



Neighborhood News

June 2026



FIFA World Cup arrives

By Marisol Morales,
Community Development Marketing Specialist

Celebrate the 2026 FIFA World Cup right here in Bellevue from June 11 to July 19. With support from the city, local organizations are hosting public celebrations near Bellevue's light rail stations on each of Seattle's six game days. A variety of watch parties and other events will take place throughout the city over the 39-day period, including pop-up activations with vendors, live music and giveaways on public plazas across downtown and at South Bellevue station on match days.

Residents and visitors can also gear up for a soccer-themed celebration and art walk in the BelRed Arts District. Additional viewing parties will take place along the Grand Connection and in the Spring District.

Other planned festivities include a multicultural celebration, summer night market, soccer-themed fashion show and a Spring District concert series.

Tips for World Cup travel and parking

Preparing for World Cup season in Bellevue? A few reminders as the region welcomes 750,000+ visitors. Be safe and enjoy this worldwide event in our region!

- **Pack your patience** – Crowds will resemble Seahawks game days.
- **Walk, roll, bike or rideshare to transit hubs** – Parking will be limited.
- **No bikes on trains on match days** – Use station racks or lockers.
- **Need neighborhood parking permit?** – Make sure they're clearly displayed.
- **Prepare for parking enforcement** – Will occur frequently near transit.
- **Request a yard sign** – For signage visit BellevueWA.gov/traffic-safety-forms.
- **Don't call 911 for parking issues** – use the non-emergency line: 425-577-5656.
- **Plan ahead** – Weekday matches could impact commute and travel times.

For a full activities schedule visit seattlefwc26.org/events/event-calendar.

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City launching microgrants for youth climate projects

By Jake Sykes, Sustainability Coordinator

The city is launching a new program designed to empower young people into taking the lead on climate action in their community. The Bellevue Youth Climate Action Fund, supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies, will provide microgrants up to \$5000 for youth-led projects focused on climate resilience, emissions reduction and sustainability.

Bellevue residents ages 15–24 can apply by submitting their ideas to help address climate change and build a more sustainable future for the city. Eligible projects range from neighborhood sustainability campaigns and beautification projects to waste reduction initiatives. Other innovative ideas that advance local climate goals are encouraged, including climate education events and clean transportation projects.

Applications open in July. Register for an informational webinar on Wednesday, June 3, 7-8 p.m. and find program details and timelines at BellevueWA.gov/youth-climate-action-fund.

City gears up for record-setting summer of activities

By Marisol Morales,
Community Development Marketing Specialist

If you're looking to add to your bucket list of summer experiences, this would be the year. Along with World Cup-themed activities that start this month, the city is set to host more summer events than it ever has before.

This summer, look for community-led, cross-cultural and arts events the city is supporting with \$300,000 from its Community Programming Fund. Across Downtown, BelRed, Crossroads, Factoria and Wilburton, 38 organizations will activate public spaces by hosting a variety of small-scale events, including music and cultural performances, fitness and dance classes, night markets and workshops.

To stay informed of the many Bellevue happenings, most of which are listed on the city calendar, the city will post periodically on social media with the hashtag #bellevuebucketlist. Visit BellevueWA.gov/bucketlist for a full list of events.

Bellevue summer event calendars

- BellevueWA.gov/cpf
- seattlefwc26.org/event-calendar
- visitbellevuewa.com/things-to-do/
- belredartsdistrict.org/events-calendar



Council begins 2027-28 budget discussions

By Emily Inlow-Hood,
Deputy Communications Officer

The City Council has begun discussions on the next two-year budget, with a focus on reviewing options to fund infrastructure investments that will support future growth by achieving the vision of Bellevue's 2044 Comprehensive Plan and the council's key priorities.

Bellevue's budget is produced every two years and includes a six-year capital budget. It serves as a

major policy document and describes how the city intends to finance its services and infrastructure.

On Tuesday, June 23, staff will present a financial forecast and hold their first public hearing on the budget. Two more public hearings are scheduled in September and October.

