



# Neighborhood News

August 2025



## Movies under the stars at Downtown and Crossroads parks

*By Christina Faine*  
*Parks & Community Services Public Information Officer*

Ready to watch stars under the stars? Movies in the Park at Downtown Park, Tuesdays, July 15-Aug. 19 and Crossroads Movies in the Park, Thursdays, July 31-Aug. 21, are back to light up the screen with free PG features.

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



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## Downtown Movies in the Park lineup

Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St.

Tuesdays, July 15–Aug. 12

- July 15: “Moana 2,” Island Vibes Night, supporting Eat Happy Now
- July 22: “Pokémon: Detective Pikachu,” Pokémon Night, supporting Overlake Medical Center & Clinics
- July 29: “How the Grinch Stole Christmas,” Holidays in July, supporting Treehouse
- Aug. 5: “Cars,” Car Show Night, supporting Auto Angels
- Aug. 12: “Miracle,” Sports Night, supporting Sports in Schools

## Crossroads Movies in the Park lineup

Crossroads Park, 16140 NE 8th St.

Thursdays, July 31–Aug. 21 at dusk

- July 31: “Cool Runnings”
- Aug. 7: “An American Tail”
- Aug. 14: “Wicked”
- Aug. 21: “The Wild Robot”

**Visit our website ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/parks/summer-outdoor-movies](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/parks/summer-outdoor-movies))** for details and frequently asked questions. Pack a blanket and we’ll see you there!

Support for Downtown Movies in the Park comes from presenting sponsors Viome, Charles Schwab and Amazon; entertainment sponsor Leone & Vaughn Orthodontics; and radio sponsor SPIRIT 105.3. The Crossroads Movies in the Park is being sponsored by the Crossroads Bellevue Shopping Center.



## Claim a free tree through the city's Tree Giveaway Program!

*By Janelle Wetzstein  
Public Information Officer*

The City of Bellevue is giving out free trees to residents and community organizations through its fifth annual Tree Giveaway. Open to all Bellevue residents and community organizations, the program is a partnership with 300 Trees and Amazon that distributes 700 trees annually, with a variety of species available to best meet the needs of each recipient.

The application period will remain open through Tuesday, Aug. 26, or until all trees have been claimed. Applicants can choose from nine different species – including coast redwood, bigleaf maple and southern magnolia – to ensure they receive the best tree for their unique planting conditions. After completing the short application, applicants will be assigned a tree ordering date, on which they can choose the species they want, based on what's still available.

Trees will be given out at this year's tree distribution event, Saturday, Oct. 25, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Bannerwood Sports Park. Those interested in receiving a free tree can visit Tree Giveaway ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/environmental-stewardship/trees-open-space/tree-giveaway](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/environmental-stewardship/trees-open-space/tree-giveaway)) to learn more about each available species and how to best select the right tree for the right place.

## Celebrate National Night Out at Bellevue's Crossroads Park

*By Drew Anderson  
Bellevue Police Department Public Information Officer*

Each year, law enforcement and community members across the country come together to celebrate their partnerships with one another at events



known as "National Night Out." Bellevue's event is an opportunity to celebrate the successes of this partnership – including keeping the community safe, addressing regional crime trends and holding individuals accountable.

Last year's event at Crossroads Park was an afternoon full of ice cream, games, live music and a show-and-tell of resources that officers use on the job. Community members of all ages enjoyed the summer evening and created positive, lasting relationships with Bellevue Police Officers.

This year, on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 4-7 p.m., Bellevue Police and the Bellevue Police Foundation will once again offer a live band, games for children and information for parents on services the agency provides to community members. (And the department will make sure there will be even more ice cream than last year!)

"Bellevue's first responders take great pride in serving this community, and we want to share an opportunity for residents to come together to celebrate a partnership that helps keep this city a safe place for everyone," said Police Chief Wendell Shirley.

For more information, visit National Night Out. ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/police/about-police/national-night-out](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/police/about-police/national-night-out))



## Draft critical areas code update available for review

*By Amanda Rich Anderson*

*Development Services Public Information Officer*

Bellevue is updating its critical areas ordinance, the local regulations that help protect and enhance important natural areas during the development process, like wetlands, streams, steep slopes and flood-prone areas throughout the city. These updates are required by state law every 10 years to ensure our regulations reflect the best available science and continue to safeguard the environment.

