



Neighborhood News

July 2023

Fireworks and festivities at Downtown Park to celebrate our nation's birthday!

Tuesday, July 4, 5-10:40 p.m.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St.



The fun is back in Downtown Park for the annual celebration of our nation's birthday at the Eastside's largest celebration, the Bellevue Family 4th! This is an ideal location to watch an amazing fireworks show. There will be an abundance of food options, live music, and a family fun zone. Just remember, personal fireworks, alcohol and drugs are not allowed at Bellevue Downtown Park.



Details on the festivities

The Bellevue Family 4th, presented by the Bellevue Collection, features live music, family entertainment and a fireworks display set to live music by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra. This year's event also offers expanded food offerings with a food court featuring 11 food vendors including Blinchiki Crepes, Glow



Tea, HP Smokehouse BBQ, Isidros, La Panadeia, Langostino Sushi Burrito, Mexicuban, Organic Juice Bar & Gyros, Ray's Food, Seoul Bowl, and Zieglers Bratwurst Haus. More food trucks will also be around the perimeter of the park, and include Ben & Jerry's, Kornman, Kulphi LLC, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Pioneer Popcorn, Road Dawgs and Samijon's Shaved Ice.

The Family Fun Zone will offer family entertainment and a kids area starting at 5 p.m.

Festivities also kick off at 5 p.m. on the Amazon Entertainment Plaza with Lady A. performing blues and soul, followed by folk/rock band Laurel Canyon Legacy at 7 p.m. The Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra will have a pre-fireworks performance starting at 9:15 p.m.

To set the stage for the fireworks, which start at 10:05 p.m., Bellevue Fire Department's Honor Guard will present the colors at 9:50 p.m. followed by a performance of the National Anthem by Highland Middle School Choir before the fireworks begin in a synchronized show set to live musical accompaniment by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra. After the fireworks, the youth orchestra continues with a post-fireworks show.



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.

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Getting there

Several streets will be closed to vehicle traffic near the park for safety and to minimize delays. Please be patient, observe posted signs and obey police officers directing traffic. Street parking on nearby residential streets is prohibited and be aware that violators may be towed.

For a full list of street closures before and after the event, please visit <https://bellevuewa.gov/traffic-advisories>.

Visitors are encouraged to walk, bike, take the bus or carpool to the park for the event.

Celebrate safely!

Boom! Bang! Ahh! For many, the sounds and sights of fireworks are mesmerizing. We hope you have a fun, memorable and safe holiday enjoying these annual sights responsibly. The Bellevue Fire Department reminds residents and visitors that the sale, use or possession of fireworks is prohibited within the City of Bellevue.



The days of neighborhood firework displays in the middle of the road are over, but the allure and general vibe of celebration is not! Rather than risk injury, fire or fines for using fireworks illegally, plan to celebrate among the community at one of the many regional public fireworks shows, including the Bellevue Family 4th ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/parks/bellevue-family-4th](https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/bellevue-family-4th)) at Downtown Park!

Celebrate safely and happy Independence Day!



2023 Neighborhood Walks



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<https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/neighborhoods/neighborhood-walks>

For the seventh summer, City Manager Brad Miyake and the city's Management Team invite you to come walk and visit with them in Bellevue's unique neighborhoods. Residents have an opportunity to meet neighbors and city staff in-person, and to share your neighborhood's history, character and emerging concerns. It's a great time for informal conversations and learning!

It doesn't matter which neighborhood you call home - you're welcome to be part of any of the Neighborhood Walks! You can come and visit at the gathering point, even if you don't plan to walk the route.