Visit BellevueWA.gov/budget-process to learn more about the budget process and how to get involved.

Virtual meeting on proposed Utilities budget, rates

*By Michaelene Fowler,
Utilities Public Information Officer*

Join a virtual community meeting on Thursday, June 11 to learn more about Bellevue Utilities' proposed budget, capital projects and utility rates. This will be an opportunity to hear directly from Utilities department staff about the services and infrastructure that support safe and reliable drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems across the community. Participants will receive an overview of current priorities, future investments and the financial planning considerations shaping the proposed budget and rates.

Upcoming Utilities budget and rates virtual meeting

Thursday, June 11 | 6-7 p.m.

Discussion topics:

- Proposed utility budget and rate updates
- Infrastructure and capital improvement projects
- Financial planning and affordability considerations
- Customer assistance resources
- Q&A and comments

The Utilities Department understands that rate affordability is important to households across the community. This meeting is designed to provide clarity, answer questions and help community members better understand how utility rates support essential services, system reliability and long-term infrastructure investments.



Residents are encouraged to attend, ask questions and share feedback on what matters most to their households and neighborhoods. Visit BellevueWA.gov/utilities-open-house for details to join the meeting.



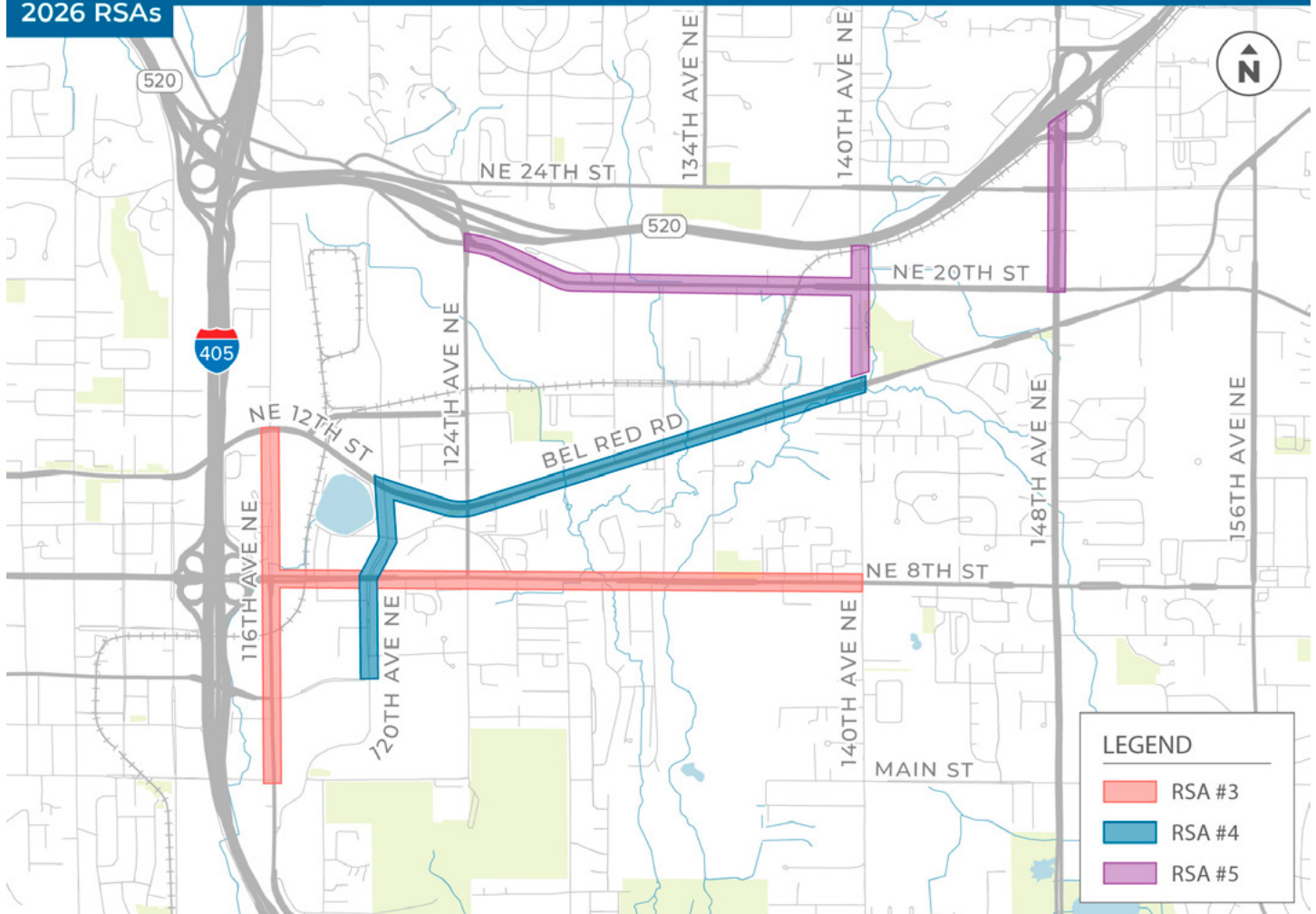
Help shape a new park in BelRed

Share feedback by taking a survey by June 7

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

The City of Bellevue is planning a new neighborhood park in BelRed and we want to hear from you. Share your ideas by taking a short survey, which closes on Sunday, June 7. Your input will help guide the design of this new park, reflecting the needs of the BelRed community.

The approximately 8-acre site is located at 12525 NE Spring Blvd. Development of the park is funded by the voter-approved 2022 Parks and Open Space Levy. To take the survey visit BellevueWA.gov/belred-park.



Share feedback for improving road safety in BelRed and Wilburton

By Jennifer Cook,