The city council initiated this update in February and council direction at the outset helped define the scope of the update. A draft of the code changes is available for review on the project webpage ([BellevueWA.gov/code-amendments-critical-areas-ordinance](https://BellevueWA.gov/code-amendments-critical-areas-ordinance)). Development of the draft also incorporated in an updated Best Available Science (BAS) document, which synthesizes current scientific research along with recommendations from agencies and industry experts. The BAS is then used to identify areas of the code that should be revised. Feedback from a series of Planning Commission study sessions beginning in April, along with public input gathered during two community engagement events, also informed the draft.

Staff will host a virtual event for the community via Zoom on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to present an overview of the draft, answer questions and collect feedback. A registration link will be available on the project webpage and shared with the community.

Additional information about this project is available on the project webpage ([BellevueWA.gov/code-amendments/critical-areas-ordinance-update](https://BellevueWA.gov/code-amendments/critical-areas-ordinance-update)). Please contact Senior Planner Kirsten Mandt at [kmandt@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kmandt@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4861 with questions and comments.

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## City launches wayfinding signs along the Grand Connection Corridor

*By Janelle Wetzstein*

*Community Development Public Information Officer*

As the city comes alive this summer, the Office of the Grand Connection ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/office-grand-connection](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/city-managers-office/office-grand-connection)), in partnership with the Friends of the Grand Connection, Visit Bellevue and the Bellevue Downtown Association is piloting an exciting smart technology to share the vision for Grand Connection program and crossing with our community and learn more about what activities and programs community members want to see downtown.

As you walk, bike or roll through check out the new decal signs to learn more about all the happenings in Downtown and the city's plans to transform our public spaces.

### How it works

1. Scan the QR code or send a text to the number provided to receive a greeting in a chosen language. Human-translated experiences will be available in Mandarin, Russian, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese, Spanish and Hindi.
2. Receive a prompt, question or invitation to share feedback on topics unique to based on location and interests.
3. Users can engage, comment or participate as much as they'd like. The system is designed to share fun facts, history or information to better acquaint community members with what's happening along the corridor.

### Why scan?

- Learn more about the city's vision to connect the region through the heart of downtown Bellevue.
- Discover nearby attractions, events or destinations to explore your city.
- Share your ideas and feedback about what would make downtown more active, lively, and welcoming place.

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- Come back and keep learning. Belle is always collecting new information to share!

Keep an eye out for Belle the Bobcat ([visitbellevuewa.com/blog/post/who-is-belle-the-bobcat](https://visitbellevuewa.com/blog/post/who-is-belle-the-bobcat)) as part of this community campaign! Scan and engage as often as you'd like or share feedback right away by joining the conversation today.

## Join us for food trucks at City Hall and Compass Plaza

*By Emily Sherman  
Public Space Management Specialist*

The City of Bellevue is serving up lunch with the Grand Connection Street Eats program! In partnership with the Washington State Food Truck Association, the Street Eats program brings a rotating lineup of local food trucks to downtown public spaces, making it easy to grab a quick and tasty bite.

Find food trucks at:

### **City Hall Plaza –**

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

### **Compass Plaza –**

Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Both locations offer outdoor seating so you can relax and enjoy your meal. To see a full schedule, visit [BellevueWA.gov/street-eats](https://BellevueWA.gov/street-eats).



## Check out summer activities from Bellevue's Community Programming Fund

*By Emily Sherman  
Public Space Management Specialist*

With support from Bellevue's new Community Programming Fund, events and activities are popping up across the city this summer and fall! From live music and social dance events to family activities, markets and fitness programs, there's a wide variety of community-led options to gather, celebrate and enjoy the city's outdoor public spaces.

Many programs are already up and running and more will be added as final details are confirmed. Stay up-to-date and explore what's happening by visiting [BellevueWA.gov/cpf](https://BellevueWA.gov/cpf).



## Create a mural in the BelRed Arts District

*By Manette Stamm  
Arts Program Analyst*

The City of Bellevue is seeking an artist or artist team to design and install a large-scale mural in the BelRed Arts District. Eligible artists must live in Washington, Oregon or California and demonstrate that they have completed at least five previous murals.

