



Neighborhood News

October 2023



Fire Stations host October open houses!

Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

All nine Bellevue fire stations are swinging their doors wide open for YOU this fall! Let's light up the town with safety, fun and camaraderie.

What's the sizzle? Get up close and personal with fire trucks and aide cars, test your CPR chest compression skills, become a water-wielding hero with a fire extinguisher, high-five your local firefighters and paramedics, and boost your emergency preparedness awareness.

Where's the heat?

Find the station closest to your beat:

Station 1: 766 Bellevue Way SE

Station 2: 2802 148th Ave SE

Station 3: 16100 NE 8th ST

Station 4: 4216 Factoria Blvd. SE

Station 5: 9621 NE 24th ST

Station 6: 1850 132nd Ave NE

Station 7: 11900 SE 8th ST

Station 8: 5701 Lakemont Blvd. SE

Station 9: 12412 Newcastle Way



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Fire up your enthusiasm, grab your family and friends, and let's have a blast together! See you there!

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Kelsey Creek Farm Fair celebrates city's rural past

Kelsey Creek Farm - 410 130th PI SE
Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Meet the baby goats and lambs, collect pumpkins and more at the 41st annual Kelsey Creek Farm Fair!

Festivities will include pony rides, pumpkin patch and decorating, hands-on heritage activities, animal viewing, country lane children's play area, pedal tractors, tractor-pulled wagon rides and food trucks.

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

In 1921, the site of the current Kelsey Creek Park was a farm called Twin Valley Dairy, which produced milk, cream and butter. Nearly 50 years later, the city purchased part of the farm for a city park featuring 150 acres of forest, meadows and wetlands in the heart of Bellevue.

Please note there is not an ATM on site. Some activities have a charge and pets are not allowed in the barnyard area.

For more information, call 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Parks Fall Events

Monster Mash Halloween Dance

Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center
9825 NE 24th St.
Call: 425-452-4106



"Zombies!"

Presented by Bellevue
Youth Theatre

- Oct. 27, 28, Nov. 3 and 4 at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 29, Nov. 4 and 5 at 2 p.m.



Bellevue Youth Theatre
16051 NE 10th St.

Call: 425-452-7155, or visit: bellevuewa.gov/BYT

Halloween on the Hill

Oct. 28
South Bellevue
Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way



Pumpkin races, Carnival and Kids Fun Zone, Family Magic Show featuring John Amidon



Bellevue SchoolPool Walk & Roll to School Week is Oct. 2-6

Oct. 4 is International Walk & Roll to School Day, and Bellevue SchoolPool will celebrate all week!

Watch for signs at participating schools reminding students to try walking, biking, riding the bus or carpooling Oct. 2-6. Students at these schools can get flashing lights, rulers or other fun items for participating.

Even if your school doesn't participate in SchoolPool, you can try a new way to get there to help alleviate drop-off and pickup congestion and have fun!

Check out the "Resources" section of BellevueSchoolPool.org for information sheets on carpooling, setting up a walking school bus or bike train with your friends or neighbors. Is distance from school an issue, especially if your child is changing schools due to school consolidation? Another resource on this page is a guide to "park and walk" where you drive your child to a location near the school so they can walk the rest of the way!

Whatever your child's route to school, make their trip safe by checking out the city's School Traffic Safety page at BellevueWA.gov/schooltrafficsafety.

More information, resources and a list of participating schools are available at BellevueSchoolPool.org.



The City of Bellevue presents: Preventing Mass Shootings and Targeted Violence

Thursday, Oct. 12, 7-9 p.m.

Meydenbauer Center, 11100 NE 6th St

Registration link: eventbrite.com/e/preventing-mass-shootings-and-targeted-violence-tickets-716900878827?aff=oddtcreator

The City of Bellevue is pleased to announce a special evening discussing how threat assessment teams work within communities and schools to prevent violence. We invite you to join us as Virginia Tech shooting survivor Kristina Anderson Froling, author and journalist Mark Follman and Detective Will Halifax from the Bellevue Police Department, share their perspectives on creating a safer community.

Featured Speakers:



Ms. Kristina Anderson

Froling, Executive Director of the Seattle-based Koshka Foundation, will present her experiences and insights as a survivor of the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting. Kristina will highlight her involvement and unique leadership role in school safety in a compassionate and heartfelt manner.



Mr. Mark Follman, author of the book "Trigger Points: Inside the Mission to Stop Mass Shootings in America," will share insights from his eight years of research into the history, successes, and challenges of threat assessment. Follman will speak about issues of public awareness, how trained community teams work together to mitigate targeted violence, and more.