Transportation Public Information Officer

Help shape safer and more accessible walking, rolling, biking, driving and transit options in BelRed and Wilburton by joining one of this summer's Community Walking Audits. Each walk lasts about two hours and is limited to 30 participants – spots fill quickly, so RSVP early.

Walks will take place on the following Saturdays:

- **June 6:** 116th Avenue Northeast & Northeast Eighth Street (Wilburton)
- **July 25:** Northeast 12th Street/ Bel-Red Road & 120th Avenue Northeast (BelRed/Wilburton)
- **Aug. 22:** Northup Way/Northeast 20th Street, 140th Avenue Northeast & 148th Ave NE (BelRed)

If you aren't able to attend, you can still share your input by taking an online survey. RSVP or take the survey at BellevueWA.gov/road-safety-assessments.

Celebrate Ride Transit Month

June is Ride Transit Month, and transit riders, agencies, and sustainable transportation advocates across Washington State are coming together to celebrate!

Whether you ride the bus, light rail, ferry, or vanpool, it's the perfect time to discover how transit can save you money, reduce your carbon footprint and get you where you need to go stress-free.

Choose Your Way Bellevue is joining the celebration with the Ride Transit Month Travel Challenge, where you'll have the chance to earn big rewards just for riding and logging your transit trips in June. Join the challenge and start earning rewards today at <https://bit.ly/cywbrewards>.

Coal Creek Parkway now 35 mph Speed feedback signs added

Coal Creek Parkway Southeast — Bellevue's second-busiest street — has a lower speed limit and new tools to encourage safer driving. The speed limit has been reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph between Factoria Boulevard and Newcastle city limits, matching the 35-mph limit to the north and Newcastle's speeds to the south.

To help drivers stay aware, four new radar feedback signs have been installed between Factoria Boulevard Southeast and Southeast 60th Street. These signs display your speed as you pass; if you're traveling well above the limit, the signs flash a "Slow Down" message.

These updates are part of the Coal Creek Parkway Safety Improvement Project, which was approved by the City Council last February and funded by a Washington State Department of Transportation grant.