The selected artist will contract with the city for \$90,000 (plus applicable sales tax), covering the artist's time, labor, supplies, travel and lodging if necessary. During the planning and installation process, the city will provide artist support through local consultants who can assist with vendor relations (such as lift rental, which the city



will fund), best practices and on-site installation. These services will be at no cost to the artist, and specific needs will be defined with the consultants at the time of signing the contract. The deadline for consideration is Wednesday, Aug. 13. Interested artists can learn more and apply at [bellevuearts.smapply.io/prog/mural/](https://bellevuearts.smapply.io/prog/mural/).



### Join us for the 2025 season of Bellevue Farmers Market!

*By Bellevue Farmer's Market*

**Bellevue Farmers Market**

**Thursdays through October 2**

**3-7:30 p.m. (7 p.m. close after Labor Day)**

**1717 Bellevue Way NE**

Every Thursday, shop seasonal fruit and vegetables at their peak natural ripeness, plus meat and seafood, from farms across Washington state. Stock up on artisan food and beverages from small business entrepreneurs and meet your foodie friends to munch on our weekly rotation of ready-to-eat foods. Spend your afternoon and evening at BFM as we've expanded our hours to better serve our community — we will now be open until 7:30 during our peak summer season! Find fun kids activities, live music and plentiful free parking too! 1717 Bellevue Way NE, just north of downtown, 3-7:30pm. SNAP/EBT, SunBucks, Senior FMNP, and WIC accepted. Learn more at [bellevuefarmersmarket.org](https://bellevuefarmersmarket.org).

## How to prepare for smoke season

*By Loren Pacheco*

*Climate Engagement Specialist*

As climate change causes hotter, drier summer weather and wildfires, we can expect to see more smoky days across Bellevue. Inhaling smoky air can have negative health impacts for everyone and is even riskier for seniors, children, pregnant people and people with chronic health conditions like asthma and heart disease. Prepare for this year's smoke season by taking the following easy steps.

1. Stay aware of local air quality. Use the Air Quality Index, available at [psccleanair.gov](https://psccleanair.gov), to monitor conditions in your area.
2. Minimize exposure by staying indoors on smoky days, keeping hydrated, limiting physical activity and using an N-95 or KN-95 mask to filter out smoke particles.
3. Keep windows closed during a smoke event if possible and have a plan to filter air in your home. There are several in-home solutions to keep indoor air quality high, including adding a MERV-13 air filter to your HVAC system, getting a portable HEPA-rated mechanical air filter ([epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq](https://epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq)), or even making a DIY filter fan at home. If your home gets too hot, consider taking a trip to an air-conditioned community center or mall to cool off.

For more information, visit the following resources:

- [kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/health-safety/safety-injury-prevention/emergency-preparedness](https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/health-safety/safety-injury-prevention/emergency-preparedness)
- [airnow.gov](https://airnow.gov)
- [doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/air-quality/indoor-air/portable-air-cleaners](https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/air-quality/indoor-air/portable-air-cleaners)



# Emergency Preparedness Workshop

By Heather Wong

Bellevue Fire Department Public Information Officer

**Saturday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m.-noon.**

**Bellevue City Hall, Room 1-E108  
110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004**

Ever wonder what you would do if an emergency struck here? Bellevue may be susceptible to many different hazards, such as earthquakes, volcanoes, floods, and wildfires.

While it can be easy to feel overwhelmed when trying to prepare for all these different hazards, Bellevue's Office of Emergency Management is here to help!

Join us Saturday, Sept. 13 for an annual Emergency Preparedness Workshop. The workshop will teach critical disaster preparedness skills that will help you and your loved ones be prepared for future emergencies.

The workshop will have multiple educational stations, including the opportunity to practice fire suppression with a live fire! Other preparedness stations include:

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

Together we can make Bellevue a more resilient and disaster prepared community! Registration for the event will be open until Wednesday, Sept. 10. Any questions can be directed to the Office of Emergency Management at [OEM@Bellevuewa.gov](mailto:OEM@Bellevuewa.gov).

You can't control the disaster, but you can be prepared

The recent devastating floods in Texas remind us that disasters are often unpredictable in size, scope and timing. While we may not be able to control how or when an emergency happens,



we can take meaningful steps today to be better prepared for tomorrow.

Share and practice Preparedness isn't just personal, it's collective. When neighbors are ready, the whole community is more resilient.

