the economy by recycling their plastic, paper, cardboard, glass and metal.

Many people remember the National Sword policy in 2018 that banned the import of some recyclable materials to China due to non-recyclable material that was overwhelming recycling facilities and impacting the environment. However, since then, **recycling markets are thriving again!** In the Pacific Northwest, some of the materials that used to be shipped overseas are now being recycled locally, too.

Some tips to Recycle Right:

When in doubt, find out! Check Bellevue's recycling guidelines at BellevueWA.gov/recycle-at-home.

Recycling must be empty, clean and dry.

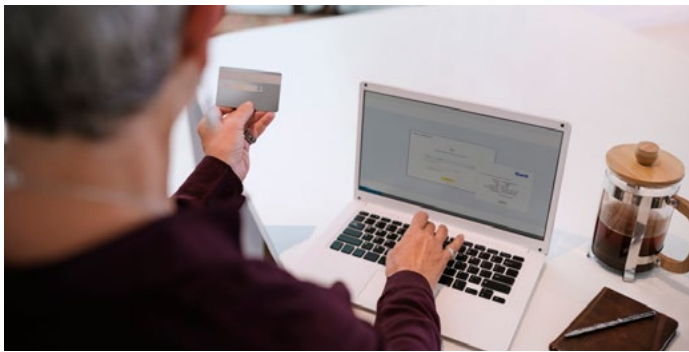
Recycling does not have to be dishwasher clean and dry, but it's important to empty liquids to prevent mold. Remember to keep your recycling container lid closed to prevent rain or snow from getting everything wet.





A heartfelt message from the Bellevue Network on Aging:

"We want to acknowledge the passing of Howard Katz on Oct. 3. He was a longtime BNOA member, community activist and volunteer, providing immeasurable assistance towards projects for older adults at the North Bellevue Community Center, and for multiple political candidates and causes over the years. To those who knew him, he was energetic and opinionated and will be greatly missed."



Don't be a victim of elder fraud!

The digital age, for all its benefits, has also provided opportunities for fraud scams, and a big percentage of the scams are perpetrated on the elderly. There are some strong reasons for this vulnerability.

- Many seniors are retired and have built savings. This means that they may have easier access to funds than many younger people.
- Seniors are often less technologically savvy and may be less skilled at spotting potential scams.
- Physical and mental health issues may result in impaired cognition and an increased vulnerability to scamming situations.
- Seniors tend to be trusting people, and may assume that the person who is calling, emailing or texting is who they say they are.

- Some seniors can be lonely and look to establish relationships online. This creates emotional vulnerability and a desire to help the person online whom they have come to care about, who may be a scammer.

There is a wide variety of scams:

Social security spoofing: A person receives a phone call from someone saying they are from the Social Security Administration alleging that the victim's Social Security number has been compromised. The caller asks the victim to confirm their number. This is an attempt at identity theft.

"Catfishing" is a term used for online fraud that takes advantage of loneliness. Once trust is built, the new "friend" asks for financial help for some immediate need.

"Too good to be true" scams occur when a person finds an item online that is offered for sale at an unbelievably low price. The "seller" tells the victim that because of the excellent price there is a great deal of interest in the item, and they need to act quickly. They are asked to purchase gift cards – sometimes even directing the buyer to send the cards to eBay, "who will hold them until the item is received and approved by the purchaser." They make it look very safe, yet eBay does not offer this service and the address provided is the scammer's, and uses a look-alike eBay logo and letterhead.

"Grandparent scams" are not uncommon. A senior receives a phone call from someone posing as their grandchild, saying they are in a tight spot and need money. They often ask that the funds be sent as gift cards.

"Phishing" is when a scammer uses fake emails, calls or texts to steal a person's personal information. For example, a call may be received purporting to be from the victim's bank or investment account saying their profile information needs updating. Another dangerous phishing method is to send emails containing malware. You may be asked to open an attachment in an email from an unknown source, and when you open it, malware is downloaded onto your computer, giving the scammer full access to all of your files and personal data.

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How can you protect yourself?

- Never open an attachment on any email from an unfamiliar source.
- Never give out any personal or financial information over the phone or online to anyone that is not known to you. Your bank will never ask you for information to be sent over unsecured paths.
- Never send money to someone not known to you.
- Recognize that there are very few emergencies in life, and that there is always time to verify requests for personal and financial information. Always be sure to take the step of verifying who you are actually dealing with.
- Be realistic. The odds that you are the winner of millions of dollars is almost certainly not true.
- Recognize that fraud is real and frequent. Make the effort to check things out and protect yourself from scammers.



Transportation staff are ready for fall weather!

