



Neighborhood News



August 2024

Tree Giveaway applications accepted through Aug. 18

Learn more and apply at BellevueWA.gov/TreeGiveaway


Interested in keeping our city cool for years to come? Apply for a free tree in this year's tree giveaway!

Planting trees around your home or organization is an excellent way to reduce intense summer heat and improve air quality, among many other environmental benefits.



Residents can receive up to two free trees, and community organizations can receive up to 20 free trees. The tree giveaway program, in partnership with Amazon and 300 Trees, also provides training and resources on tree planting and care, along with optional watering bags and mulch to help your new tree thrive.

Applications are due Aug. 18, and you will hear back about the status of your application in early September. Our distribution event will take place at Bannerwood Park on Oct. 25 and 26. If you aren't able to pick up your tree one of those days, don't worry! A friend or neighbor can pick up your tree for you.

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National Night Out 2024

At Crossroads Park
Tuesday, Aug. 6 | 4-7 p.m.

On Aug. 6, neighbors across the country and here in Bellevue will hold a very special event celebrating the partnership between community and the first responders who keep our community safe.



Starting in 1984, National Night Out is a community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood connections to make our neighborhoods safer and better places to live.

The Bellevue Police Department and Bellevue Fire Department are always thrilled to stop by neighborhoods for this annual event. This year, they will co-host a National Night Out celebration at Bellevue's Crossroads Park. The family festival event will include live music, a bouncy house, food trucks, ice cream trucks, kids games and so much more!



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New city grant program supports local art and cultural facilities

The City of Bellevue is launching a new \$1.8 million grant program designed to help local nonprofits acquire, build and maintain art and cultural facilities. The program underscores Bellevue's commitment to fostering and showcasing the city's vibrant arts and culture scene. Capital projects grants can support property, building new facilities, acquiring specialized equipment and other major building renovations. Facility maintenance grants can support preventative maintenance and repairs to help preserve existing arts and cultural facilities.

Applying nonprofits must have a 501(c)(3) designation, have two years of operation and provide publicly accessible programming. Applications are due Mon., Aug. 12.

Please visit BellevueWA.gov/ArtsGrants for more information.



Special dates at Bellevue Farmers Market

1717 Bellevue Way NE

Find out more on our website and check out our 45 vendors: bellevuefarmersmarket.org.

Dog Day

Thursday, Aug. 1, 3-7 p.m.

Enjoy a special day for the four-legged friend in your life at Dog Day at Bellevue Farmers Market!

The first 30 canine shoppers will receive a free Bellevue Farmers Market dog bandana and three local dog bakeries will be part of our usual mix of farm-fresh produce and ready-to-eat food vendors.

Dog photographer Squeaky Dog Studios will be taking photographs of pups from 3:30-6 p.m. and Hydrodog Bert will be offering nail trims and teeth brushing (applicable fees will apply). Motley Zoo Animal Rescue will also have adoptable pups looking for their new humans!

Family Fun Day

Thursday, August 22, 3-7 p.m.

Meet firefighters, explore a fire truck from the Bellevue Fire Department and listen to the educational tunes of Mikey the Rad Scientist!

We'll also have free face painting and an activity from KidsQuest, plus a raffle where you could win a mini photography session from Rosie Lema Photography or an infrared sauna session at City Sweats. All free for the whole family!

EBT/SNAP, SUN Bucks and WIC/SFMNP are proudly accepted at Bellevue Farmers Market.

Open House for Northeast Bellevue Neighborhood Area

City staff are finishing up the scoping phase of the numerous project ideas that were submitted for your neighborhood earlier this year.



Please plan to join city staff and your neighbors at a public open house on Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Peter's United Methodist Church to preview the projects that will be included on your NEP ballot and are eligible for potential funding from the \$366k budget allocation. A brief overview of the project scoping process and NEP voting process will be provided.

Look for printed invitations and meeting details to arrive in Northeast Bellevue area mailboxes in early September. Let us know that you plan to attend by emailing NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov.

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.

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



Adopt-A-Street volunteer program has launched!

The City of Bellevue is thrilled to announce the launch of the Keep Bellevue Beautiful Adopt-A-Street program. The volunteer-driven initiative invites individuals, families, businesses and community groups to partner with the city in maintaining the beauty and cleanliness of our streets. Participants can choose a street to keep litter-free and commit to cleaning it at least four times a year for two years. The city provides safety vests, gloves, trash bags and litter grabbers to ensure everyone is well-prepared while cleaning up.



The past year over 300 community volunteers have collected more than 300 bags of litter during Keep Bellevue Beautiful cleanup events. The Adopt-A-Street program builds on this success, offering an easy and impactful way for everyone to contribute to a cleaner environment. By preventing trash from entering our waterways and protecting wildlife, we are working together to keep Bellevue safe, clean and vibrant.

Ready to make a difference? Sign up today to join the Keep Bellevue Beautiful Adopt-A-Street program! Visit BellevueWA.gov/KeepBellevueBeautiful or email keepbellevuebeautiful@bellevuewa.gov for more information and to register.

Together, let's Keep Bellevue Beautiful!



Join us for our next CERT Basic Class

Tuesdays, Sept. 10 - Oct. 22
Saturday, Oct. 26

bellevuecert.org

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is an in-depth training program designed to educate community volunteers in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue and disaster medical operations.



In a major disaster with widespread impacts, professional first responders may not be able to respond to all areas of the city for some time. CERT trained volunteers can help fill this gap by providing support to their family and neighbors.