Practice your plan

Talk to your family and loved ones

Check in on your neighbors

Get involved with local programs like Bellevue Office of Emergency Management Volunteers, Bellevue's Community Emergency Response Team or the Bellevue Communications Support Team.

If you receive an alert that says "Evacuate now" from a trusted source, please take immediate action. Preparedness is about knowing you have tools, choices and a plan when it counts most.

## Resources

[ready.gov/](https://ready.gov/)

[mil.wa.gov/personal](https://mil.wa.gov/personal)

[bellevuecert.org/request-cert-support](https://bellevuecert.org/request-cert-support)

## Safe Speeds Bellevue survey open now!

By Gillian Hagstrom

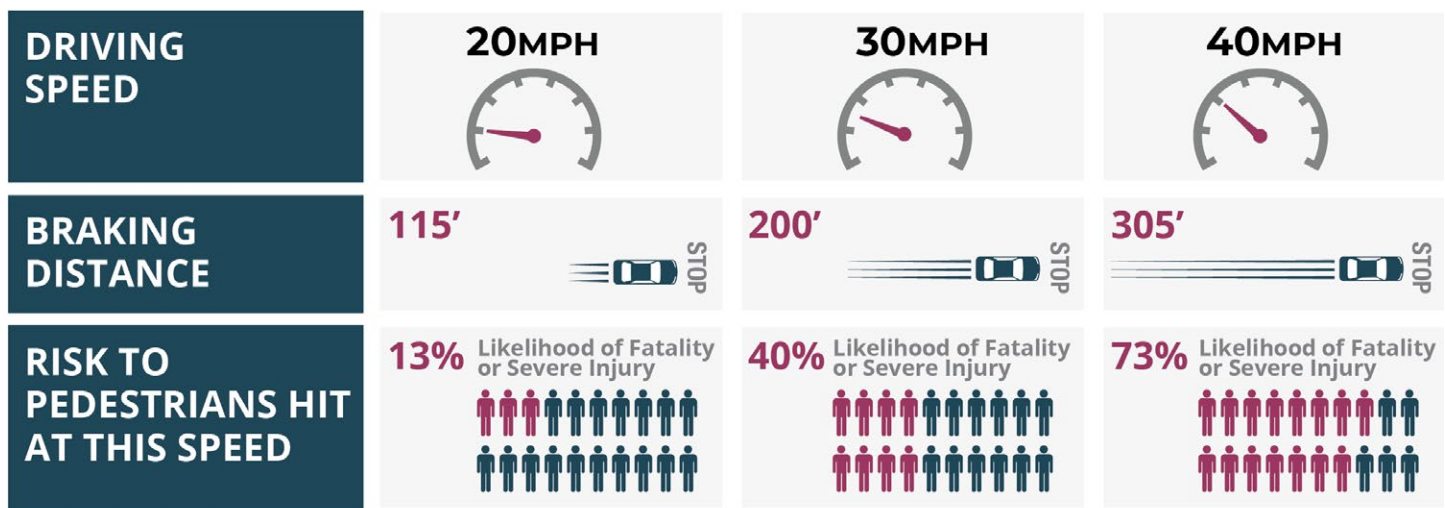
Transportation Public Information Officer

Earlier this year, the city's Transportation Department launched Safe Speeds Bellevue, a program designed to improve road safety and support Bellevue's Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious-injury collisions on city streets by 2030.

Currently in the first phase, we're reviewing speed limits on all city streets that have a speed limit of 30 mph or more and determining where lower, safer speeds are needed. While these streets are only 25% of Bellevue's network, they account for 88% of crashes where a person is killed seriously injured.

Lower speed limits improve safety by reducing braking distance and improving driver's abilities to recognize and avoid potential conflicts. This means crashes, especially those resulting in result in serious injury or death, are less likely to happen. Safe speed limits will be determined by





(Source: NHTSA)

how the street is designed and how it's used by people walking, rolling, bicycling and driving.

### We want to hear from you!

During the review phase, we want to know what you think about speeds in Bellevue. How safe do you feel on streets with higher speed limit streets? What areas of the city should we focus on in our review and in future speed limit reductions? The

survey will remain open through Tuesday, Sept 30 at [bit.ly/safe-speeds-survey](https://bit.ly/safe-speeds-survey).

