



SOMERSET NEIGHBORHOOD AREA



NEP MEETING AGENDA

- **Introductions**
- **Zoom Basics**
- **What is NEP? How does NEP work?**
- **Somerset Neighborhood Map**
- **Somerset NEP Schedule**
- **How can Somerset residents participate?**
- **Program Promotion: Neighborhood News**
- **Other Planned COB area projects**
- **Move into Breakout rooms**

Zoom

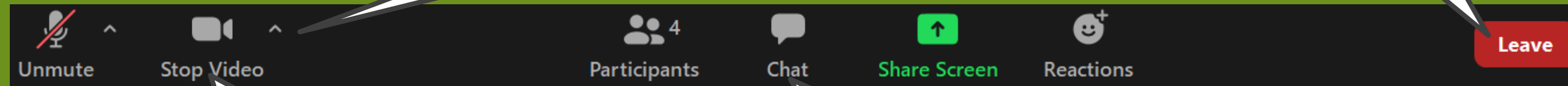
Stay on mute to eliminate background noise until you have something to say to the group

Additional Options, such as the ability to give yourself a virtual background

Need to go?
Click "Leave"

Keep your video on unless you're having connectivity issues

We want to hear from you!
Please use chat throughout the session to ask questions.
Try it now and say "Hello"





WHAT IS NEP? INFO VIDEO



<https://youtu.be/qpSYdFgViC4>



NEP IS...

- **Council-directed, City-Funded, Capital Improvements Program**
- **Provides RESIDENTS the opportunity to PROPOSE and SELECT enhancement projects for their individual neighborhood area**
- **\$5 Million BUDGET distributed among 14 designated NEP neighborhood areas**
- **Area funds allocated based on the number of households in each Neighborhood Area**
- **Rotates through 14 Neighborhood areas over seven-year period – TWO AREAS per year (2015-2022)**
- **Program supported by multiple City departments – Community Development, Parks, Transportation, Utilities**
- **Currently 25 NEP projects in planning/progress around the city in nine neighborhood areas**



NEP PROCESS

- *City allocates \$\$ to Neighborhood Area*
- *Residents submit ideas for spending \$\$*
- *City staff review ideas & generate projects*
- *Residents select projects to receive \$\$*
- *City implements projects in 3-5 years*

**\$217,000* AVAILABLE FUNDS
FOR SOMERSET NEIGHBORHOOD AREA**

**Allocated amount includes administrative costs: postage, printing, etc.*





SOMERSET SCHEDULE

KICKOFF MEETING – April 7, 2022 - ZOOM

IDEA SUBMISSION – April 7 – May 18, 2022

PROJECT SCOPING – May – July 2022

**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE – September 13, 2022 –
South Bellevue Community Center 6:30pm**

RESIDENT VOTING – Sept – Oct 2022

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT NEWSLETTER – Oct 2022

RESIDENT EVALUATIONS – November 2022



NEXT STEP...SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS

Look for the **PROJECT IDEA CARD** in your mail or
Submit online at www.bellevuewa.gov/nep

Neighborhood Enhancement Program

Project Idea Request Form

\$217,000 has been allocated to Sammamish. Tell us what your neighborhood needs!

Please submit your project ideas for Sammamish by **May 18, 2022**. City staff will review your request, and may contact you to discuss it. If you have operational concerns regarding police patrol, street maintenance, drainage, parking or code enforcement, please contact the appropriate city department to receive a more timely response. If you are unsure, please call 425-452-4186.

Project location (please be as specific as possible, listing addresses and/or cross streets)

Project description (please provide as much detail as possible)

Contact Information (this information is required to process your request, as staff will contact you to obtain further details; please print clearly)

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____ Apartment/Condo name (if applicable) _____

Street Address _____ Unit# _____ Zip _____

City Use Only

CAR# _____ Date Rec'd _____

*** Project Ideas may also be submitted online at BellevueWA.gov/nep**

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OPPORTUNITY AREAS



SAFETY



RECREATION



**BICYCLE
ACCESS**



**PEDESTRIAN
ACCESS**



**GATHERING
SPACE**



**COMMUNITY
IDENTITY**



KEY ACTIONS FOR SOMERSET RESIDENTS

SUBMIT Project Ideas – through May 18

(*No Limit* to the number of submissions)

ENCOURAGE Neighbors to participate

ATTEND September 13th Projects Open House

VOTE For top three projects in Sept/Oct
(Limited to one ballot* per household address)**

SUBMIT Program evaluations



PROGRAM PROMOTION

Neighborhood Enhancement Program

NEP Somerset Kickoff Meeting

How would you spend \$217,000 in your Somerset neighborhood?