Questions? Please contact Mark Heilman at mheilman@bellevuewa.gov

2023 Neighborhood Walks schedule: Newport Walk

Tuesday, July 18, 6:30-8 p.m.
Gathering at Woodlawn Park
11560 SE 60th St

Crossroads Walk

Wednesday, July 19, 6:30-8 p.m.
Gathering at Crossroads Park
16140 NE 8th St

Northwest Walk

Thursday, July 20, 6:30-8 p.m.
Gathering at Bellevue Farmers' Market
1717 Bellevue Way NE





Bellevue Essentials applications are due by July 20

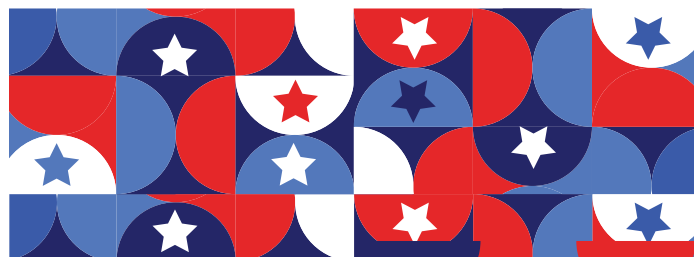
Check out this preview video to hear what Bellevue Essentials graduates are saying: youtu.be/cGdHBMWGSaY

Do you want to learn how Bellevue city government really works? Perhaps you are interested in how the city was shaped by history, growth and our changing diversity? Then the City of Bellevue's annual civic engagement program may be just what you are looking for.

Bellevue Essentials provides an 11-week introduction to civic leadership. The transformational program highlights the values, structure and daily operations of Bellevue city government. Participants will learn about Bellevue through presentations, interactive experiences and engaging tours. A cohort of 35 students will meet every Wednesday night, beginning Sept. 20 and concluding Nov 29.

Full program information and an application can be found at BellevueWA.gov/bellevue-essentials

Applications for the 2023 class are due July 20. For more information, contact Julie Ellenhorn, jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or 425 452 5372.



Neighborhood Enhancement Program updates

Eastgate/Factoria Neighborhood Area residents: Submit your ballot for your top three project choices by July 21!

Be a part of the voting, and tell us which projects you'd like to see funded with the \$370,000 in available funds that the city has allocated for your neighborhood area.



Simply return the postage paid ballot included inside the voter's pamphlet that each Eastgate/Factoria neighborhood household received in June.

Voting is by mail only and is limited to one ballot per household address, allowing you the opportunity to vote in priority order. Responses will be tabulated with the highest-scoring projects receiving funding.

Project specifics and a map showing the project locations for the ten Eastgate/Factoria NEP projects can be found on the City of Bellevue's NEP website in the Eastgate/Factoria Neighborhood Area section at BellevueWA.gov/nep.

Ballots must be postmarked by Friday, July 21 to be included in the voting process. Remember to include your address, and for those in multiple housing units, your apartment or condo number must be included for your vote to be counted.

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 over the course of seven years, serving two areas each year. The \$7 million program allocation is distributed among each of the NEP neighborhood areas, according to the number of households in each area. In 2023, NEP is available in the Eastgate/Factoria and Cougar Mountain/Lakemont neighborhood areas.

Please contact Theresa Cuthill at tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov with questions. Detailed program information can be found at BellevueWA.gov/nep.



Join Bellevue Centers Communities of Color Initiative for dialogues in July and August!

The Bellevue Centers Communities of Color Coordinating Team is a group of diverse people who live and work in Bellevue and are dedicated to hearing the voices of residents, workers and visitors as they work to advance the city's commitment to racial equity. In July and August, the Coordinating Team encourages you to attend a community dialogue to discuss the needs and opportunities for communities of color in Bellevue. Based on community input, the group will present recommendations to city leadership to ensure that all Bellevue communities have the opportunity to thrive.

Various dates, times and locations will be offered.

To register, visit <https://forms.office.com/g/d8dudQLGyK>. For more information, please contact Marcus Johnson at mjohnson@bellevuewa.gov.

