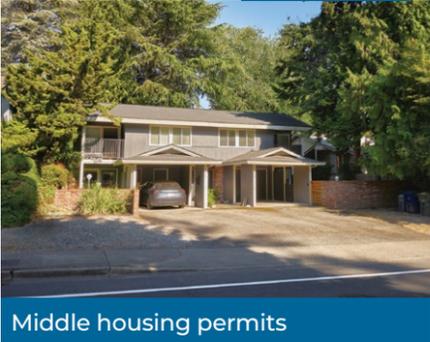


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Mayor Mo Malakoutian, right, sits at the council dais with Deputy Mayor Dave Hamilton.

## Malakoutian elected mayor

BY CLAUDE IOSSO  
It's Your City Editor

Voting unanimously, the City Council elected Mo Malakoutian mayor and Dave Hamilton deputy mayor at its Jan. 6 meeting. Malakoutian and Hamilton will serve in these roles for the next two years.

Malakoutian, still in his first term, succeeds Councilmember Lynne Robinson, who served as mayor the past six years. Malakoutian was deputy mayor in 2024 and 2025. Hamilton, like Malakoutian, was also first elected to the council in 2023.

"Our residents expect a lot from us—safety, quality of life and a city that feels welcoming and fair," Malakoutian said immediately after the election. "Our small businesses, our larger employers and the people who work here are counting on our leadership, and I think we can do that thoughtfully and with care."

"Our best decisions are when we listen well and keep the people at the center of our work," Malakoutian added.

Bellevue's mayor presides over council meetings and study sessions, helps set the meeting agenda, represents the city at public events, and acts as the primary spokesperson for the council. The seven-member council together establishes policies and develops a long-range vision for Bellevue's future.

Bellevue operates under a council-manager form of government, with the council hiring a city manager to oversee all city operations. The council is made up of seven members elected at large who serve staggered four-year terms. The councilmembers, in turn, select a mayor and deputy mayor from among themselves every two years.

## 2 Line ushers in Bellevue's next chapter

BY LAURA MILSTEAD  
Transportation Public Information Officer

Bellevue has a lot to be proud of, and even more to look forward to, as 2 Line trains begin service between Seattle and the Eastside on Saturday, March 28. The launch of this generational investment is not the final destination, but the catalyst for Bellevue's next chapter of growth, in which the Grand Connection will play a key role.

In 2025, the city advanced the Grand Connection Crossing, a nonmotorized crossing over Interstate 405 between downtown and Wilburton, by refining the 30% design milestone and developing a strategic financial plan for construction of the structure. The state is now reviewing Bellevue's proposal for a tax increment financing district. Community members are invited to hear a project update and an overview of how the city might



This visualization shows how the Grand Connection Crossing can be an enjoyable location for people and biking.

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# Council Corner

## A Global City with a Local Heart: Our Bellevue Story

BY CLAIRE SUMADIWIRYA  
Councilmember



Having grown up in Bridle Trails and now raising my three kids through the Bellevue School District, I've had the privilege of watching our city's journey for over 30 years. And you know what really strikes me? It's not just our impressive growth, but the beautiful way we've transformed into a global city without ever losing our local soul.

Think about it: almost 50% of our neighbors were born outside the U.S. and over 100 languages echo in our school hallways. We didn't just open the door to the world; the world chose to make Bellevue its cherished home.

That welcoming spirit is something I feel every day at my cafe downtown. And that same deep connection is what the City Council is passionately working to champion and share.

I was so proud in December when we adopted the Diversity Advantage Plan 2035. This isn't some distant, bureaucratic document; it's a 10-year roadmap shaped by hundreds of your voices through dialogues and open houses. The plan's 41 equity objectives will genuinely change how the city operates, ensuring everyone can access services with dignity, no matter what language they speak or where their home is.

This summer, we get to showcase our local heart on a global stage, as Seattle hosts six World Cup soccer matches. The city is teaming up with the Bellevue Downtown Association, Chamber of Commerce, BelRed Arts District and Visit Bellevue to bring exciting activities to our light rail stations on match days.