### Want to learn more?

Visit [BellevueWA.gov/safe-speeds](https://BellevueWA.gov/safe-speeds) to learn more about Safe Speeds Bellevue, including a map of the streets we're reviewing, a short video with more details and more.

## Choose Your Way Bellevue End-of-Summer Travel Challenge kicks off in August

By Gillian Hagstrom  
Transportation Public Information Officer

Join the Choose Your Way Bellevue End-of-Summer Travel Challenge in August. Through Aug. 31, take advantage of the last weeks of summer weather by hiking, biking, kayaking and more. Use transit, a bike or your feet to get there. We are offering awesome outdoor recreation-related rewards to challenge participants that will be announced soon! Sign up now and receive more information at [bit.ly/endofsummercywb](https://bit.ly/endofsummercywb).

Choose Your Way Bellevue  
**END OF SUMMER**  
Travel Challenge

Aug. 1-30 Sustainable Travel!

Free to sign up Earn BIG rewards!

Sign Up: [bit.ly/endofsummercywb](https://bit.ly/endofsummercywb)

Choose Your Way Bellevue

## Community paper shred recycling event

By Michaelene Fowler  
Utilities Public Information Officer

You're invited to safely recycle sensitive paper documents at the City of Bellevue's Paper Shredding Recycling Event. Join us at the Sammamish High School parking lot on Saturday, Aug. 16, 9 a.m.-noon to participate.



Each car is limited to four file-size boxes (11"x11"x17.5" max per box) or a five-bag limit of paper to shred, without exceptions. The event will end at 12 p.m. or when the collection trucks are full.

For information, visit [BellevueWA.gov/events/community-paper-shredding-recycling-event](https://BellevueWA.gov/events/community-paper-shredding-recycling-event).

## Tell us what you think! 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan

By Loren Pacheco  
Environmental Specialist

The Bellevue Sustainability team have been hard at work updating the city's Sustainable Bellevue Plan for 2026-2030. The plan guides city action and investment in our sustainability and climate priorities. Bellevue aims to be carbon neutral by 2050

In July, staff presented an update to Council on the plan's draft strategies. Throughout the plan update process, staff have been engaging the community, particularly youth and Bellevue's diverse communities through our engagement with Community Based Organizations (CBOs) including Little Masters Club.

Key themes from our engagement:

- A desire for strong climate action
- A strong desire for the city of focus on resilience to climate impacts
- Call to action: The City will have a draft plan out for public comment in August. Follow on Engaging Bellevue and let us know what you think: [engagingbellevue.com/esi-update-2024-25](https://engagingbellevue.com/esi-update-2024-25)

## Save money and reduce waste by learning to cook with scraps

By Michaelene Fowler  
Utilities Public Information Officer

**Aug. 8 | 12-1 p.m.**  
**Bellevue Botanical Garden**  
**Aaron Education Center**

Bellevue Utilities is excited to offer a community class that helps you save money and reduce wasted food. Join us for the Scrap Cooking Club to learn recipes that use parts of ingredients you would normally toss, ways to store food to help it last longer and how to access resources, cookbooks, and a new scrap cooking newsletter. Register today at [BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes](https://BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes) or contact Sam Wilder at 206-949-1787.

This class will be the last class of our Sunny-side Upcycle Summer series. Stay tuned for our Fall Greener Living Classes coming soon!







## Paving program continues throughout the summer

By Laura Milstead  
Transportation Public Information Officer

The Transportation Department's annual repaving program got an early start this year, with upgrades throughout downtown Bellevue. At the end of July, the department began paving activities throughout the rest of the city. The paving program has three components: pavement overlay, pavement sealing and curb ramp upgrades. Pavement overlay involves milling the top layer of existing asphalt pavement and repaving to help rehabilitate the roadway surface to get the most mileage from existing asphalt. Pavement sealing provides a new wearing surface that protects against the deteriorating effects of rain and sun, extending the life of the pavement. Curb ramp upgrades ensure both the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as the city's accessibility guidelines for safe sidewalks are met. Program highlights for this year include:

- Repaving approximately 21 lane miles: City contractors will focus on repaving some arterial and residential streets in Wilburton/NE 8th St, Southeast Bellevue, Southwest Bellevue, Newport Hills, Factoria, & Bridle Trails.
- Replacing over 30 curb ramps to improve accessibility for people who walk and roll.

