



Neighborhood News



May 2025

Learn about the Diversity Advantage Plan 2035

May 21 and May 29 | 7-8 p.m.

In 2014, the City of Bellevue adopted its first Diversity Advantage Plan, which identified 60 goals for creating a more diverse, inclusive and equitable community. From 2023-2024, city staff went back to the Bellevue community to learn what needed to be included in an update to this important plan so that Bellevue could continue serving and responding to the diverse needs of the communities we are here to serve.



Now, city staff are ready to share the new plan with our communities. We invite you to attend one of two virtual information sessions where staff will present on the update process to the plan, how community feedback informed the plan and how it will be implemented in the coming years. There will be time for questions at the end of the presentation.

The sessions will cover:

- Process to update the plan
- How community feedback informed the plan
- How it will be implemented in the coming years

There will be time for questions at the end of the presentation. Pre-registration is requested. BellevueWA.gov/dap-2035

Celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

BellevueWA.gov/aanhpi-month

In celebration of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage (AANHPI) Month, the City of Bellevue and MG2 are presenting an art exhibition showcasing emerging AANHPI Pacific Northwest artists. Expect to see a wide range of art that represents traditional to contemporary expressions and illuminates the culture, legacies and experiences of AANHPI peoples.

The exhibit, curated by Mami Shimiomura, will be on display from May 1-29 at City Hall and accessible during City Hall open hours.

Community members are also invited to attend an opening reception on May 2 at City Hall, 6-8 p.m.



For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable modification requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-2735 (voice) or email mheilman@bellevuewa.gov. For complaints regarding modifications, contact the City of Bellevue ADA, Title VI, and Equal Opportunity Officer at ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov.

**Subscribe to
Neighborhood News electronically:**
BellevueWA.gov/neighborhood-news

Annual Lake-to-Lake Bike Ride

Bellevue's Parks & Community Services department is hosting its annual Lake-to-Lake Bike Ride on Saturday, June 14. Come and explore the city's hidden treasures and award-winning parks!

This recreational bike ride offers low entry fees and is open to all levels and abilities. Participants can choose from two route options to traverse much of the city:

- The Greenbelt Loop, a mostly flat 9-mile ride, perfect for families or less experienced cyclists
- The Lake Loop, a more challenging 24-mile trek featuring significant elevation gain. (The course is well-marked and supported by staff and volunteers.)

Both routes are approximately 80% paved road and 20% small gravel. Riders under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Neither route is suggested for children under nine years old, unless riding in a trailer or tag-along.

A free kids ride in the park at 12:15 p.m. will feature prize give aways, refreshments, and freebies for all participants. Organizers have been known to add extra surprises too.

To register, visit call 425-452-6885 or visit BellevueWA.gov/bike-ride

Fees are \$20 in advance, \$24 on the day of event, if space is available

Rides start at Robinswood Park 14915 SE 22nd St., at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Free Kids Ride for ages 3-8 within the park at 12:15 p.m.. Pre-register at <https://register.bellevuewa.gov/>



Proceeds will benefit the City of Bellevue Youth Program donation fund to help make healthy and fun recreation accessible to all kids.

Check us out on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/q-jUaUhaMB4>

Celebrate Bike Everywhere Month in Bellevue!

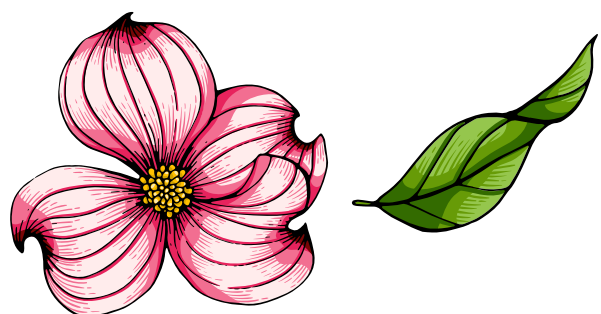
More information can be found at bit.ly/bellevuebike2025.