Building Bellevue's Sustainable Future: Lunch and Learn Series

To learn more and to register, visit: sustainable-bellevue-lunch-and-learns.eventbrite.com

By Sofia Fall, Sustainability Coordinator

As we face increasing global climate impacts, planning for a sustainable future is a critical part of every healthy city. To ensure that Bellevue's residents will continue to enjoy our "City in a Park" and a thriving natural and human environment for many generations, the city is working to implement the Environmental Stewardship Plan, a key element of the City Council Vision.

To support the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, Bellevue is conducting environmental assessments and reports that will help the city shape our more sustainable future.

The projects sit at the intersection of environment and community planning and illuminate how the health of Bellevue's environment impacts residents, and how residents impact the environment.

Over the next three months, the city invites you to learn more about the reports and our environmental planning process. From July to September, the city is hosting Summer Sustainable Bellevue Lunch and Learns on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The Lunch and Learns will be an opportunity to get more involved in efforts to build a more sustainable future.

Topics to be covered will include the Air Quality and Land Use Planning Report, the soon-to-be-released Climate Vulnerability Assessment, the Racially Disparate Impacts report, the 2021 Tree Canopy Assessment and other sustainability subjects, with a focus on environmental justice and equity.

Through this series, Bellevue residents will gain a deeper understanding of sustainability in Bellevue. Community members will have the opportunity to ask questions and participate in short discussions about these topics.

The first Lunch and Learn will be held Tuesday, July 25, noon-1 p.m., and the topic is "Air Quality and Land Use."

Other Summer Sustainable Bellevue Lunch and Learns will be held noon-1 p.m. on Aug. 22 and Sept. 26. Topics and more details can be found at the registration link.

People of all ages, backgrounds and interests are welcome!

PulsePoint

If you knew you could save a life, would you?

It happened in an instant. While sitting at a hair salon, a Bellevue firefighter's phone alerted her to a medical emergency where someone needed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). She wasn't on duty. She wasn't even within Bellevue city limits. But the PulsePoint app she

downloaded a couple years prior gave her the exact location of a patient in cardiac arrest at that moment. She knew she could get to scene before the closest first responders. The app told her that, too! Equipped with the knowledge that every second counts when a heart stops beating, she left the salon chair, found the patient and immediately began CPR compressions. That day she saved a life. And she credits it all to PulsePoint.



PulsePoint Respond (medicofoundation.org/pulsepoint/) is a free app that empowers residents to provide life-saving assistance to victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Download the app, indicate you're trained in CPR and willing to assist in case of an emergency, then get notified if you're in the vicinity of someone needing CPR. Notifications happen simultaneously with the dispatch of first responders. Activations are limited to public places and will not send civilian responders into private locations.

Bellevue Fire encourages everyone to download and sign up for PulsePoint. If you'd like to learn CPR or need a refresher, sign up for one of our monthly CPR/AED courses (BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/fire/medical/cpr-training/).

International fraud alert from Bellevue Police Department

近期频繁出现诈骗，偷盗和个人信息盗窃的案件。诈骗方假冒中国政府或者警方的身份联系受害人，以威胁拘捕或遣送的方式诱导受害人配合调查，汇款解决问题。诈骗手法通常包括电子汇款，电子礼品卡和现金交易。



在最近的一起案件中，诈骗方从当地电话公司盗取号码，用假冒身份得到受害者的信任，受害者汇款之后发现被骗。数额巨大。

如果有人声称他们是海外政府工作人员并索要钱财，请务必留意。在您不能确认是否遇到诈骗情况时，请及时拨打咨询您所在地方当局的警察。

Bellevue Police are seeing increased fraud, theft and identity theft cases involving people claiming to be Chinese government or law enforcement officials. The suspects contact the victim, claim they are in trouble and must pay money to fix the problem. They even threaten that they may be arrested or deported. The scams take many forms, including wiring money, purchasing and electronically sending gift cards or telling someone to withdraw cash and hand it over.