Repaving work in most neighborhoods takes about one week and does involve some inconvenience to residents. Staff will hand-deliver flyers or door hangers to residents impacted by paving activities. The city appreciates your patience as crews work to make streets smoother and safer.

This year's program has projects throughout Bellevue. A map and listing of all locations and weekly updates can be found at [BellevueWA.gov/pavement](http://BellevueWA.gov/pavement).

## The Benefits of Education and Lifelong Learning for Older Adults

By Bellevue Network On Aging

While education is often viewed as something reserved for the young, it can also be a transformative experience for older adults.



One of the primary benefits of continuous learning for older adults is mental stimulation. Learning keeps the brain active and engaged. In fact, studies have shown that learning improves brain elasticity and cognitive performance.

Lifelong learning provides wonderful social opportunities. Joining a learning community fosters a sense of belonging and purpose, reducing feelings of isolation. Learning also allows older adults to explore new hobbies, develop new skills and follow long-held passions that they may not have previously been able to tackle.

Many educational programs for older adults encourage physical movement, including exercise classes, crafts and hands-on workshops. This physical activity helps maintain mobility, strength, flexibility and overall health.

In Bellevue, several nonprofit organizations support adult education, including:

- North Bellevue Community Center: Offers senior services and programs, including health and wellness, cultural and performing arts and human services.
- Bellevue College Continuing Education TELOS Program: Offers classes designed for adults over 55, including those who are retired or semi-retired.
- Kin On's Healthy Living Program: Keeps Asian adults and elders physically, mentally, and socially active through lifelong learning and health education seminars.
- King County Library System: Offers resources for adult learners and other educational support.

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- Overlake Medical Center: Offers classes on senior health, including weekly seated yoga for balance, information on Medicare, as well as other classes and support groups.

For older adults, embracing education is a valuable way to enrich their lives. Whether for cognitive health, social connections or personal growth, lifelong learning is vital to continued well-being and happiness for us all.

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## Join us for Neighborhood Enhancement Program Open House in Northwest Bellevue!

*By Theresa Cuthill*  
*Neighborhood Services*

Join us for a public open house on Thursday, Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Arts Center to preview the final projects selected for this year's Northwest Bellevue Neighborhood Enhancement Program. A brief overview of the project scoping and voting process will be provided.

Look for printed invitations and meeting details to arrive in Northwest Bellevue area mailboxes in early September. RSVP to [NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov). Contact Theresa Cuthill at [tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov) with questions. Detailed program information can be found at [BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep).

The city-funded Neighborhood Enhancement Program allows residents to propose and select modest, capital projects to enhance their neighborhoods. This year, the program is in Northwest Bellevue and Bridle Trails. Neighborhood Enhancement rotates through the city's 14 neighborhood areas over the course of seven years, serving two areas each year. The \$7 million program allocation is distributed among each of the neighborhood areas, according to the number of households in each area.

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## Great Neighborhoods launches in Eastgate and Factoria

*By Brooke Brod*  
*Community Engagement Specialist*

On Monday, Aug. 4, the Bellevue City Council will launch its third round of neighborhood area planning in Eastgate and Factoria. This planning effort, known as Great Neighborhoods, began in 2018 and each year the city focuses on two neighborhood areas to ensure that goals and policies reflect changing needs and conditions at a local level.

Neighborhood area plans are part of the city's overall Comprehensive Plan, which outlines citywide policies on issues like housing, transportation, parks, environmental sustainability and more. They inform future growth and change by providing guidance on improvements people want to see in their neighborhood.

The Great Neighborhoods program focuses on strengthening neighborhood identity, enhancing public spaces through urban design, identifying opportunities to improve neighborhood identity and supporting community gathering spaces.

Community members who live, work, play or study in Eastgate and Factoria are encouraged to get involved. Sign up to get invitations to events and updates at <http://eepurl.com/httl31>.

During the month of August, community members can look for the Great Neighborhoods team at events in the Eastgate and Factoria area. If you would like to invite the Great Neighborhoods team to present to your neighborhood group or attend an event, contact [greatneighborhoods@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:greatneighborhoods@bellevuewa.gov).