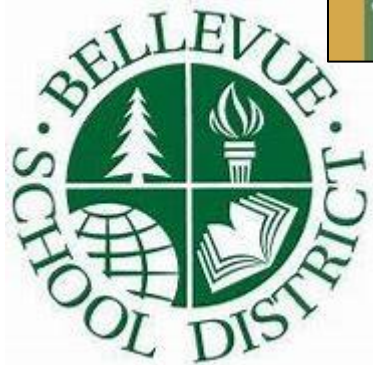
Join your neighbors and City of Bellevue staff to Kick-off the Neighborhood Enhancement Program, a city-funded, capital improvements program that allows you to propose and select moderate enhancement projects for your own neighborhood.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC Meeting (ZOOM)
Thursday | April 7, 2022 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Come learn about the program, share your ideas with City project managers and connect with your neighbors!

RSVP to NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov to receive Zoom Link.
For more information, visit BellevueWA.gov/nep or contact Theresa Cuthill at tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4186

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***School Newsletters/website:**

- **Somerset Elementary**

Monthly Neighborhood News



City Hall and other facilities fully open April 4

The City of Bellevue returns to pre-pandemic operations at City Hall and other city facilities beginning April 4. The transition comes after the recent expiration of state and county health directives, high vaccination rates in the community and dropping COVID-19 infections.

Starting April 4, hours at City Hall and the Service First customer desk are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Masks are not required in the building, but visitors are welcome to wear one based on their comfort level.

City Council meetings will return to Council Chambers in a hybrid format on April 18, with opportunities for virtual and in-person participation for members of the public. Other boards and commissions will resume in-person meetings after April 25.

Development Services department is offering virtual permit center meetings to allow customers to schedule one-on-one time with staff to receive convenient assistance with general permitting questions prior to applying for

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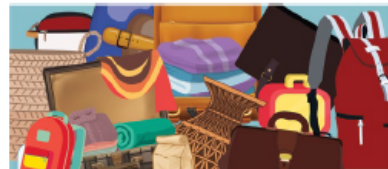
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permits. More information is at BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/development/permits/virtual-permit-center. The permitting process is completely paperless – customers can submit applications, upload plans and pay permit fees online at MyBuildingPermit.com.

Community centers and other indoor parks facilities are also open to the public. Please contact the facility you plan to visit to check current status and any health requirements.

For the latest information on city facility hours and available in-person services please check BellevueWA.gov.



Evening of Cultural Conversations

Join virtually with family, friends, and neighbors on Wednesday April 6, 6:30-8 p.m., for the 8th annual Evening of Cultural Conversations, connecting community through storytelling and small group conversation. Each of our storytellers has been shaped by history, cultural expectations, and migration, either by choice or by necessity. Driven by fierce



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determination to thrive, they continue to navigate challenges, embrace lessons, and nurture community dreams, and are now providing support to others. Registration is required.

Storytellers from the community will share the following experiences:

- A Congolese Bellevue College graduate gained an understanding of the freedom of vulnerability and transparency through his experiences during the pandemic and the movement for racial equity in the U.S.
- A Latina community connector who grew up near the Mexican border has a passion to help individuals navigate "where they are, to where they need to be."
- In addition, a reflection will take place on how the community of Bellevue and the Eastside serves as a support to "Welcome the World" in these challenging times.

For more information, to register for the event and receive the Zoom link, or for accommodation needs, please contact NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov or call 452-452-6836.

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



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Neighborhood Enhancement Program Updates

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) is a \$5 Million, city-funded capital improvements program that allows residents to propose and select projects that improve their neighborhood's quality of life and enhance its character. The program rotates through the city's 14 NEP Neighborhood Areas, serving two areas each year. Since 2015, NEP has rotated through the Eastgate/Factoria, Cougar Mountain/Lakemont, West Lake Sammamish, Northeast Bellevue, Bridle Trails, Northwest Bellevue, Downtown/BelRed, Lake Hills, Crossroads, Wilburton, West Bellevue and Woodridge Neighborhood Areas.

NEP coming to Somerset Area this month with \$217,000 for improvements

A virtual Kickoff Meeting is planned for Thursday April 7 for Somerset residents to learn how they can participate in the city's Neighborhood Enhancement Program online and by mail.

Register at NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov to receive the Zoom meeting link.

Each Somerset household will receive a postage paid NEP Project Request Form in the mail in early April. Somerset residents are encouraged to use this form or the online project request form on the NEP website: BellevueWA.gov/nep, to submit as many NEP project requests as they like by May 18.

Examples of past projects throughout city neighborhoods include art elements, crosswalk improvements, trail connections, street lighting and streetscape improvements.

