

EXPERIENCE BELLEVUE!

NEIGHBORHOODS CONFERENCE



Saturday, May 14, 2022 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Doors open at City Hall at 8:30 a.m.



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Welcome to Experience Bellevue! We are pleased to host Bellevue residents, workers, and visitors back at City Hall and at sites in our growing, vibrant community. Join us for a memorable one-day experience. Choose from a variety of interactive workshops, demonstrations, tours, and community engagement opportunities.



This catalog is your official guide to a day rich with 20 workshops, neighborhood visits, walking tours, and bus tours both at City Hall and in and around Bellevue. Choose from many options at multiple locations around town.

Design your own schedule, mix and match choices to suit your special interests. Attend with your neighbors, or a friend or family member (young adults 13+ are welcome). Explore your city inside and outside.

In a single day, you will enjoy learning more about your city, be inspired around civic engagement and become more connected to your community. Most workshops are at City Hall, and most walking tours leave from City Hall. On-site tours meet at the locations indicated.

Be sure to choose classes that allow you time to travel to the starting location of each of your sessions.



Kickoff with Bellevue City Council

Join us for coffee and pastries and a chance to meet and mingle with Bellevue City Council members in the City Hall Concourse beginning at 8:30 a.m. Bellevue is changing, and as a community we are both recovering from the impacts of the pandemic and planning for the future. This morning, come join Mark Heilman, Neighborhood Outreach Manager, as he interviews Mayor Lynne Robinson and councilmembers on their reflections and vision for the city.

SCHEDULE	
8:30 a.m.	Doors Open at City Hall – Coffee and pastries, meet and mingle with City Council members in City Hall concourse
9 a.m.	Interview with City Council members facilitated by Mark Heilman, Neighborhood Outreach Manager, in Council Chambers
9:30 a.m.	More time to mingle or to head to off-site classes that begin at 10 a.m.
MORNING SESSIONS	
10-10:50 a.m.	Session 1 classes
11:10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Session 2 classes
10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Session 1 & 2 classes
LUNCH BREAK	
12-1 p.m.	Lunch pick-up at City Hall or eat off-site Interlake High School Cultural Craft Club Exhibit City of Bellevue information tables
AFTERNOON SESSIONS	
1-1:50 p.m.	Session 3 classes
2:10-3 p.m.	Session 4 classes
1-3 p.m.	Session 3 & 4 classes

Register for a Session 1 and a Session 2 class, or a double Session (Session 1 & 2). Register for a Session 3 and a Session 4 class, or a double Session (Session 3 & 4). Check your schedule to note if classes are single or double sessions and located at City Hall or off-site. There is 20 minutes of travel time to move between City Hall and off-site tours. **All outside walking tours and site tours will run RAIN OR SHINE.**

MORNING SESSION 1 | 10-10:50 a.m.

Emergency Management

Heather Wong, *Community Risk Reduction Specialist*

At City Hall

Earthquakes, windstorms and floods, oh my! Preparing for emergencies can feel overwhelming and daunting. But it doesn't have to be that way. In this workshop we will discuss the importance of emergency preparedness kits, the recommended supplies you need, and how to do so on a shoestring budget.

Blank Slate: Crossroads Public Art Primer & Community Input

Lorie Hoffman, *Arts Community Manager*

At City Hall

In the next two to three years a new work of public art will come to Crossroads. Be there at the beginning and help shape early concepts. How do you want to engage with the visual art around you? What gives you enjoyment and our neighborhoods their life and personality? Join your neighbors and explore the possibilities of what public art can be—from murals and statues to activities and events.

MORNING SESSION 2 | 11:10 a.m.-12 p.m.

An Introduction to CPR Training

Lieutenant Camari Olson, *Bellevue Fire Department*

At City Hall

King County has the distinction of having one of the highest rates of cardiac arrest survival in the world. That success includes multiple factors, one of them being residents trained in and willing to provide immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In this workshop you will get a chance to learn how to effectively perform the lifesaving skill of hands-only CPR on adults, children and infants. You will have the opportunity to do some hands-on training, but please note this is not a certification class.

Reimagining Retail in Bellevue

Corbin Hart, *Economic Development Analyst* | Edward Butterfield, *Public Private*

Partnership Manager

At City Hall

The retail industry is a large part of Bellevue's economy and community providing services to residents and enhancing the quality of life for people who live or work in Bellevue. From small businesses to district building, this will be an open forum to learn about retail in Bellevue and where it can go in the future.