Since the beginning of October, Transportation staff have been street sweeping across the city with increased frequency. Although we sweep streets all year round, we add an extra sweeper between October and January to help manage falling leaves. Street sweeping helps keep our roads safe for people who walk, roll and drive by removing leaves and other debris. Normal sweeping hours are 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

You can help us keep roadways clean and safe in three ways:

- Move vehicles and other objects from the street during the day if possible to allow street sweepers to operate.
- Trim back tree branches, shrubs and other vegetation that overhang the street. This helps our street sweepers pass by more easily, sweep all the way to the edge of the road and avoid damage to our equipment. If you have questions on whether you need a permit to trim a tree in the city right of way, please contact our Right of Way division at rightofwayuse@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4189.
- Help prevent street flooding by clearing leaves from storm drains near your house.

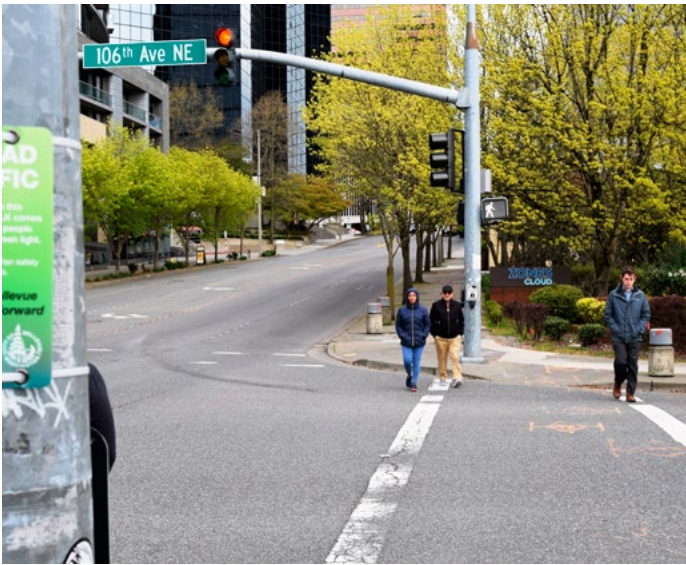
In addition to street sweeping, Transportation staff prepare every year for fall storms. At the beginning of October, new staff in our Streets and Surface Water team attended a chainsaw training to prepare for possible tree maintenance needs and removal of trees that impact our transportation system. If you need to report a fallen tree, branches or other debris on roads, sidewalks or pathways, please use the MyBellevue app, email support@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-7840.

Thanks for your assistance as we work to keep Bellevue streets safe and clear this fall and winter!

Help improve pedestrian signals

The City of Bellevue Transportation Department manages over 200 signalized intersections with the help of dedicated staff working behind the scenes to maintain and operate the system. These signals help people move safely throughout our street network and arrive at their desired destinations daily, whether for work, school, medical appointments or entertainment.

Currently, Transportation is reviewing its guidelines for pedestrian movements at traffic signals. These guidelines are critical to daily operations and help determine, for instance, how much time is provided for you to cross the street or the sequencing of traffic lights. Bellevue follows national standards and best practices for



pedestrian signals, but we can also use optional features and tailor them to specific locations to better meet the needs of our active community.

Whether you walk, roll, drive or take transit, we want to hear from you! To participate in a 5-minute online questionnaire, visit Engaging Bellevue at engagingbellevue.com/pedestrian-signals. For those interested in taking part in a focus group, please submit your contact information when prompted at the end of the questionnaire. Results of the questionnaire will be used to inform our future pedestrian signal guidelines.

Snowflake Lane safety plan

It's hard to believe that Snowflake Lane (bellevuecollection.com/snowflakelane/) is just around the corner, kicking off its 18th season on Friday, Nov. 25, and running through Christmas Eve.

The festive holiday parade begins at 7 p.m. on Bellevue Way NE between NE 4th and NE 8th Streets. As with all large public gatherings, the Bellevue Police Department spends hours each year re-evaluating and updating its safety plan. The multi-layered security and safety protocols include blocking Bellevue Way NE at NE 4th and NE 8th streets with large barrier trucks, and cement ecology blocks are strategically placed at the corners to prevent access to the sidewalks. The Bellevue Collection security team also erects anti-vehicle barriers blocking access from the parking lots and side streets to keep crowds safe.

"This is such a wonderful holiday celebration for the city and beyond, and we do everything in our power to ensure a safe event for everyone," said Captain Landon Barnwell.

In addition to the barriers, multiple uniformed officers are present each night, providing traffic control and event security.

"We are proud of our safety record at Snowflake Lane over the past 17 years. We credit our planning and partnership with the Bellevue Collection and other responding agencies for the continued safety of these events," Barnwell added.

Police recommend arriving early and spreading out. The crowds are typically most dense between NE 8th St and NE 6th St. Please consider viewing the parade closer to NE 4th St along Bellevue Way NE and dress for inclement weather.

As with any large gathering, attendees are asked to be aware of their surroundings at Snowflake Lane. If you see something out of the ordinary, please report it immediately to an officer.



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			