Dr. David J. Williams is a professor of Health, Behavior, and Society at the Johns Hopkins University. He is also the director of the Center for Communications Programs at the same university. Dr. Williams has a long history of research in the field of reproductive health, particularly in the area of adolescent reproductive health. He has published numerous articles and books on this topic, and has been a frequent speaker at international conferences. Dr. Williams is also a member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy on the Humanities.

Threat Manager through the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals, Detective Hallifax will address the drawbacks of a solely response-focused approach to threats. He will delve into how the Bellevue Police Department has adopted the principles of proactive threat management and prevention within a comprehensive safety plan. He will also present a vision for public-private engagement to collaboratively combat threats within our community.

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Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1-4 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center
14509 SE Newport Way

Join Bellevue Fire's Office of Emergency Management to learn critical disaster skills and what you and your family can do to make sure that you are personally prepared. Preparing for emergencies can feel intimidating, but it can be simpler with the proper tools. This training will help equip you with the skills and information needed to be prepared, by providing quick lessons on:

- Local Hazards
- Basic First Aid
- Fire Safety
- Home Safety
- Personal Preparedness



Register here. For questions, contact
OEM@bellevuewa.gov



NEP Updates

BellevueWA.gov/nep

Cougar Mountain/

Lakemont residents: Voting for your top three project choices continues to be open for you through Oct. 24!

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. 24 to be valid. Information on the 13 enhancement projects on your ballot can be found on the Cougar Mountain/Lakemont webpage in the Neighborhood Areas section of the NEP website at BellevueWA.gov/nep

Eastgate/Factoria residents: Please let us know how you liked the NEP process in your area.

You have four new capital improvement projects that will be coming to the Eastgate/Factoria neighborhood area:

- Eastgate/Factoria Area Greenbelts Invasive Vegetation Removal
- Sunset Ravine Trail Enhancements
- Eastgate Trail Connection to SE 42nd Street
- SE 42nd St/PL and 161st Ave SE Streetlights

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. 26.

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 \$7 million program allocation is distributed among each of the NEP neighborhood areas, according to the number of households in each area.



Drafting the Plan: Comprehensive Plan Update kicks off next phase

By Brooke Brod, Community Development Department

The Periodic Update to the Comprehensive Plan launched in February of 2022. Since that time the planning team has gathered a wealth of public input using a variety of approaches. Highlights from the engagement include:

- Mailing a Bellevue 2044 questionnaire to every household in Bellevue.
- Hosting 14 community workshops and open house sessions.
- Organizing 19 tabling events and markets and community celebrations.
- Giving 14 presentations to community & neighborhood groups.
- Arranging 7 focus groups.
- Hearing from over 1100 Bellevue residents in a statistically valid survey.

Information gathered has been used to inform options for how the city will grow and develop in the next 20 years. It is also being used to develop draft policies that will guide this growth and development.

The next phase of engagement will focus on sharing draft language and potential policy changes with the community. The planning team will be looking to hear what resonates with community members and what changes or additions should be considered.

Community Members are invited to join the planning team for a **Bellevue 2044 Phase 3 Kick-Off on Tuesday, Oct 10 at 6:30 p.m.** At this virtual session the planning team will review the process for drafting the major update to the Comprehensive Plan and the opportunities for engagement. There will be time for questions and answers. People are encouraged to register at bellevue-2044-draft-plan.eventbrite.com.

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As part of this phase of engagement, the planning team is also excited to launch a series of open houses where community members can review draft vision statements, speak with members of the planning team, and provide feedback. These are drop-in events and people can stop by any time and stay for as long as they'd like within the event timeframe.

Monday-Friday, October 9-25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mini City Hall, 15600 NE 8th St.

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2-6 p.m.

Crossroads Mall (outside Mini City Hall),
15600 NE 8th St.

Thursday, Oct. 19, 4:30-8 p.m.

Mini City Hall, 15600 NE 8th St.

Registration is not required. You can find more information at engagingbellevue.com/bellevue-2044-draft-vision-statement-events or reach out to Brooke Brod at bbrod@bellevuewa.gov.



Keep Bellevue Beautiful to host Fall events

You are invited to help volunteer to keep our streets and streams clean!



To let us know that you plan to attend or learn more about these events, please visit the program webpage: BellevueWA.gov/keepbellevuebeautiful or contact us at keepbellevuebeautiful@bellevuewa.gov



South 148th Street Cleanup

Saturday, Oct. 21, 9-10 a.m.

Starting at Robinswood Park

BelRed Road Cleanup

Saturday, Nov. 18, 9-10 a.m.