MORNING SESSION 1 & 2 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Comprehensive Plan Engagement (Session 1 & 2)

Brooke Brod, *Community Engagement Lead*

At City Hall

It's no surprise that Bellevue is growing. Recent census data shows King County is one of the fastest growing places in the country. That growth is expected to continue as our region is projected to add 1.8 million people by 2050, and Bellevue is planning for an additional 35,000 housing units and 70,000 jobs by 2044. Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan is a tool that helps the city proactively respond to this growth and change. It looks ahead 20 years to anticipate the needs of current and future residents, business owners, workers and visitors to Bellevue including important topics like housing, transportation, neighborhoods, and parks.

The Comprehensive Plan includes a Vision Statement that paints a picture of the future we are working towards. It's a north star that unifies all the different elements of the plan and inspires us as a community to go beyond the basics and take a leadership role in the region. During this session, participants will have an opportunity to review a draft Vision Statement, and through interactive exercises, share their vision for the future of Bellevue.

Building Bridges: Creating a Safe, Supportive and Diverse Community (Session 1 & 2)

Diversity Advantage Team

At City Hall

Instances of cultural hate and bias have been on the rise within Bellevue. Participants in this workshop will have the opportunity to learn more about the increase in these incidents based on data from the Human Services Needs Update. You will have the opportunity to learn the skills and tools to build bridges within our diverse communities, engage in courageous conversations, and better support one another when responding to bias, cultural differences, and potential harm within our communities. You will learn how to recognize actions of cultural bias or hate within communities and different options for responding to and interrupting these activities when you experience them personally or witness them as a bystander. We hope you will walk away with applicable skills and practices to apply, along with additional resources to explore for continued learning.

Affordable Housing Bus Tour (Session 1 & 2)

Mike Stanger, *Senior Planner, A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH)*

Bus Tour leaves from City Hall

Does Bellevue actually have "affordable housing?" Of course! Where is it? What does it look like? Who can afford it? How do people get it? Who built it? Who pays for it? Who operates it? This on the ground bus tour will visit several sites around Bellevue and be an educational show-and-tell!

Wilburton Eastrail Walking Tour (Session 1 & 2)

City Staff, *Planning, Parks & Transportation*

Leaves from City Hall with an option to meet at a location just east of 405

With the arrival of major infrastructure improvements in Wilburton, such as Eastrail and East Link Light Rail, the City of Bellevue is considering zoning and land use code updates to best leverage these investments and accommodate growth. Wilburton is envisioned as a vibrant mixed-use transit and trail-oriented community. Join us for a walking tour led by staff from Community Development, Parks and Community Services, and Transportation to learn how that vision is being transformed to reality along the Eastrail and beyond.

BelRed's Spring District Walking Tour (Session 1 & 2)

City of Bellevue Staff | Linda Hoffner, *Wright Runstad*

Meet at Spring District Plaza, 12167 NE 14th Terrace, Bellevue, WA 98005

Join Wright Runstad's Linda Hoffner and City of Bellevue staff in a walking tour of the Spring District in BelRed! Home to Meta Platform (formerly Facebook), Bellevue Brewing Company, the Global Innovation Exchange, the 5G Open Innovation Lab, and located on the East Link Light Rail line, the Spring District is home to BelRed's latest live-work-play district. Come learn about how the district intends to make itself a destination within Bellevue and along the East Link line.

Bellevue Botanical Garden Park Tour and Wilburton Park Tree Tour (Session 1 & 2)

Shelley Brittingham, *Assistant Director, Parks* | Barb Williams, *Tree Ambassador*

Meet at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

The Bellevue Botanical Garden features cultivated display gardens, natural wetlands and a woodland trail. The roots of the Bellevue Botanical Garden lie in its past and the people who worked together to create a garden in the woods, in the heart of the City of Bellevue. Learn about the history of Bellevue Botanical Garden and the role of partner groups in maintaining the garden's collections, operating its programs, and managing its events. You will leave this tour with a newfound appreciation for Bellevue Botanical Garden, and how a gift of 7.5 acres in 1981 became a 53-acre urban refuge that has become one of Bellevue's top visitor destinations.

Much of the natural beauty and history of Bellevue is off the beaten path. Tree Tours are created and led by community members who have gone through our Neighborhood Tree Ambassadors Program and have a special connection to trees and their neighborhood in Bellevue. Come join a Wilburton Park Tree Ambassador and hear her share her knowledge on a tour designed to share the importance of trees in Wilburton Park. This tour is limited to 30 people. Participants will divide into smaller groups of 15 and will spend one hour on the Botanical Garden Tour and one hour on the Wilburton Tree Tour.