In one case, the suspects cloned phone numbers from a local cell phone company and sent the victim "official looking" credentials, which prompted the victim to believe it was real. These are scams, and victims are losing tens of thousands of dollars to these fraud schemes.

Please do not reply or cooperate with anyone claiming to be an overseas official asking you for money. If you don't know them, don't trust them. Instead, call your local police department, and they will check it out. It is better to take the time to verify than to potentially lose thousands of dollars.



Bellevue Police Foundation 2nd Annual Golf Tournament and Banquet

Want to support public safety and have fun at the same time? Register now for Bellevue Police Foundation 2nd Annual Golf Tournament and Banquet to be held on August 1, at the beautiful Golf Club at Newcastle. Proceeds will fund innovative recruiting and training programs for Bellevue Police.

This year's event will feature fabulous weather for our shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Play will be followed immediately by an awards banquet overlooking Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains. There will be lots of valuable prizes and games.

Register online at bellevuepolicefoundation.org/events

Looking forward to seeing you on the course!





Important information about hearing loss

Hearing loss has been associated with social isolation and a greater chance of developing dementia, but recent research suggests that use of hearing aids by persons with hearing loss may reduce the chance of dementia. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) reports that among adults aged 70 years and older with a hearing loss who could benefit from hearing aids, less than 30% has ever used them.

One of the reasons for not wearing hearing aids has been their appearance. However, hearing aids are much smaller and less visible than in the past. Another reason that many have not purchased hearing aids is the high cost. The average price for a pair of hearing aids is about \$4,672, although the price can range from \$1,000 - \$8,000. Price of aids can depend on factors including client needs, the technology included and services provided.

In Washington state, Medicaid covers hearing aids for low-income children and adults. Some Medicare Advantage Plans contribute to or fully cover the cost hearing aids.

Some health care plans in Washington presently cover hearing aids. In addition, our legislature just passed ESHB 1222. Beginning January 1, 2024, this legislation requires group health plans, **with a number of exceptions**, and school and state employee health plans, to provide coverage for the described hearing instruments and services, at no less than \$3,000 per ear every 36 months.

Financial assistance for purchase of hearing aids and related equipment is often available, as is shown on the Hearing Loss Association of Washington website: hhearingloss-wa.org. In addition, our state provides amplified and captioned phones and other equipment to persons with hearing loss, the cost depending on one's income. Visit: dshs.wa.gov/altsa/odhh/

[telecommunication-equipment-distribution](#) to learn more.

Over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are designed for persons aged 18 years and older who have mild to moderate hearing loss. OTC hearing aids are available in stores and online.

Help us to learn about employment challenges on the Eastside

The Center for Economic and Business Research at Western Washington University is conducting a survey in partnership with the cities of Redmond and Bellevue to better understand employment challenges in East King County. Please take a few minutes to tell us about your employment status, needs, and desires. Participation is for everyone, regardless of employment status.