With an estimated 15,000 extra visitors coming through our town, we are pouring our energy into making sure we show off everything that makes Bellevue shine. Small businesses, if you're dreaming of hosting a watch party, please check out [BellevueWA.gov/world-cup](https://BellevueWA.gov/world-cup) for resources, including the Watch Party Playbook.

The World Cup is a vivid reminder of why investing in our arts and culture is so critical. As the council's liaison to the Arts Commission,



Lion dancers with the Mak Fai Kung Fu Dragon and Lion Dance Association perform before an appreciative crowd at the Bellevue International Festival at Crossroads Park in August 2025.

I am thrilled that Bellevue offers grants to our talented artists and cultural organizations. From project grants that fund innovative community programming, to facility grants, which help nonprofits build and maintain their physical spaces, these investments don't just enrich our quality of life. They articulate Bellevue's unique and powerful story to everyone.

Ultimately, everything we do comes back to one simple, unifying idea. Bellevue only thrives because we believe in and invest in each other. Whether it's ensuring fair access to vital services, standing by our local businesses during a major global event or funding the artists who bring our public spaces to life, we are all collectively building a city where every single person knows they belong and has the chance to contribute.

I am truly honored to serve you on this council, and deeply grateful for the opportunity to help shape the next chapter of our Bellevue story: a global city with an unwavering local heart, always welcoming the world. I'd love to hear your ideas or questions. Please reach out to me at [csumadiwirya@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:csumadiwirya@bellevuewa.gov).

## Council Roundup

BY CLAUDE IOSSO  
It's Your City Editor

### Expanding innovation opportunities

Staff from the Information Technology Department shared an update with the City Council on Feb. 3 about the Inclusive Innovation program launched last year. Grounded in the council's vision and supported by Capital Improvement Program funding, the initiative fosters innovation through collaboration among government, businesses, nonprofits, academia and community members.

The initiative in 2025 included the Innovation Exchange and the Civic Innovation Challenge. The Exchange, at City Hall in October, brought together 275 participants for keynotes, interactive sessions and workshops. The Challenge led to contracts with four businesses to pilot solutions in areas like artificial intelligence-powered compliance dashboards, smart lighting systems and mobile item lookup tools.

Staff focused on digital equity, policy development and ecosystem growth, achieving five goals set in mid-2025, including AI policy and support of a hackathon at Bellevue College.

Looking ahead, Bellevue plans to expand partnerships, launch a second Civic Innovation Challenge and host the next Innovation Exchange in June.

### Updates to Multifamily Tax Exemption

The council on Jan. 13 approved moving forward with updates to the city's Multifamily Tax Exemption program that will encourage new affordable housing development in Bellevue, with a focus on the Wilburton area.

The tax exemption benefits developers who include a certain amount of on-site affordable housing in their multifamily properties. The updates align the city's program with new land use codes in the Wilburton Transit-Oriented Development area and provide tax exemptions to a wider range of development types.

Proposed updates included adopting a new 20-year homeownership program and allowing commercial buildings that convert to multifamily residential to qualify for the exemption.

### Departing councilmember honored

On Dec. 9, the council recognized the city's longest serving councilmember, Conrad Lee, with a commendation honoring his decades of service to the Bellevue community. Lee was first elected to the council in 1993 and served terms as mayor and deputy mayor during his tenure.

At Lee's last meeting as a member of the Bellevue council, his fellow councilmembers reflected on his lasting impact, citing his dedication to public service, commitment to transparent decision-making and role in key moments in the city's history.

Lee expressed appreciation for his colleagues, city staff and the Bellevue community, noting that public service is rooted in working together for the long-term good of the city.

# Shared bikes and scooters returning to Bellevue

BY LAURA MILSTEAD  
Transportation Public Information Officer

Bellevue's transportation network is evolving, and shared electric bikes and scooters will soon be available again within city limits.