Cultural Craft Club Exhibit 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Lunch 12-1 p.m.

At City Hall concourse, exhibit to view during lunch, no registration

Students from freshman to senior year from Interlake High School's Cultural Craft Club will exhibit their work and be on site to speak about their art. The club devotes itself to greater artistic inclusion, building a strong bridge of understanding across various cultural arts, and strengthening community bonds. The club encourages its members to create beautiful renditions of cultural art forms and immerse themselves in learning about the history and influences of these crafts. Members in the club are excited to present diversified art mediums to the community of Bellevue, such as ceramic, traditional paintings, folk art, and many more. With crafts revolving around the members' cultural backgrounds, experiences, and personal interests, they are all looking forward to showcase their creativity through community interaction and presentations.

Afternoon Session 3 | 1-1:50 p.m.

Staying Safe and Preventing Crime

Ruby Daly, *Crime Prevention Officer*

At City Hall

We are constantly bombarded with crime stories on the news and across social media. The information doesn't mean you are helpless! From mail and car theft to burglaries and car prowls, join the Police Department for concrete information about personal safety and crime prevention steps you can take to prevent becoming a victim. Also, learn about the Police Sector Captain Program and how it can help you tackle ongoing issues.

Eastlink Tour: City Hall Station and East Main Station

Timothy Kariel, *Senior Project Manager* | Ryan Lescouflair, *Sound Transit*

Leaves from City Hall

Learn and see the construction that has been completed and what is left to do on the Eastlink Light Rail. Hear about upcoming testing and where Sound Transit will be running trains on the guideway. You'll discover what parking options will be available, where drop off and pick up will happen and about bus connections from your neighborhood. How will the light rail impact noise in Bellevue, and information to ease any safety concerns you might have. Finally, see what the future "Transit Oriented Development" will look like adjacent to the light rail stations.

Afternoon Session 4 | 2:10-3 p.m.

Help Shape Hybrid Government

PJ Rodriguez, *ITD Assistant Director*

At City Hall

In this interactive workshop, participants will explore government services in a hybrid world and help Bellevue shape its public facing technology priorities. We will talk about advancements in digital engagement and customer service and co-create a vision for Bellevue's future services. From hybrid meetings, to chat services and open data, join us to explore options and share your interests.

Afternoon Session 4 | 2:10-3 p.m.. continued

Police Body Camera Program

Major Andrew Popochock, *Bellevue Police Department*
At City Hall

The City of Bellevue is researching a body camera program for all police officers. Body cameras improve safety, accountability and transparency and are strongly supported by both officers and the community. This is your chance to check out the body cameras and see what they can do and how they will help police officers. The cameras will be available for show-and-tell!

Practical Tips to Protect Your Home and Our Environment

Erin Hislop, *Conservation and Outreach Administrator* | Jon Gire, *Solid Waste Program Manager*
Laurie Devereaux, *Stream Team Program Administrator* | Nate Dickey, *Waste Water Superintendent*
Kipp Fockler, *Water Maintenance Superintendent*
Meet at Bellevue Service Center, 2901 115th Ave. N.E.

This session will feature four mini workshops, with time for questions and answers.

This session ends at 3:15 p.m.

Waste reduction and recycling 101: Get to know where your solid waste goes and learn practical tips to reduce waste and recycle at home or at work. Great giveaways to help you reduce, re-use and recycle!

Preventing stormwater pollution from your driveway: Learn tips for protecting Bellevue's water quality and keeping common household pollutants out of the stormwater system.

Protecting your home plumbing: Learn how to identify water leaks in your home plumbing, what to do when you find one, and how to shut off your water meter in an emergency.

Keeping your sewer system healthy: Learn common culprits for sewer backups and how to protect your private sewer line and the public system from damage.

Afternoon Session 3 & 4 | 1-3 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Ranger Tour and Lewis Park Tree Tour (Session 3 & 4)

Curtis Kukal, *Park Ranger* | Deb Kumar, *Tree Ambassador*
Meet at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. S.E.

The Lewis Creek Park and Visitor Center are community gathering places for environmental education and recreation. More than 80% of the 55-acre park is preserved as an undeveloped natural area. At the headwaters of Lewis Creek, the park offers three diverse habitats to explore—wetland, grassland and forest—all accessible by boardwalks and soft-surface trails. Learn more about how the city preserves this vital ecosystem on a walking tour with Ranger Curtis.