Starting at Highlands Community Center

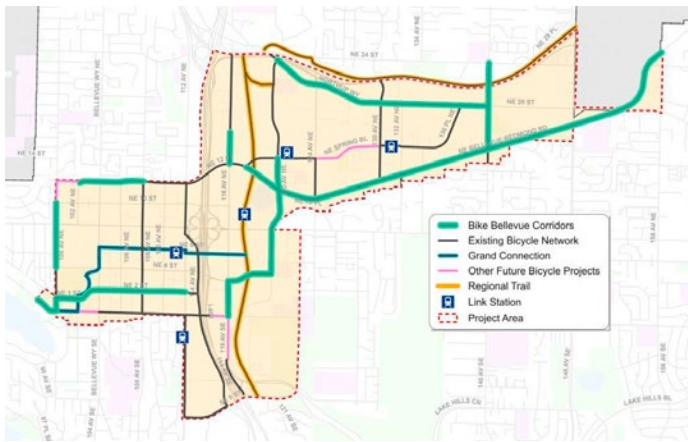
156th Ave and 8th Street Cleanup

Saturday, Dec. 16, 9-10 a.m.

Starting at Crossroads Park

Thank you for being part of our community's commitment to cleanliness and sustainability!





Bike Bellevue interactive online feedback tool is open

Bellevue's Transportation Department is collecting your input for the Bike Bellevue initiative, which will add bike lanes to streets in the urban core areas of Downtown, Wilburton and BelRed neighborhood areas. The goal is to create a network of safe and comfortable cycling connections for people of all ages and abilities.

You can share your thoughts through Friday, Nov. 17, on the proposed designs for each Bike Bellevue corridor using an interactive online feedback tool. You will also be able to see comments from other people, add a response, and agree or disagree.

Visit BikeBellevue.konveio.com to submit your feedback.

For more information on Bike Bellevue and to sign up for project alerts, visit BellevueWA.gov/bike-bellevue. The Bike Bellevue DRAFT Design Concepts Guide is available now on the webpage, which includes additional information on the proposed corridor designs.



Lake Hills Sewer Relining Project

King County contractors will continue working on construction of sewer improvements this October. The construction crews are rehabilitating existing pipes on the east side of the project. Construction work will take place in the project area through October 2023.

Here is what you will notice:

- Construction on the west side of the project area along 120th and 124th Avenues Northeast has been completed! Drivers, pedestrians and cyclists have restored access to normal activities along 120th Avenue Northeast.
- Intersection closed at Northeast Spring Boulevard and BelRed Road through October 2023. Access to businesses on Northeast Spring Boulevard up to the closed intersection with Bel-Red Road is maintained via a detour from 136th Place Northeast. Drivers must use the approved detour and cannot use private property driveways to avoid closures.
- Extension of eastbound closure of Northeast Spring Boulevard, between 130th Avenue Northeast and 136th Place Northeast. No vehicle or bicycle access on the eastbound side through October 2023. Westbound Northeast Spring Boulevard will remain open to westbound vehicles and pedestrians.
- Intersection closed at 134th Avenue Northeast and Northeast Spring Boulevard.
- Detour signs posted to direct traffic around construction.

What to expect:

- Typical work hours are 7 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays with occasional night and expected weekend work.
- Expect traffic detours; equipment staging; and closures of streets, sidewalks, trails, bus stops, driveways, and bike lanes.



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- There will be noise and odor from the temporary pumping system and other construction activities.
- Sewer service will be maintained throughout the project.

Learn more: <https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/waste-services/wastewater-treatment/capital-projects/lake-hills-sewer-relining>



Participate in the online open house for the Northeast Spring Boulevard, 124th to 130th Avenues Northeast project

The Bellevue Transportation Department is working on the preliminary design to create a new multi-modal connection on Northeast Spring Boulevard between 124th and 130th Avenues Northeast. Currently, the project team is analyzing options to determine the proposed design.

Proposed solutions will consider the effects on future private development in the area, stream and wetland impacts, connections to nearby transit stations, the BelRed roadway network and existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

We want to hear from you! Beginning Oct. 2, 2023, we invite you to participate in our Engaging Bellevue questionnaire and share your thoughts on proposed designs. Your feedback will inform the next phase of work, which includes selecting the preferred alternative and advancing it to 15% design.

Project benefits include:

- Improving access, circulation and mobility by making an important multi-modal east-west connection for people who walk, roll, take transit, or drive in the BelRed area.
- Connecting Northeast Spring Boulevard's existing east and west segments to complete the corridor from downtown Bellevue to the revitalized BelRed area.
- Adding sidewalks, bicycle facilities, street lighting, landscaping and irrigation, storm drainage, water quality treatment and other underground utilities.
- Creating an elevated structure to span over the wetlands and the West Tributary to Kelsey Creek.
- Integrating with the proposed future West Tributary Park and connecting trails.

More details are available at BellevueWA.gov/SpringBlvd-Zone3.