Bellevue is a rapidly growing city with approximately 155,000 residents and a thriving technology sector. As the second largest commercial center in Washington, Bellevue continues to experience significant growth in both residential and commercial areas. With this growth comes the need for more convenient, affordable and sustainable travel options.

Recent regional transportation investments make this an ideal time to reintroduce shared bikes and scooters (collectively called "micromobility"):

- The 2 Line is scheduled to connect to Seattle on March 28.
- Construction of the Eastrail regional trail is underway.
- Expanded rapid bus transit options are coming through Sound Transit's Stride and King County Metro's RapidRide programs in the years ahead.

These changes will make car-free travel easier, and shared bikes and scooters will provide an important link for short trips.

## What is share micromobility?

Bikes and scooters available for short-term rental. They are ideal for:

- Connecting to bus or light rail stations.
- Running quick errands.
- Exploring Bellevue without driving.

Users who register for the service will be able to pick up and park these vehicles in designated areas throughout the city.

With these devices available to the community, the city aims to:

- Expand travel options for residents and visitors.
- Improve connections to transit stops and destinations.
- Support Bellevue's vision for a connected, sustainable transportation system.

## A look back

Bellevue first introduced bike share in 2018 with a fleet of 400 Lime electric bikes. That pilot ended in 2019, and at the time, scooters were not permitted under city code. In July 2025, the City Council updated the code to allow scooters and expressed support for bringing shared micromobility back.

To develop a new program, Transportation researched best practices from similar sized cities and collaborated on the program design with multiple city departments, including Parks & Community Services, Police and Community Development. The program will also include steps to educate riders on how to use bikes and scooters safely and courteously, ensuring that shared micromobility benefits the entire community.

## What's next?

The city is working to select a vendor to operate shared bikes, scooters and seated scooters in Bellevue. Additional details about the program launch will be shared in the coming months.

In the meantime, check out our safety tips on how to safely ride e-bikes and e-scooters in Bellevue or leave a comment for the project team at [BellevueWA.gov/micromobility](https://BellevueWA.gov/micromobility).



Middle housing options include duplexes like this one.

# Bellevue introduces middle housing permit to streamline development

BY AMANDA RICH ANDERSON  
Development Services Public Information Officer

To meet community needs for more diverse housing choices, Bellevue is introducing a new permit type for middle housing projects—such as townhouses, stacked flats and cottage housing.

The new permit aligns middle housing with the city's single-family permitting process, resulting in shorter review timelines, reduced carrying costs for developers and faster project delivery compared to previous processes. By improving coordination and reducing complexity, the city aims to support housing choices while maintaining neighborhood compatibility and development standards.

This update builds on recent changes to Bellevue's land use code that allow a wider range of housing types in most residential zones.

Recent changes to state law require cities like Bellevue to change comprehensive plans and development codes to allow up to four housing units per lot (six per lot within one-quarter mile walk of a major transit stop or when two units are affordable). Jurisdictions are also required to apply the same permit review process to middle housing as single-family projects.

Building on recent changes to state law, the city created the middle housing permit to make the process more efficient and support Bellevue's growing and diverse community. Learn more at [BellevueWA.gov/building-middle-housing](https://BellevueWA.gov/building-middle-housing).

Bellevue remains committed to helping customers navigate the process for all permits. In October, Development Services hosted a Residential Permitting Expo featuring application workshops and a panel discussion on accessory dwelling units. The department also offers convenient resources, including the Virtual Permit Center for one-on-one guidance on general permit and process questions.

As Bellevue continues to grow, the city remains focused on improving customer service, increasing efficiency and ensuring development standards support a high-quality built and natural environment.

# Affordable housing plan update nears adoption

BY HANNAH BAHNMILLER  
Senior Affordable Housing Planner

The City of Bellevue's affordable housing strategy is evolving to include efforts to preserve older, "naturally affordable" multifamily properties and cut the time and costs to build affordable housing.