To learn more about the Bellevue CERT program, to be notified of future training opportunities or to request a presentation from their team if you live or work in the Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Medina, Beaux Arts, Newcastle, Yarrow Point or Hunts Point area, check out bellevuecert.org for the most up to date information.



Free Summer Outdoor Movies!

A 40-foot movie screen transforms the Downtown and Crossroads parks into movie theaters showing the following feature films, which are all rated PG.

Local musicians, interactive entertainers and vendors will entertain guests before the movie. Pre-movie entertainment begins at 7 p.m. and movies begin at dusk.

Dates and Times

Downtown Movies in the Park:

Tuesday evenings, July 16-Aug. 20

Crossroads Movies in the Park:

Thursday evenings, Aug. 1-22

BellevueWA.gov/outdoor-movies



To burn or not to burn?

Warm summer evenings are here, and we know that outdoor gatherings often involve campfires and s'mores. However, it's important to know the rules about burning.

In Bellevue, open burning and burning yard debris, construction materials or trash are never allowed.

During a burn ban, regulations change. Check with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency online or call 1-800-595-4341 for updates on burn bans and outdoor burning restrictions.

If there's no burn ban, recreational fires are allowed. These fires must be small, no more than three feet in diameter and two feet high, and at least 25 feet from any structure or combustible material. Portable firepits must be 15 feet from structures and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

All outdoor fires must be attended by someone who knows how to use extinguishing tools like shovels, garden hoses or fire extinguishers.

Firefighters might visit to check on your fire. If it's hazardous, they will ask you to put it out. Smoke or air quality complaints can be reported to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency online or by calling 1-800-552-3565.





Hearing well: New savings for seniors with hearing loss

One of the biggest concerns of people suffering from hearing loss is the cost associated with solutions. There is a new alternative—over-the-counter hearing aids!

Over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids are devices that make sounds louder. Using hearing aids may reduce the frequency or severity of cognitive decline, depression, social isolation and other health problems in adults. To increase the public's access to hearing aids, the FDA established a new category of hearing aids for adults 18 years of age and older with perceived mild to moderate hearing loss. These OTC hearing aids may be a more cost-effective method of maintaining effective communication and:

- Are approved for adults 18 years of age and older
- Are indicated for individuals with mild to moderate hearing loss
- Are available in stores or online and the consumer is responsible for setting up the device, including fitting and tuning the sound
- Do not require a hearing exam or prescription from a physician or a hearing-health-care professional

Another key benefit is finding out if an OTC hearing aid device can be useful for the consumer's hearing loss. Not all hearing loss is



the same. Through an office visit, which is usually not covered by insurance, an audiologist also can provide support on how to use the OTC hearing aids. If cost is still a concern, there are low cost and free online hearing tests that can help you determine if you have hearing loss and whether OTC hearing aids can help you with hearing loss. Some things to consider before buying OTC hearing aids are durability, cost, ease of use and function.

Hearing loss in older adults is common. For most of us, it's not a matter of "if," but "when," our hearing will deteriorate. Don't wait to check your hearing health if you, or someone who cares about you, thinks your hearing is changing.



**WELCOMING
WEEK**

Save the date!

Welcoming Week, Sept. 13-22

Welcoming Week is a national celebration bringing together neighbors of all backgrounds to build strong connections and affirm the importance of inclusive places in achieving collective prosperity. We celebrate the work to become welcoming places for all, including immigrants.

Launched in 2012, Welcoming America and its members, Welcoming Week provides individuals and organizations the opportunity to showcase their values through events and initiatives that foster connections and collaboration between immigrants and non-immigrants, as well as belonging for all.

Visit BellevueWA.gov/welcoming-week for details of events in Bellevue and across the Eastside.



2024 Neighborhood Walks

Thank you for coming out to visit and walk with city staff and leaders and your neighbors during this year's Neighborhood Walks in West Lake Samm/Lake Hills, Factoria and West Bellevue!



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West Lake
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Lake Hills/
West Lake
Sammammish



Factoria

Factoria



West Bellevue



West Bellevue

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/special-meetings

Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network
 (6 p.m., Bellevue City Hall) Last Tuesday of each month
BellevueWA.gov/city-government/bdan

Arts Commission (4:30 p.m., 1E-113)
 First Wednesday of each month
BellevueWA.gov/arts-commission

Environmental Services Commission
 (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) First Thursday of each month
BellevueWA.gov/environmental-commission

Planning Commission (6:30 p.m., 1E-113)
 Second and fourth Wednesday of each month
BellevueWA.gov/cdplanning-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 Monday of each month
BellevueWA.gov/human-services-commission

LEOFF 1 Disability Board (6 p.m., Room 1E-118)
 First Wednesday of each month
BellevueWA.gov/leoff-1-disability-board

Library Board (5p.m., Lake Hills, Bellevue or Newport Way Library) Second Wednesday of each month.
BellevueWA.gov/library-board

Parks & Community Services Board
 (6 p.m., 1E-113) Third Wednesday of each month
BellevueWA.gov/pcs-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/events

Youth Link Board (6 p.m., 1E-120) Second and fourth Wednesday of each month
BellevueWA.gov/youth-link-board

Bellevue's Neighborhood Services Division offers a variety of programs and partnerships for residents and community members.

To learn more about involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, please visit our website at: BellevueWA.gov/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 Tuesdays of each Month, except August and December	6 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chamber Bellevue TV channel 21 and BT 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 Tuesday only			
December – first and second Tuesday only			