NEP Downtown project open house – Thursday, June 11

Project review phase for Lake Hills NEP

By David Isaak,
Neighborhood Outreach Manager

Downtown Bellevue

Join city staff and your neighbors for a public open house on Thursday, June 11 at City Hall from 6:30-8 p.m. Review the seven small capital projects that will be included on the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) ballot as eligible for funding from the \$975,000 Downtown Bellevue NEP budget. A brief overview of the project scoping and voting processes will also be provided. RSVP to neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov.

Lake Hills

City staff are currently scoping and reviewing the 175 project ideas that were submitted from the neighborhood and will present projects that are eligible for funding from the \$622,000 Lake Hills NEP budget during a public open house at Bellevue College on Sept. 17.



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.

Questions? Contact David Isaak, the city's Neighborhood Outreach Manager, at disaak@bellevuewa.gov. Program details can be found at BellevueWA.gov/nep.

Celebrating Earth Day with community cleanups

By Evan Reed,
Keep Bellevue Beautiful Coordinator

To celebrate this year's Earth Day, Bellevue businesses partnered with Keep Bellevue Beautiful to help care for public spaces across the city. Volunteer groups spent time removing litter from streets, sidewalks, trails and medians, helping keep Bellevue's neighborhoods clean, welcoming, and cared for.

Several collaborative cleanups highlighted the strong connection between the city's businesses and nearby communities. In the Spring District, employees from Snowflake joined residents for a neighborhood cleanup in one of Bellevue's fastest-growing areas. In Eastgate, employees from Prime Electric helped remove litter on Earth Day.

Businesses interested in staying involved year-round can participate in Bellevue's Adopt-A-Street program (BellevueWA.gov/adopt-a-street), a meaningful way to give back to the community while helping build cleaner, more connected neighborhoods.





Join the conversation about Downtown Livability 2.0

By Amanda Rich Anderson,
Development Services Public Information Officer

The city will host two opportunities for community members to learn and ask questions about the Downtown Livability 2.0 land use code amendment. The first session will be held in-person on Monday, June 15, 6-7 p.m., at Bellevue City Hall, followed by a daytime virtual session from noon to 1 p.m., on Wednesday, June 17.

The land use code amendment (LUCA) focuses on improving existing Downtown land use code to support a vibrant, welcoming and accessible urban core. Downtown Livability 2.0 builds on the code originally adopted in 2017 and proposes updates to portions that are not working as intended.

The LUCA aims to reinforce existing policy guidance, maintain Downtown's emphasis on open space and vitality, address code challenges and ensure amenities and housing continue to be effectively encouraged. The updates will also support historic development patterns on Main Street in Old Bellevue.

During the upcoming engagement sessions, staff will walk participants through the goals of the LUCA, answer questions and share how the community can stay involved as the work progresses.

Registration for the sessions is encouraged but not required. Learn more at BellevueWA.gov/dtl2.



Pedal Forward with local e-bike rebates

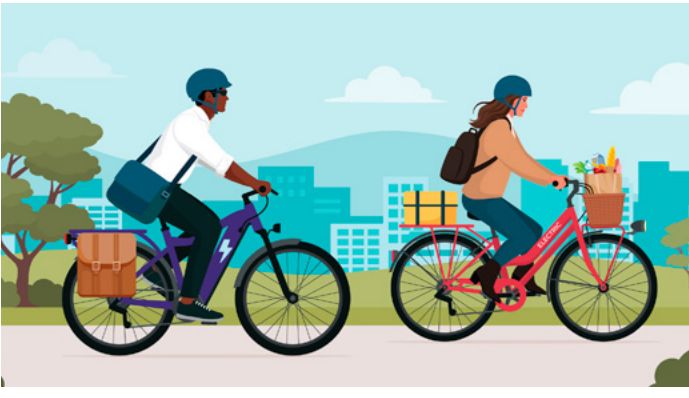
By Loren Pacheco, Sustainability Specialist

Pedal into a convenient, healthy and sustainable way to get around the Eastside! From June 15-29, residents of Bellevue, Redmond and Issaquah over the age of 16 can apply to receive up to \$2,000 off the purchase of a new electric bike through the Pedal Forward Eastside program.