The draft 2026-2032 Affordable Housing Strategy, developed over more than year with input from over 650 residents and 60 organizations, will replace the city's first such strategy, adopted in 2017.

The strategy update is expected to go to the council for adoption this spring.

The new plan is intended to expand access to housing citywide for everyone, across all incomes and backgrounds. In addition to other focus areas, the new plan calls for exploring new revenue sources for creating deeply affordable housing.

The Affordable Housing Strategy is accompanied by a supplemental Affordable Housing Action Plan. Drafts

of both documents can be viewed on [EngagingBellevue.com/2025-affordable-housing-strategy](https://EngagingBellevue.com/2025-affordable-housing-strategy). Comments on the draft should be directed to the Office of Housing at [housing@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:housing@bellevuewa.gov).

Staff held two additional information sessions on Feb. 26 and March 2 to share late tweaks to the proposed plan. The strategy update is expected to go to the council for adoption this spring.



Members of the 2025 Bellevue Essentials class learn about Bellevue's neighborhood services at the City Hall Plaza.

## Applications for Bellevue Essentials open in April

BY SARINA MILLER  
Bellevue Essentials Manager

Have you ever wondered how the City of Bellevue makes decisions or how you can play a bigger part in shaping your community? If so, Bellevue Essentials could be perfect for you. This 10-week civic engagement course offers a behind-the-scenes look at city government and gives community members in Bellevue the chance to learn, connect and get involved.

Over the past 13 years, more than 400 people have graduated from Bellevue Essentials and now belong to a growing network of engaged

residents. Many program alumni have gone on to serve on the City Council, as well as city boards, commissions and neighborhood associations.

Participants are given the chance to meet with a variety of city decision-makers, including councilmembers, department directors and staff who manage programs and services. Through interactive learning and real-world scenarios, participants gain a deeper understanding of the opportunities that shape life in Bellevue.

Applications for the fall Bellevue Essentials cohort will be available in April. The program runs September to December, with weekly

Wednesday evening sessions that include a networking dinner, presentations and interactive activities.

Tuition is \$150, with fee waivers available. To graduate, participants must attend eight of the 10 weekly sessions.

Find details about the program and register for updates concerning the next open application period at [BellevueWA.gov/bellevue-essentials](https://BellevueWA.gov/bellevue-essentials). For questions or accommodations, contact Sarina Miller (425-452-4295 or [samiller@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:samiller@bellevuewa.gov)).

## Speed safety cameras coming to 7 locations this year

BY LAURA MILSTEAD  
Transportation Public Information Officer

The City Council in December approved an expansion of Bellevue's automated traffic safety camera program to advance the city's Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030. In addition to red-light and school zone cameras, the program will now include speed safety cameras at locations with a higher risk of speed-related crashes.

Staff analyzed 95 candidate locations based on crash history, speed data, and community input, and include areas near hospitals, parks, school walk zones and other high-risk corridors.

For the first phase in 2026, cameras will be installed at seven locations:

- Bellevue Way Southeast near the South Bellevue Park and Ride
- Coal Creek Parkway Southeast between Forest Drive Southeast and Southeast 60th Street

- Forest Drive Southeast between Southeast 54th Place and Coal Creek Parkway
- 116th Avenue Northeast near Overlake Medical Center
- 148th Avenue Northeast between Northeast 13th and 10th places
- Forest Drive Southeast between 138th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 60th Street
- Northeast Eighth Street between 167th Avenue Northeast and 168th Place Northeast

Public notifications will begin later this spring. In the summer, the cameras and signage will be installed and activated with a 30-day warning period before citations begin. Monitoring and evaluation of the program will continue through the fall and early 2027.

This initial rollout will help raise awareness, improve safety and prepare for future expansions. For more information about the program, visit [BellevueWA.gov/speed-safety-cameras](https://BellevueWA.gov/speed-safety-cameras).