Newport NEP is currently in scoping and review phase

City staff are in the process of evaluating and reviewing resident-submitted project ideas for the Newport Neighborhood Area to determine which will be feasible as eligible projects for the

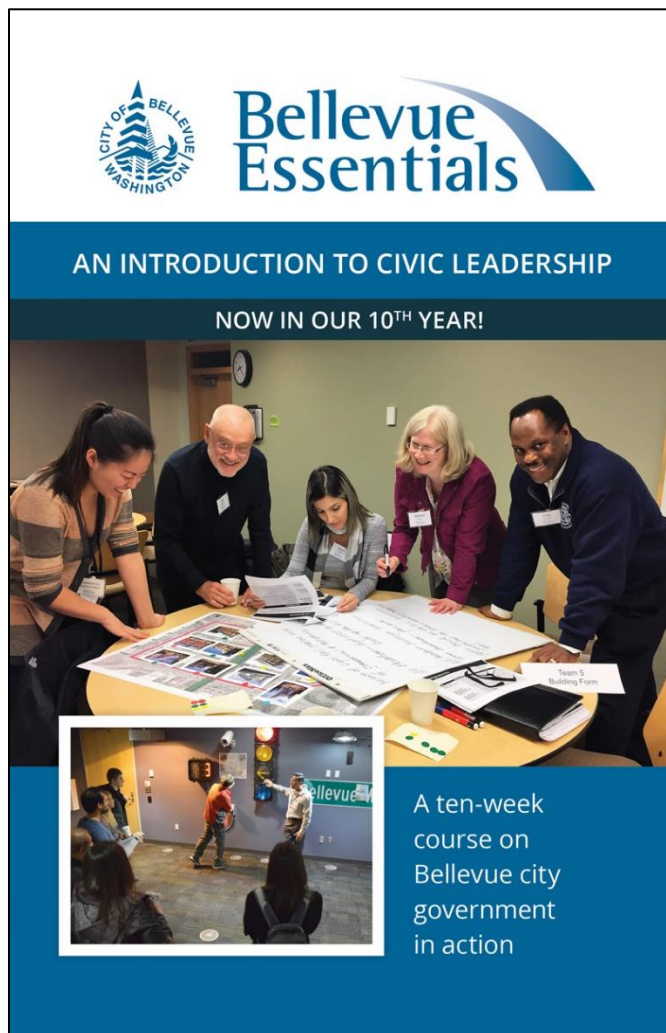


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Bellevue Essentials – Civic Engagement Academy



Key Dates

- Applications available May 1
- Information meetings:
 - June 9, 6pm at City Hall
 - June 14, noon, Zoom
 - June 16, 6pm at Crossroads Community Center
- Application deadline: July 27

bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-essentials

EXPERIENCE BELLEVUE!

NEIGHBORHOODS
CONFERENCE



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



[Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference - YouTube](#)



KEEP IN MIND: OTHER AREA PROJECTS TO BE AWARE OF

- **SOUTH BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER
PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

Mike Bowers, Operations Supervisor, Bellevue Parks Dept,
Mbowers@bellevuewa.gov

- **EASTGATE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY – FROM
NEWPORT WAY TO SBCC LOWER LEVEL**

Zachariah Collom, Bellevue Parks Dept,
Zcollom@bellevuewa.gov



KEEP IN MIND: OTHER AREA PROJECTS TO BE AWARE OF

- **CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS ALONG FOREST DR**

Daniel Lam, Design Engineer, Bellevue Trans Dept,
Dlam@bellevuewa.gov



NOW WHAT?

**Move to breakout rooms with
city project managers**

**“Self-select” rooms or request to
be moved into a specific room**



BREAKOUT ROOMS

1. **Parks:** Trails and Streetscape
2. **Parks:** Operation & Maintenance
3. **Parks:** Planning & Development
4. **Trans:** Traffic Engineering
5. **Trans:** Traffic Calming



STAY INFORMED

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PROJECT CRITERIA

AFFORDABILITY

PROJECT COSTS MUST NOT EXCEED THE FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD AREA

CONSISTENCY

PROJECTS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH CITY PLANS AND POLICIES

FEASIBILITY

PROJECTS MUST BE PRACTICAL AND ACHIEVABLE FOR THE CITY

IMPLEMENTATION

PROJECTS MUST BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED WITHIN 3-5 YEARS OF SELECTION

MAINTAINABILITY

PROJECTS MUST NOT REQUIRE MAINTENANCE THAT IS BURDOMEONE TO THE CITY

PUBLIC BENEFIT

PROJECTS MUST BE LOCATED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, EASEMENTS, OR PROPERTY DESIGNATED FOR PUBLIC USE, AND MUST BENEFIT THE GENERAL PUBLIC