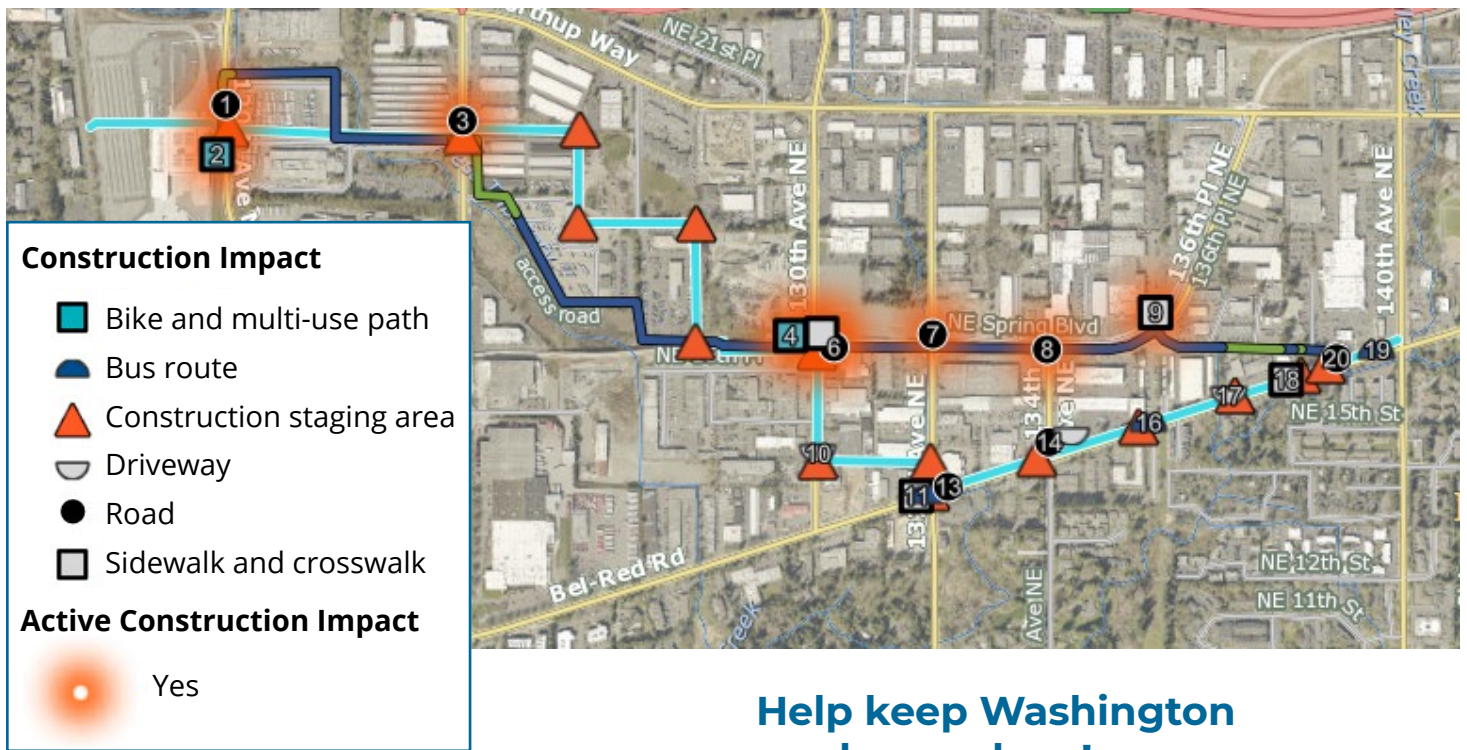
The survey is available in 5 languages: Spanish, Chinese (simplified), Russian, Hindi, Korean, and Vietnamese. You can select your preferred language using the drop down list on the intro page. You can take the survey at: https://www.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eaK2qSrRUwRkNWS

Current jobs and employment resources can be found at findajob.oneeastside.org or email phart@bellevuewa.gov for more information.

Spring District sewer work update

King County contractors will continue working on sewer construction this month in BelRed. Construction work will take place in the project area through October 2023. Crews are relining an existing sewer pipe to extend the pipe's lifetime for the next fifty years.

After completing installation for a temporary diversion sewer pipe in the west section of the project area (120th Avenue Northeast and 124th Avenue Northeast), sewer pipe relining to rehabilitate the permanent pipe started in June and the work will continue in July. The installation of the temporary diversion pipe in the east side of the project area (130th Avenue Northeast, 134 Avenue Northeast, Spring Boulevard and 134th Avenue Northeast, Spring Boulevard, & Northeast

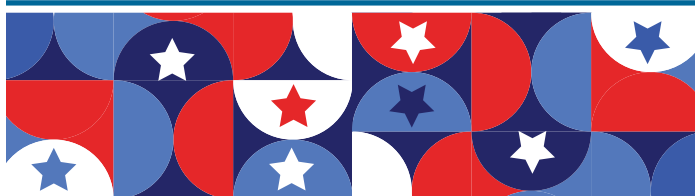


Spring Boulevard) started in June and that work will continue into July as well.