# Free home repairs for those in need of a little help

## Jubilee in the Community equals no cost, just care

BY JANELLE WETZSTEIN

Community Development Public Information Officer

Jubilee in the Community is back! Help provide Bellevue homeowners in need of assistance with free outdoor home improvements and yard maintenance. In partnership with Jubilee REACH, Jubilee in the Community is a way to show how much we all care about each other and our community.

What began as a single “Day of Sharing and Caring” in 2007 has since grown into an annual full season of service. Whether it’s spreading bark, fixing a gate or painting a deck, each summer volunteers from local businesses and communities help to brighten the lives of neighbors who need a little extra help with their home.

A resident who recently received help said, “I’m barely able to put words to it, other than to say I’m deeply grateful, and I’ll never think of the word ‘neighborhood’ in the same way again. We really are all connected!”

### Who Can Apply?

The city’s Jubilee program is for homeowners in Bellevue who reside in their homes and need extra support. It’s an opportunity for seniors, those with fixed incomes or other residents who have difficulty making fixes to their homes or yards. While the service is free, some projects may require small material costs.

Potentially eligible households will receive an application in the mail by the end of March with details on how to apply. Once



Volunteers work on some yard improvement for a Jubilee project.

the application period opens, you can also apply online at [BellevueWA.gov/jubilee](http://BellevueWA.gov/jubilee).

Applications are due by June 30 and can be submitted in English, simplified and traditional Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. If you require additional language support, contact the Neighborhood Outreach team at [neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov).

## Expansion of lower speed limits proposed

### High-end speeding significantly dropped on four streets with lowered limits

BY JENNIFER COOK

Transportation Public Information Officer

As part of the Safe Speeds Bellevue program launched last year, speed limits were reduced on four Bellevue streets in July. Those streets saw significant reductions—19% to 42%—in high-end speeding (40 mph or higher). As a result, Transportation staff are proposing speed limit reductions for all Bellevue streets with a posted limit of 30 mph or higher.

The proposal includes no change to 21% of streets, a 5-mph reduction to 59% of streets and a 10-mph reduction to 20% of streets. The proposal also includes a 25-mph limit for most of downtown, and a small 20-mph speed zone centered around Old Bellevue and Downtown Park.

Starting in February, staff began sharing the draft speed limit proposal with the community. You can review the proposed speed limits and provide input on possible scenarios for phased implementation at [BellevueWA.gov/safe-speeds](http://BellevueWA.gov/safe-speeds). Staff will present results to the City Council in the summer and

seek approval of the expansion of lower speed limits. Speed limit reductions will likely need to be implemented in phases over one or more years to align with the available capital budget.

The Safe Speeds program was created to support the Vision Zero initiative to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries on Bellevue streets by 2030. Streets in Bellevue with a posted speed limit of 30 mph or higher make up only 25% of the total street mileage, but account for 88% of crashes in which a person is killed or seriously injured.

In addition to reducing speeds on four streets for evaluation, the earlier phase included gathering community input through nearly 500 survey responses. More than 75% expressed concern about the impact of vehicle speeds on the safety of people driving, biking and walking.

When presented with the safety benefit of lowering speed limits, a majority supported lower speed limits, particularly when paired with enforcement and street design changes.



Northrup Way is an example of high crossing point density, where speed can be a factor in crashes.

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use and implement such a district at two public hearings next month.

- Wednesday, April 22, Time TBD (Virtual)
- Thursday, April 23, Time TBD (City Hall)

Registration is not required but encouraged at [BellevueWA.gov/office-grand-connection](http://BellevueWA.gov/office-grand-connection).

Years of planning by the city have ensured maximum benefit for Bellevue from the 2 Line: developing neighborhood plans around new light rail stations, updating land use codes to encourage transit-oriented development, and building new roads, tunnels bridges and connections like the Crossing. These efforts, combined with regional partnerships, set the stage for expanded transit connections and new links to the 42-mile Eastrail.