Community members interested in learning more can visit [BellevueWa.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/planning-initiatives/great-neighborhoods](http://BellevueWa.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/planning-initiatives/great-neighborhoods)

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## City seeks community facilitators for the city's Affordable Housing Strategy

*By Janelle Wetzstein  
Office Of Housing Public Information Officer*

The City of Bellevue is committed to including new and diverse voices in its 2025 Affordable Housing Strategy. With this in mind, the city's Office of Housing is searching for community facilitators to lead conversations with those who may struggle to find or maintain safe and affordable housing in Bellevue. This includes those who live, work, study, play or have lived in Bellevue.

Facilitators will receive training and support to host these community conversations, set to occur in August and September. Applicants should have strong connections within the community and be able to use their networks to recruit participants, stimulate community engagement, facilitate conversations and reach renters and those who make less than the area's median income. Contracts for these roles will be managed by an outside consulting firm.

The 2025 Affordable Housing Strategy now being developed is aimed at ensuring housing for everyone, across incomes, backgrounds and stages of life. Community voices are an important part of this process. While the city continues to engage the general public through scheduled events and [EngagingBellevue.com](https://engagingbellevue.com), these additional conversations are important to reach those who may face barriers to participating through traditional means. Community facilitators will help bring these voices into the conversation.

For more information, contact Hannah BahnMiller at [hbahnmille@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:hbahnmille@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-229-6510.



## New housing options approved for residential areas

*By Amanda Rich Anderson  
Development Services Public Information Officer*

To comply with new state laws, the City of Bellevue has adopted land use code changes to allow more diverse housing options in residential areas. These middle housing updates are designed to support a wider range of housing types, including duplexes, cottages and more.

Under Bellevue's new middle housing codes, property owners in most residential zones can build a wider range of housing types. The updates allow more homes on a single lot, increasing housing options while maintaining compatibility with existing neighborhoods. For additional assistance with questions about zoning, please contact the city's Land Use division or make a virtual permit center appointment with Land Use staff ([BellevueWA.gov/virtual-permit-center](https://BellevueWA.gov/virtual-permit-center)).

To help applicants move forward with these new options, the Development Services Department has implemented interim permitting requirements for middle housing projects. These requirements reflect the range of housing types now allowed and will remain as the city continues to refine its permitting processes to support middle housing development. Additional information is available on the Development Services website ([BellevueWA.gov/development-permits](https://BellevueWA.gov/development-permits)).

## View current activity around Bellevue

For members of the community interested in accessing development and construction information, the city's interactive Map Viewer has permitting information. To explore current data, access the Bellevue Map Viewer on the main Maps and GIS page ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/ITD/maps-gis](https://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/ITD/maps-gis)), select the "Permits" layer and zoom in.





## Boards and Commissions Meetings

Stay updated on meetings and cancellations:  
[BellevueWA.gov](http://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](http://BellevueWA.gov/special-meetings)

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

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

**Planning Commission** (6:30 p.m., 1E-113)  
 Second and fourth Wednesday of each month  
[BellevueWA.gov/planning-commission](http://BellevueWA.gov/planning-commission)

**Transportation Commission**  
 (6:30 p.m., 1E-113) Second Thursday of each month with fourth Thursday as needed.  
[BellevueWA.gov/transportation-commission](http://BellevueWA.gov/transportation-commission)

**Human Services Commission** (6 p.m., 1E-113)  
 First and third Monday of each month  
[BellevueWA.gov/human-services-commission](http://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](http://BellevueWA.gov/leoff-1-disability-board)

**Parks & Community Services Board**  
 (6 p.m., 1E-113) Third Wednesday of each month  
[BellevueWA.gov/park-board](http://BellevueWA.gov/park-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](http://BellevueWA.gov/bnoa)

**Special Events Committee** (8:30 a.m., 1E-112)  
 Second Thursday of each month  
[BellevueWA.gov/events](http://BellevueWA.gov/events)

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](http://BellevueWA.gov/neighborhoods) or call 425-452-6836 or email: [neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov).

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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 <a href="http://YouTube.com/bellevuewashington">YouTube.com/bellevuewashington</a>	Emails to Council are accepted at <a href="mailto:council@bellevuewa.gov">council@bellevuewa.gov</a> at any time. Further opportunities for public comment are published on each Council agenda and can be found at <a href="http://bellevue.legistar.com/calendar.aspx">bellevue.legistar.com/calendar.aspx</a>
August – first Tuesday only			
December – first and second Tuesday only			