May is Bike Everywhere Month, and it's the perfect time to embrace the joy and freedom of cycling!



Presented by Microsoft, Lime and Amazon, this month-long celebration encourages everyone to get on a bike, whether you're commuting, running errands, or enjoying the fresh air and (hopefully!) blue skies!

Choose Your Way Bellevue is celebrating with a variety of exciting events designed to bring cyclists together, improve biking skills, and connect with the community. Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or new to biking, there's something for everyone—from fun meetups and bike challenges to free educational classes on commuting and bike maintenance.





Water Safety Reminders

Bellevue is lucky to have incredible waterfront access on both Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish, making it easy to enjoy everything our beautiful

Pacific Northwest summers have to offer. On sunny days, there's nothing better than heading to a lake to swim, paddleboard, kayak or relax by the shore. Water recreation is a beloved part of life here, but it's important to remember that our waters, even in summer, are deceptively cold and can be dangerous if we're not careful.

Cold water can quickly lead to cold shock, muscle failure and hypothermia. The initial gasp and rapid breathing that come with sudden immersion can make it difficult to stay afloat or call for help. Drowning can happen quickly and silently, even to strong swimmers. That's why the Bellevue Fire Department encourages everyone to prioritize water safety whenever you're near or on the water.

Life jackets are life savers! Always wear a properly fitted, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when boating or paddling or if you're less than a confident swimmer hanging out poolside. Keep a close watch on children anywhere in or near the water – regardless of their swimming skills. Stay aware of changing weather conditions. And avoid intoxication when recreating on or around the water.

Bellevue's lakes are a community treasure, and by taking simple precautions, we can all safely enjoy the magic of summer on the water.

Let's keep it fun—and keep it safe!



COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING FUND

2025 Community Programming Fund open for applications!

The City of Bellevue is excited to announce its 2025 Community Programming Fund, a new initiative designed to support community-driven programs that activate public spaces and provide creative, fun and engaging experiences for Bellevue community members. With a total of up to \$150,000 available in grant funding, the CPF offers individual grants up to \$15,000 to support programming led by individuals, nonprofit organizations, community groups, and small businesses.

Applications opened in April and will be reviewed in waves until July 28, or when funds are exhausted. For more details and to apply, visit BellevueWA.gov/cpf

Grand Connection Street Eats

A new food truck location is now up and running at Compass Plaza (106th Ave. NE and NE 6th St.), serving lunch Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. This new site adds to the existing food truck lineup at City Hall Plaza, which continues every Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. With a new location and a diverse mix of vendors, it's easier than ever to enjoy a variety of delicious cuisines while supporting local food entrepreneurs in downtown Bellevue. For the latest food truck schedules and updates, visit BellevueWA.gov/street-eats.



Neighborhood Enhancement Program Updates

June 11 Open House for Bridle Trails Neighborhood Area

City staff have finished 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 June 11 at 6:30 p.m.** to preview those projects that will be included on your NEP ballot and are eligible for potential funding from the \$445,000 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 Bridle Trails area mailboxes in early June. Let us know you plan to attend, by emailing NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov.



Northwest Bellevue Project Scoping Phase begins

The project submission phase for the Northwest Bellevue NEP closed on April 30. City staff are now in the scoping and review phase of the project ideas that were submitted for your neighborhood area and will present projects eligible for funding from the \$380,000 Northwest Bellevue NEP budget allocation at a Sept. 18 public open house at the Northwest Arts Center.



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

Learn How to Be a Super Sorter

Bellevue Utilities has two more Greener Living Classes this month where you can learn how to be a super sorter! To register and receive class details, email recycle@bellevuewa.gov or call Sam Wilder at 206-949-1787.