Big ideas like the Grand Connection will continue to connect and transform Bellevue by bringing us together. The Crossing will help fuse neighborhoods across the freeway and enhance regional connections to downtown, light rail, trails and beautiful public spaces, all while making it easier to get around without a car. This vision fueled the ambitious Wilburton land use plan adopted by the City Council last year, which creates mixed-use districts promoting housing at all affordability levels, job growth, and walkability.

The Grand Connection is about more than infrastructure, it’s about shaping a community where families can find ways to live affordably and even car-free, where people can easily access green spaces and opportunities to connect with others. Commuters can choose rail, trail or rapid transit to get to work or school on time.

Extending west to Meydenbauer Bay, the Grand Connection corridor will also create spaces for public art, community events and a deeper connection through the heart of the city, fostering a Bellevue where employers want to grow and residents feel connected. The Grand Connection is a community experience and focal point as much as it is a functional way to get to and through downtown and connect to the region.

# Neighborhood Enhancement Program now in Downtown and Lake Hills

BY JANELLE WETZSTEIN  
Community Development Public Information Officer

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program, which provides residents the opportunity to propose and select small-scale, city-funded, physical projects in their neighborhoods, is in the Downtown and Lake Hills neighborhood areas this year.

NEP rotates through the city's 14 NEP neighborhood areas over the course of seven years, serving two each year. The \$7 million program allocation is distributed among each of the neighborhood areas, based on number of households. Recent projects include adding street and stair lighting leading to the South Bellevue Light Rail Station, upgrading the pedestrian bridge at Lakemont Park, landscaping along 164th Avenue Northeast and tree replacement on Northeast Eighth Street.

## Downtown project suggestions under review

In January, the program kicked off for downtown, with a total budget of \$975,000. Project ideas were due in early March and city staff are starting to review submissions now.

Staff will present viable projects at an open house on June 11. Residents of the Downtown neighborhood area will be able to vote for the ones they want in June and July.

## Lake Hills suggestions welcome through April 22

This month Lake Hills residents are receiving a printed invitation in their mailboxes to a virtual kickoff that will take place on Wednesday, March 18. The total budget for Lake Hills is \$622,000.

Lake Hills residents can submit project ideas through April 22 in two easy ways:

1. **BY MAIL:** Return the postage-paid project idea request card that all Lake Hills households will receive in the mail in mid-March.
2. **ONLINE:** [BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep)

There is no limit to the number of project ideas residents can submit.

To find out which neighborhood area you call home, when NEP will be in your area and how much funding has been allocated, visit [BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep). Questions? Contact Theresa Cuthill at [tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov).



The landscaping done for this median was part of an NEP project.



The new Better Buildings program includes ChargeReady Bellevue, which helps property owners plan electric vehicle charging.

## Better Buildings program offers ways to up sustainability for building owners

BY JAKE SYKES  
Community Development Sustainability Coordinator

Following City Council adoption of the 2026-2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan in November, the city is offering residents and businesses support to help make commercial buildings and multifamily housing more sustainable.

The new Better Buildings – Multifamily Service initiative provides a centralized hub of free sustainability programs for apartment complexes and other multifamily buildings. These services will help properties comply with state requirements around energy benchmarking, electric vehicle charging and organic waste management, as well as discounted public transit benefits for tenants.

### Better Buildings resources

- **Clean Buildings Incentives:** Just relaunched, this program provides free compliance support for buildings required to meet Clean Energy Transformation Act reporting requirements, along with consultation for energy efficiency improvements.
- **Recycle Right** is a city program in partnership with Republic Services to offer free recycling and composting bins on multifamily properties, as well as educational signage for proper waste disposal.
- **ChargeReady Bellevue** helps multifamily property owners navigate the early planning stages of electric vehicle charging. The program helps building owners and managers explore feasibility, identify types of charging stations to meet site needs and gather key information to work with a utility on installation.
- **Transportation benefits for tenants:** Choose Your Way Bellevue offers affordable and low-cost transportation programs, including preloaded ORCA cards and customized travel training.