What to expect:

- Typical work hours are 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. weekdays with occasional night and weekend work. However, contractors will be present onsite 24-hours a day for monitoring and refueling activities.
- Expect traffic detours, equipment staging and closures of streets, sidewalks, trails, bus stops, driveways and bike lanes.
- There will be noise and odor from the temporary pumping system and other construction activities.
- Sewer service will be maintained.

To learn more about the project, keep up to date, and view an interactive construction map, visit the project webpage at KingCounty.gov/lake-hills-sewer-relining. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, you can contact King County's construction hotline at 425-224-2475 or email Demmelash Adera at deadera@kingcounty.gov.



Help keep Washington roadways clean!

Did you know that each year, more than 26 million pounds of litter end up on Washington roadways? In 2022, the Washington State Department of Ecology collected more than 5.4 million pounds of litter, costing almost \$6 million in response and cleanup costs. However, we can all help!

A few reminders to help keep Bellevue and Washington clean:

- Keep a litter bag in your vehicle.
- Throw away trash when you get to your destination.
- Always cover and secure loads in your vehicle.

Unsecured loads can harm the environment and our community. More than 300 crashes in Washington, some causing injury or death, are caused by unsecured loads each year.

For more information, visit LitterFreeWA.org and Ecology.WA.gov/SecureLoadsWA.



WSDOT begins heavy summer construction season

You will see lots of WSDOT crews working this summer on and near state highways, and that means closures, delays or congestion. In Bellevue, you can expect to see construction on major projects this summer, including the I-405/Renton to Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project, I-90 Sunset Creek Fish Passage, SR 520 Overlake Access Ramp and I-405 seismic strengthening of bridges.

Here are some suggestions to help you keep moving:

- Stay informed – there will be lots of projects with multiple construction stages and changing road conditions over time, so staying up to date as you plan your travel and before you head out will be key.
- Use transit – and keep in mind more people may be using these options so they may be more full than usual.
- If you can't delay your travel, give yourself plenty of extra time to reach your destination.
- Pre-program vehicle radios to 530 AM and 1610 AM for highway advisory radio alerts.

- Carry extra food and water as an added precaution for emergencies or unexpected stops.
- Heed all construction warning signs, closures or detour directions; they're there for your safety.

The City of Bellevue and WSDOT also offer many tools to help you stay informed both before you go and while traveling:

- Bellevue [Traffic Advisories](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic-advisories) ([BellevueWA.gov/traffic-advisories](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/traffic-advisories)), real-time [traffic cameras](https://trafficmap.bellevuewa.gov) ([trafficmap.BellevueWA.gov](https://trafficmap.bellevuewa.gov)) and timely alerts on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/BvueTrans) (twitter.com/BvueTrans)
- WSDOT [mobile app](https://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/mobile-app-and-twitter) (wsdot.wa.gov/travel/mobile-app-and-twitter), [email alerts](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOT/subscriber/new) (public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOT/subscriber/new) and a [real-time travel map](https://wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/) (wsdot.com/Travel/Real-time/Map/)
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Bellevue Celebrates Juneteenth!

On June 20, more than 125 people joined the City of Bellevue for an educational and vibrant celebration of Juneteenth. Influential Black leaders from across the region sat down to discuss the meaning of Juneteenth and reflect on the impact of acknowledging this important day in history.

Discussion panelists included Dr. Consuelo Grier with Bellevue College, Ron Lewis with Sound Transit, Solynn McCurdy with Symetra, Shade Moore with Amazon and Federal Judge Jamal Whitehead. The evening also included performances from Black dancers, singers and musicians.

A special "thank you" to V.C. Bynum Arts for their collaboration on the event's performances!



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-113)

First Wednesday 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			