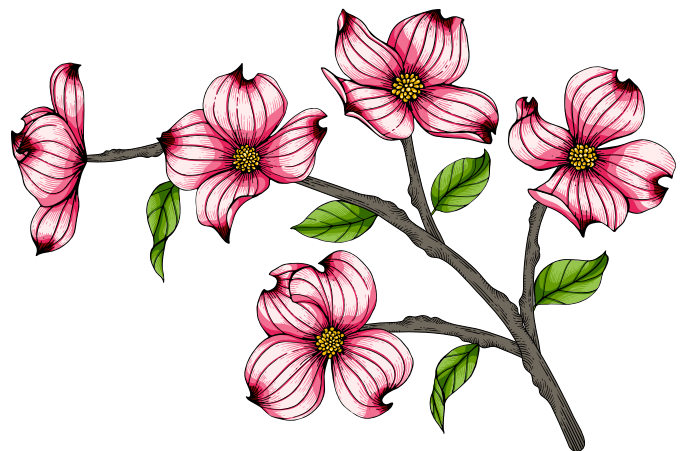
"Effective Strategies to Reorganize and Declutter at Home"

May 7, 6-7 p.m. In person at Newport Way Library

"How To Get Rid of Anything: Recycling, Composting, Hazardous Materials and Unusual Items"

May 13, 6-7 p.m. Virtual

We will be releasing our summer offerings soon at BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes





Install Rooftop Solar and Save with Solarize Eastside

The City of Bellevue and the Eastside Climate Partnership are excited to announce Solarize Eastside, a program helping Eastside communities install solar panels on local homes and businesses.

Bellevue community members can sign up for the program through July 4 at [SolarizeEastside.org](https://solarizeeastside.org). Participants will receive a detailed solar proposal at a reduced rate from a partner solar installer and can easily schedule dates for panel installation. Additionally, Puget Sound Cooperative Credit Union is offering program participants special financing to help reduce panel costs.

Homeowners and building operators can benefit from lower utility bills and earn utility bill credits from the electricity their solar panels generate.

Using vetted local installers Artisan Electric (<https://artisanelectricinc.com/>), Sunergy Systems (<https://sunergysystems.com>), Puget Sound Solar (<https://pugetsoundsolar.com/>), Sun Path Electric (<https://sunpathelectric.com/>) and Solterra Solar (<https://solar.solterra.com/>), Solarize Eastside offers an easy solution based on equipment quality, business practices and discounted pricing.

Interested community members are encouraged to attend our workshops this spring to learn about solar energy, available incentives, and what to expect from the Solarize Eastside program. Workshop attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions directly to Solarize Eastside team members and installers. Learn more and register at SolarizeEastside.org.

Libraries enrich the lives of older adults through learning, connection and service

Libraries play a vital role in enhancing the lives of people of all ages, including older adults, offering a range of services, programs and

opportunities that promote learning, socialization and overall well-being. With services like large print materials, electronic magnifiers, the availability of audio books, and staff assistance, libraries ensure that older adults can enjoy their resources regardless of physical ability.

Many libraries like the King County Library System (KCLS) provide programs tailored to older adults, such as computer skills and internet basics, financial classes during tax season and Medicare basics during open enrollment.

Libraries also serve as spaces for socializing, which is crucial for mental and emotional health. They also offer a welcoming environment for older adults to meet others through book clubs, game groups and special events, keeping them active both socially and mentally.

For those with mobility challenges, KCLS offers Library2Go services, bringing resources directly to retirement homes, nursing homes and assisted living communities. This outreach ensures access to books, media and programs without the need to travel.

Our local libraries also provide volunteer opportunities, allowing older adults to give back to their communities by supporting programs, helping organize events or helping other library patrons. Volunteering gives people a sense of purpose and helping others.

The King County Library System has four locations in Bellevue. (kcls.org) Whether it's checking out a print book or audiobook, taking a class, attending an event or volunteering, libraries enrich the lives of older adults.

Visit your local library today and see how you can make a difference!