With a small electric motor to assist pedaling, e-bikes have opened biking to a wider range of people than traditional bicycles. Through the Pedal Forward Eastside program, even more people may explore this option using income-qualified rebates for new e-bike purchases. Households earning less than 80% of the county's median income can apply for a \$2,000 rebate, while those earning more are eligible for a \$500 rebate.

Applications will be open from June 15-29. Rebate recipients will be selected at random and can apply their rebates to the purchase of new e-bike from a participating retailer.

Learn more and fill out the program interest form for application updates at BellevueWA.gov/pedal-forward-eastside.





Eastgate and Factoria Neighborhood Area Plans head to Planning Commission

By Justin Panganiban,
Senior Planner/Urban Designer

Over the past eight months, more than 1,200 people at 31 events have shared their vision and ideas for the future of Eastgate and Factoria. Their feedback was used to create draft neighborhood area plans that lay the foundation for future neighborhood improvements. Draft policies were shared with the public in May, with opportunities to provide feedback through an open house and online survey.

Later this month, the planning team will review the full draft neighborhood area plans with the Planning Commission, incorporating public feedback on draft policies. Draft plans will include current conditions, opportunities, challenges and policies that support the vision and goals for the neighborhood area.

All Planning Commission meetings are open to the public. Comments, either written or oral, are always welcome. To learn more about how to provide comments, visit BellevueWA.gov/planning-commission.

Planning Commission meetings

- Factoria Neighborhood Area Draft Plan: Wednesday, June 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Eastgate Neighborhood Area Draft Plan: Wednesday, July 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

2026 Neighborhood Walks

By Cara Iwasaki,
Community Engagement Coordinator

Neighborhood walks are an annual opportunity for residents to informally engage with city leadership on the issues most affecting their community.

This July, walks will take place in the Bridle Trails, Lake Hills and Downtown neighborhood areas. Because we know how hot it can be in July, there will also be ice cream and further conversation after the walk.

Walkers and ice cream lovers are all welcome!

Bridle Trails

July 8, 6-7:30 p.m.

Meet at Cherry Crest Elementary
12400 NE 32nd St

Lake Hills

July 22, 6-7:30 p.m.

Meet at Lake Hills Community Park
1200 164th Ave SE

Downtown

July 30, 6-7:30 p.m.

Meet at Downtown Park
10201 NE 4th St

If you live, work, or play in these neighborhood areas, we invite you to join us for neighborhood walks this summer.

For more information or to RSVP, please email neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov.





Greener Living Summer Classes: Bellevue Basics

By Joedy Morrow,
Environmental Outreach Program

Looking for easy ways to live more sustainably this summer? The city invites community members to explore practical, creative and budget-friendly ideas through the Greener Living Summer Classes: Bellevue Basics series.



These free classes are designed to help households reduce waste, save money and build everyday habits that support a healthier environment. Participants can learn hands-on skills like using castile soap for everyday cleaning and personal care, repairing favorite clothing through visible mending and repurposing mason jars in creative new ways.

In addition to learning practical sustainability tips, attendees will receive take-home tools and resources provided by the city to help continue greener living practices at home. Whether you are just getting started or looking for new ideas, the Greener Living series offers fun and approachable ways for the whole household to participate.

For class schedules, details and registration visit BellevueWA.gov/greener-living.



Planning Commission to study Comprehensive Plan amendment application

By Teun Deuling,
Senior Planner

On Wednesday, June 10, the city's Planning Commission will review the privately initiated Evans Plaza Comprehensive Plan map amendment, which proposes re-designating five parcels in the Bridle Trails neighborhood from General Commercial (GC) to Lowrise 2 Mixed-Use.