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The Why and How Behind Civic Engagement (Session 3 & 4)

Mike McCormick Huentelman, Assistant Director, Neighborhood Services

At City Hall

Bellevue's strength is found in its active and engaged community. This workshop will provide examples of how community engagement has been successful in creating positive outcomes for our community on issues ranging from environmental stewardship, homelessness, housing, parks, and local neighborhood improvements. Learn what made them successful and how to begin your journey of civic engagement to ensure a positive difference for our entire community.

Neighborhood Character Bus Tour (Session 3 & 4)

Mark Heilman, Neighborhood Outreach Manager

Bus Tour leaves from City Hall

Whether you are just starting to explore your new hometown of Bellevue, or have lived here for decades, you'll enjoy seeing Bellevue's distinctive neighborhoods, amazing views and hidden treasures. From the waterfront to the city's highest elevations, we will stop at a few unique parks and see representative homes that span the years of Bellevue's history. Enjoy meeting other residents as we share in some of the delights of our community in a two-hour overview of our city's most special places.

Artful Listening and How to Broach Challenging Discussions (Session 3 & 4)

Marci McReynolds, Mediation Co-Manager

At City Hall

We build tighter relationships and communities when we can really listen to one another and handle difficult conversations with respect and grace. This interactive two-hour workshop will help you become aware of what it feels like to be truly listened to, and how to begin improving our own listening skills. We will practice ways to approach and maintain a challenging conversation, like making a request to a neighbor for change both respectfully and effectively.

Downtown Development Walking Tour (Session 3 & 4)

Liz Stead, Acting Director, Development Services

Emil King, Assistant Director, Community Development

Leaves from City Hall

The long-standing vision for Downtown Bellevue is to be a great place to live, work, and visit. It's called the Great Place Strategy. Significant public and private investment are now occurring that will add more vibrancy, job opportunities, housing, and attractions to the area. Are you interested in learning more about the downtown neighborhood? What are your thoughts on the downtown's evolution? Join your neighbors to see and experience how Downtown Bellevue is growing and hear what's to come on new projects such as the Grand Connection and the many high-rise towers that are springing up and changing our skyline.



<https://experience-bellevue-2022.eventbrite.com>

425-452-6836

- \$10 admission includes all sessions, coffee and pastries at City Hall.
- \$23 admission includes all of the above plus a sack lunch, available at City Hall at noon.
- Fee waivers are available if there is financial need.
- Free parking at City Hall.

How to Register

Online: Eventbrite: <https://experience-bellevue-2022.eventbrite.com>

An easy-to-follow registration form is online, there is no additional fee, pay securely by credit card.

By Mail: Print your hard copy registration form and send with credit card information or check payable to: City of Bellevue, Neighborhood Outreach, P.O. Box 90012, Bellevue, WA, 98009-9012.

By Phone: 425-452-6836

Register early as many sessions have limited capacity and will fill quickly. You can change your selection(s) at the Conference based on space availability.

You will receive an email confirmation including your selections for the day.

For more information on the Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference, contact Neighborhood Outreach at 425-452-6836 or neighborhoodsconference@bellevuewa.gov.

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If you prefer to register by mail, use this form

Easy on-line registration at:

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Last Name _____

First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

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- Building Bridges - at City Hall
- Affordable Housing Bus Tour - leaves from City Hall
- Wilburton Eastrail Walking Tour - leaves from City Hall
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- Staying Safe and Preventing Crime - at City Hall
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- Help Shape Hybrid Government - at City Hall
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Tickets

- \$10 admission includes all sessions, coffee and pastries at City Hall
- \$23 admission includes lunch:
 - Turkey sandwich on honey wheat bread with lettuce and tomato, potato chips, and chocolate chip cookie. Mayo and mustard on the side.
 - Ham sandwich on sourdough bread with lettuce and tomato, potato chips, and chocolate chip cookie. Mayo and mustard on the side.
 - Garden salad with mixed greens, tomato, cucumber, green bell peppers, broccoli, cauliflower, red onion, hard-boiled egg half and ranch dressing on the side. Mixed fruit cup.
- Fee Waiver ticket includes all sessions, coffee and pastries at City Hall, available for those with financial need.

Credit Card Information: (Visa and Mastercard only)

Name on Card _____

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Expiration Date _____ CVV# _____

Participant Signature _____

Date _____

Mail your completed form with CC information

OR with check payable to:

City of Bellevue, Neighborhood Outreach

Attn: Julie Ellenhorn, P.O. Box 90012

Bellevue, WA, 98009-9012

or call 425-452-6836 to register by phone.

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No childcare is available.

All current King County Public Health COVID protocols will be followed.

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 For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-5372 (voice) or email jellenhorn@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.

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