Helping homeowners in need with yard maintenance and outside home improvement needs.

No Cost, Just Care: Help for seniors and others in need.

With Jubilee in the Community and Jubilee REACH, the City of Bellevue

provides outreach to Bellevue homeowners in need and coordinates a team of volunteers each year to help homeowners with yard maintenance or outside home improvement needs.

To qualify, you must own and occupy your home in Bellevue. The program is perfect for seniors, long-time residents, people on fixed incomes and anyone with limited help.

While this program is free to Bellevue residents, some projects require homeowners to assist with minimal material costs.

For more information, contact Sarina Miller, 425-452-4295 or email samiller@bellevuewa.gov.



Home Repair Programs

In partnership with the King County Housing Authority, the City of Bellevue's Home Repair Program has provided critical repairs to Bellevue homeowner for more than 50 years. The repair program provides zero-interest deferred loans to low- and moderate-income Bellevue homeowners, allowing them to get needed, potentially unaffordable repairs.

Examples of typical repairs include roof and gutter repair or replacement, siding and exterior painting

for preservation, repairing decks, installing wheelchair ramps and handrails, plumbing repairs, replacing broken hot water tanks and heat systems, driveway and sidewalk repairs, and more.

If you own and reside in your Bellevue home, you may qualify for a deferred loan covering the costs of eligible repairs, to help preserve the integrity, health and safety of your home without having to pay out of pocket costs. Loans are secured by a deed of trust and need to be paid back at the time of sale or transfer of the title to the home.

If you are interested in learning more about the Bellevue Home Repair Program visit the website at BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/parks/community-services/human-services/home-repair-assistance or contact Donna Adair at dadair@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4069 to find out if you qualify for the program.



Youth Voices Look to the Future

Last month, Bellevue Youth Link hosted the 2025 Youth Involvement Conference for Bellevue middle- and high-school age youth at Bellevue City Hall.

Since the early '90s, the city has put on the biennial conference to give Bellevue teens an opportunity to learn leadership skills, identify youth priorities in the community and connect to volunteer opportunities.

The theme of the 2025 conference was Foundations for Tomorrow: Youth Voices, Youth Futures. Over 150 Bellevue school students and youth spent six hours learning about mental health, homelessness, food insecurity and community engagements. The conference also featured a community provider fair to connect students with opportunities for service.

Youth Link (BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/parks/community-services/family-youth-and-teen-services/youth-link) is a national award-winning partnership of the City of Bellevue and Bellevue Public Schools that engages young people in community leadership. Through Youth Link, teens and adults have teamed up to develop youth programs and projects including Bellevue Skate Park, Ground Zero Teen Center and Bellevue Youth Court.

For more Youth Link program info and opportunities, please contact youthlink@bellevuewa.gov



Bellevue's 2025 Road Safety Assessments

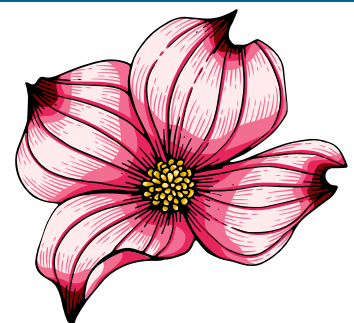
As part of its Vision Zero work, the city is inviting Bellevue community members to participate in two Road Safety Assessments to help make walking, rolling and bicycling safer on routes that are part of the city's "high injury network" which is a relatively small number of city streets where most fatal and serious-injury collisions occur. Results of the assessments will be used to make on-the-street safety improvements through city transportation projects.

The roadways included in this year's assessments include

- Bel-Red: 156th Avenue NE between Bel-Red Road – NE 8th Street
- Downtown: Main St. to NE 2nd St. between 100th – 108th Aves NE

Those interested in helping can do so by responding to a short online questionnaire and by signing up to take part in an upcoming community walking audit. Both can be accessed from the project webpage at BellevueWA.gov/road-safety-assessments. Community walking audits are scheduled for May 31 and June 7, noon-2 p.m.