The Evans Plaza amendment (permit application 25-121477-AC) (BellevueWA.gov/sites/default/files/media/file/2025/application-materials-evans-plaza-cpa-25-121477-ac.pdf), for parcels at 13815 NE 24th St., was approved for final review by the City Council in March.

Privately initiated amendments initiated are subject to a two-step process:

- Threshold review, evaluating whether a proposed amendment should be in the annual work program
- Final review, evaluating the merits of a proposal

During each step of a privately initiated plan amendment, the Planning Commission holds a public hearing to gather community feedback prior to making recommendations to the City Council.

Visit BellevueWA.gov/comp-plan-amendments to learn more.



Startup 425 accelerator cohort graduates

By Marisol Morales,
Marketing and Content Manager

Last month, city staff from Bellevue and Renton joined community members to celebrate the graduation of Startup 425's latest accelerator cohort.

The course culminated with a "Demo Day" graduation at Renton Technical College, which featured founders from each of the partner cities pitching their prospective businesses.

Startup 425 (startup425.org) is a collaboration between the cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, Issaquah, Bothell, Redmond and Renton that works to expand Eastside entrepreneurship. The 15-week accelerator is designed to help entrepreneurs rapidly develop their business ideas and launch a company, while learning essential business skills.

Applications for upcoming cohorts will open soon! To receive updates on the next application period, subscribe at startup425.org/accelerator.

Climate action needs Climate Leaders

By Jake Sykes,
Sustainability Coordinator

Are you worried about climate change? Do you wonder what you can do to protect the climate and your community? If so, the Sustainable Bellevue team has a program for you!

The city's new Climate Leaders Initiative program is designed to empower residents to take meaningful climate action in their neighborhoods and communities.

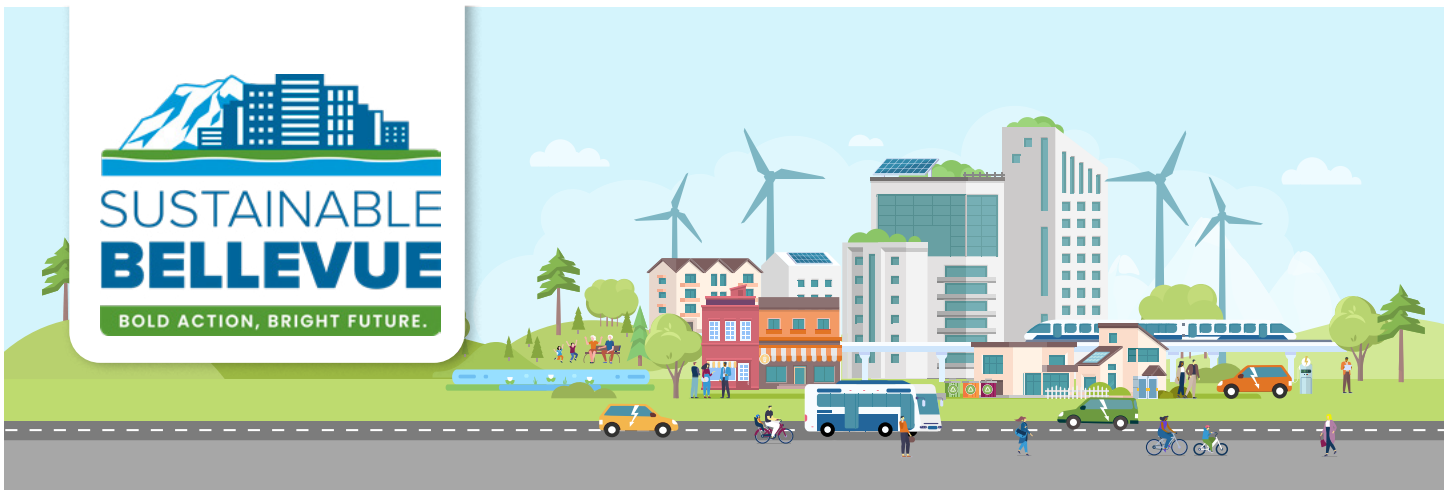
The program will gather community members interested in sustainability, civic engagement and community leadership, and provide them the opportunity to learn about climate change, low-carbon living, resilience and strategies for mobilizing local action.

Participants will receive training, connect with city staff and fellow residents, and help shape community outreach efforts that support implementation of the 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan. The program will serve as an ongoing pathway for residents to stay involved in local climate and sustainability initiatives and expand awareness and participation across Bellevue.

Launching in July, the Climate Leaders Initiative will be an 8-week educational opportunity to expand climate literacy, learn what drives climate change, understand local impacts, and take both individual and collective action in the community.

Visit BellevueWA.gov/climate-leaders-sign-up to register.





Sustainable Bellevue launches Better Buildings

By Jake Sykes, Sustainability Coordinator

To help multifamily building and property owners navigate available resources, the city's Sustainable Bellevue team is launching a centralized suite of free sustainability services. The hub will connect property owners with free technical assistance, incentives and resources related to energy efficiency, EV charging, recycling and composting, water conservation and sustainable transportation options.

Services are designed to support property owners working to improve their building performance and comply with state requirements, while providing tenants with sustainable living options. Renters and condominium owners are encouraged to share these opportunities with their property managers or relevant boards to bring these services to their homes.

Property owners and managers can learn more about these free programs at BellevueWA.gov/better-buildings.

Throw a Block Party this summer!

By David Isaak, Neighborhood Outreach Manager

If you're thinking of organizing a summer event, consider hosting a block party! These gatherings are a fun and memorable way to build community, meet new faces and enjoy the warm weather with your neighbors this summer.

The earlier you start planning, the easier it is to rally neighbors. You can receive assistance from the city by registering at BellevueWA.gov/block-party.

Need help spreading the word? Our Neighborhood Liaisons are happy to assist with promotion, whether that's flyers, a banner or a graphic. Together, let's make this summer a season of connection and celebration!





World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – June 15

By Bellevue Network on Aging

Each year, the City Council issues a proclamation marking June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, a reminder to us all that preventing elder abuse requires everyone's attention.



Elder abuse includes any intentional act — or failure to act — that causes harm or serious risk of harm, to an older adult. Often, the abuse comes from a known and trusted person, such as a family member, caregiver or acquaintance.

While there is no single warning sign that proves elder abuse, watch for red flags:

- Unexplained bruises, burns, injuries or fearfulness around certain individuals
- Sudden changes in mood or behavior, including withdrawal
- Poor hygiene, malnutrition or untreated medical issues
- Unusual financial activity, missing funds or unexpected changes to legal or financial documents
- Unsafe or unsanitary living conditions

If you suspect abuse, it's important to act.

- Call 911 if there is urgent danger.
- For non-emergencies, contact state Adult Protective Services at 877-734-6277. Reports only require reasonable suspicion and can be placed made anonymously.
- Contact the Bellevue Network on Aging at 425-452-4470 for programs that support the safety and well-being of older adults.
- In King County, contact Community Living Connections at 1-844-348-5464 for additional support and services for older adults and victims of abuse.

As our population ages, it is increasingly important to recognize, prevent and respond to situations that could place older adults at risk. Together, we can support our seniors with dignity and kindness.

Lower speed limits coming to your neighborhood

Starting this summer, speed limits on neighborhood streets across Bellevue will change from 25 mph to 20 mph. Lower speeds—along with tools like speed cushions, roundabouts and speed feedback signs—help to reduce and lessen the severity of crashes.

Reduced speed limits also improve child safety along school routes and create a more welcoming environment for those walking and rolling. The changes will also provide a consistent, predictable speed limit throughout the city. Learn more at BellevueWA.gov/20-mph.



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

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/planning-commission

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

Special Events Committee (8:30 a.m., 1E-112)
Second Thursday of each month
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 or call 425-452-6836 or email: neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov.

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 BTV YouTube channel YouTube.com/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			