A road safety assessment is a proven tool to identify safety issues, particularly for people walking, biking and rolling; it's a key strategy of Bellevue's Vision Zero initiative to eliminate traffic deaths and serious-injury collisions on city streets by 2030.





Great Neighborhoods Crossroads & Newport: Moving into Policy Review

Brooke Brod, Community Engagement Lead

The Great Neighborhoods planning team recently completed the Define phase where community members participated in a variety of activities around exploring urban design. Urban design focuses the physical places in the neighborhood – the streets, parks, plazas, trails, art, etc. – and looks at ways to make these spaces more safe, welcoming, attractive and user-friendly for all people.

Over 150 people participated in one or more of the engagement opportunities that happened throughout March. Activities included a neighborhood scanning activity where people took walks or bike rides and documented what made their trip enjoyable or challenging. The planning team also held two public space workshops where people were able to participate in mapping exercises, art-based activities and visual preference surveys to help identify specific ideas for improving the neighborhood.

Feedback gathered is being used to identify priorities for public space improvements. Input from these events along with earlier findings have also been used to inform draft policy recommendations which are now ready for review and comment on Engaging Bellevue.

Crossroads — engagingbellevue.com/great-neighborhoods-crossroads

Newport — engagingbellevue.com/great-neighborhoods-newport

The planning team will also be holding “office hours” where community members can drop-in to ask questions and provide feedback on the draft policies.

Wed, May 7 | 3:30-5:30 p.m. | In-Person

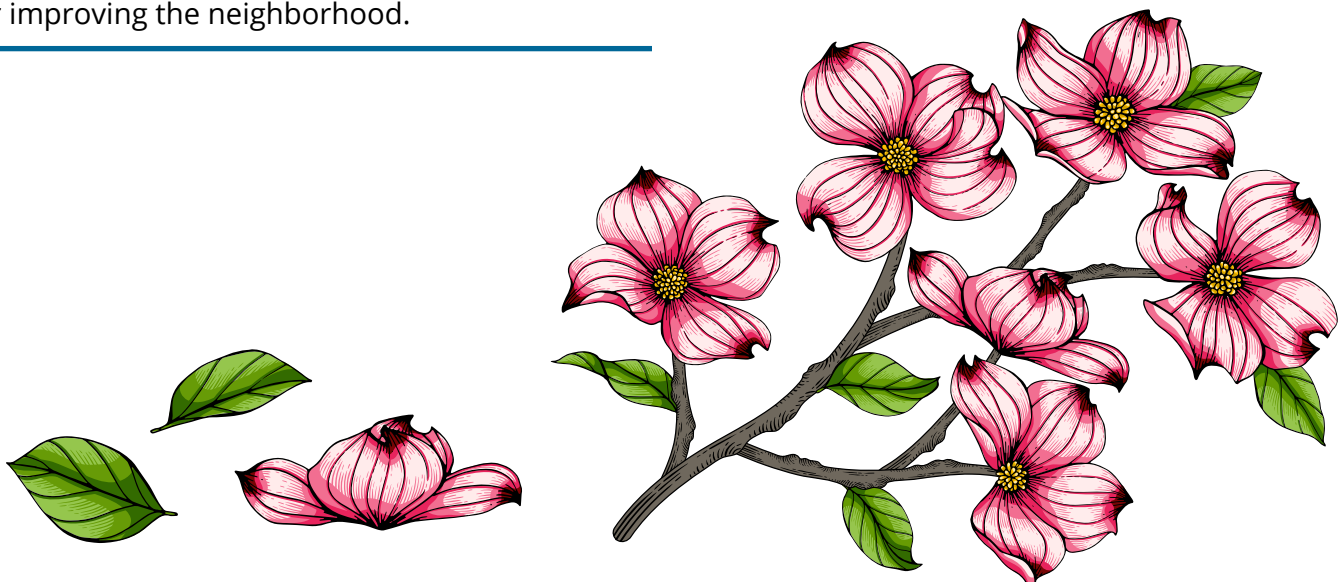
- Crossroads location – Mini-City Hall, Crossroads Mall – 15600 NE 8th
- Newport location – Newport Heights Elementary School – 5225 119th Ave SE

Mon, May 12 | 12-2 p.m. | In-Person or Hybrid

- In-Person location – Bellevue City Hall 450 110th Ave NE
- For virtual meetings, visit the links below.

These are all drop-in events, and no registration or appointment is required. For more information on these events and to find the links for the virtual meetings, visit <https://tinyurl.com/crossroads-office-hours> or <https://tinyurl.com/newport-office-hours>.

For questions, please contact Brooke Brod at bbrod@bellevuewa.gov.





2 Line Redmond Extension

It's been one year since we celebrated the arrival of the 2 Line on the Eastside. Now, we look forward to opening two new stations – Downtown Redmond and Marymoor Village near Marymoor Park! The additional 3.5 miles of 2 Line service will provide a reliable transit option between the Eastside's downtown cores in Bellevue and Redmond in under 20 minutes.

Bellevue community members looking to hit the trails or catch a summer concert now have a safe, car-free option to Marymoor Park in as little as 15 minutes from the Bellevue Downtown Station.

The grand opening will kick off with a ribbon cutting event at Downtown Redmond Station at 10:30 a.m., and trains will begin serving the new stations as soon as the ribbon is cut around noon.

Eastside organizations such as MoveRedmond and Eastrail Partners will be hosting community-focused events at both stations, noon – 4 p.m. The celebrations include community bike rides to the stations as well as live music and food trucks.

The Choose Your Way Bellevue team will be at Downtown Redmond Station sharing transit travel options between the region's trails, parks and job hubs.

Sound Transit anticipates that full 2 Line service on the completed 2 Line across Lake Washington will begin later this year.



Bellevue Police Department to hold gun exchange event on May 31

Keeping Bellevue a safe place to live, work and visit is a priority for the Bellevue Police Department. We take great pride in our work and actively follow the P.I.E. (Prevention, Intervention, Enforcement) philosophy to achieve this mission.

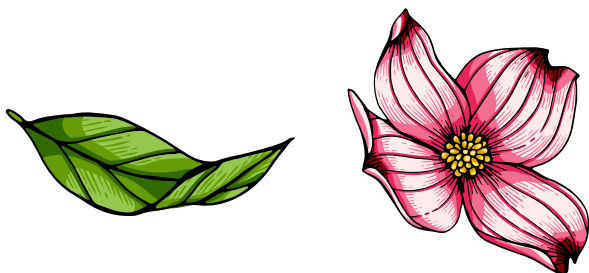
Since prevention is the easiest way to stop incidents, the Bellevue Police Department will hold its inaugural firearm exchange on May 31 for any community member wishing to anonymously, and without identification, turn-in their firearms in exchange for a gift card. The event will run 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 11201 NE 33rd Place.

The Department's goal is to create a safe, judgment-free space where individuals can dispose of firearms they no longer want or need. The Bellevue Police Department's inaugural gun exchange is a great way to demonstrate how our partnership with community members like you will go a long way in keeping this city safe.

Proper gun safety is important and the goal of this event is to contribute to reducing the risk of accidental discharges, theft and misuse of unsecured firearms. It will also provide an accessible option for those who may not know how to safely dispose of a gun.

Funded by a grant from the Washington state Attorney General's Office, this opportunity is available only while gift card supplies last. Replica firearms like BB, pellet and airsoft guns are not eligible.

Additional information will be posted about the event on Bellevue Police Department's social media pages. We look forward to seeing you on May 31!



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

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.

To subscribe to this newsletter, visit:
BellevueWA.gov/neighborhood-news

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			