If you are a renter, tenant or property manager or owner, please visit [BellevueWA.gov/sustainable-bellevue](http://BellevueWA.gov/sustainable-bellevue).

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# This code compliance officer focuses on listening first

BY AMANDA RICH ANDERSON  
Development Services Public Information Officer



Code Compliance Officer  
Sean Smith

For the past seven years, code compliance officer Sean Smith has handled a wide variety of cases – from graffiti and nuisance calls to unpermitted building and clearing and grading work. Much of that work involves assisting Bellevue property owners and business with the requirements and process to get the permits they need. As Sean explains, “We often help applicants navigate the permitting process.”

The most rewarding part of the job, he says, is helping the Bellevue community understand what’s required and why. “It’s fulfilling when we reach the end of the compliance process and the individual is thankful for all of the help and attention I was able to provide.”

Before joining the Code Compliance team, Sean worked in the City of Bellevue’s Finance Tax Division assisting businesses with licensing and B&O tax filings. He also

previously worked for the state Department of Revenue investigating tax evasion and interstate commerce cases. That experience, Sean notes, was invaluable: “My background in tax law has really helped me with case management, investigations and preparing for hearings.”

Years of experience working with the public has taught Sean how to navigate many situations. His approach is rooted in empathy and education. “We’re people, too. We’re here to help and educate, not punish. A little understanding goes a long way,” he says. That’s why Sean focuses on listening first and serving as a single point of contact to make the process as efficient and supportive as possible.

Learn more about the Code Compliance team and their work at [BellevueWA.gov/code-compliance](http://BellevueWA.gov/code-compliance).

## Who else to contact for home and property questions

The Code Compliance division of the Development Services Department doesn’t handle all residential concerns. Other agencies and city divisions can address issues such as air quality, domestic animal noise or private property disputes.

Common complaints are listed below with the entity that can assist. If you’re unsure where to start, Code Compliance can help point you in the right direction.

**Air quality – dust, asbestos, smoke, odors:** Puget Sound Clean Air Agency – [PSCleanAir.gov](http://PSCleanAir.gov) or 800-552-3565

**Domestic animal noise and other animal concerns:** Regional Animal Services of King County – [pets@kingcounty.gov](mailto:pets@kingcounty.gov) or 206-296-7387

**Private property disputes over trees, fences, lighting and more:** Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center provides mediation and conciliation – [bcrcc@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bcrcc@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4091

**Noise from people (not construction), parking and junk vehicle on public property complaints:** Bellevue Police – [bellevuepd@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bellevuepd@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-577-5656

## Great Neighborhoods: Exploring urban design and ‘policy moves’ for Eastgate and Factoria plans

BY JUSTIN PANGANIBAN  
Community Development Senior Planner

The Great Neighborhoods planning process is progressing from the “Discover” phase in Eastgate and Factoria, during which community members shared their values and priorities, to the “Define” phase, in which that feedback has been incorporated into a draft neighborhood vision, policy ideas and urban design opportunities.

More than 400 people in Eastgate and 500 in Factoria provided input last fall throughout the Discover phase via a project kickoff event and mailed questionnaire, as well as during neighborhood walks and small-group meetings. The Great Neighborhoods team also engaged with community to understand issues, identify values and priorities, and learn about qualities that make each neighborhood unique.

Community members in the Eastgate neighborhood area said they value safety, natural beauty, and diversity and economic opportunity. They pointed to mature trees, nearby parks, proximity to both city amenities and wilderness, and friendly neighbors as defining community features.

In the Factoria neighborhood area, community members value safety, diversity and inclusiveness, accessibility and connectivity, and affordability. People referenced the neighborhood’s diverse and international retail options, the convenience of meeting daily needs close to home, and easy highway access as defining community features.

A Discover engagement report has been published, providing a detailed overview

of community engagement activities, who the city engaged with during this phase, and the city’s efforts to equitably engage the community.

Now entering the Define phase, the Great Neighborhoods team has developed a draft vision statement and “policy moves” that incorporate the gathered community input. Policy moves help to clarify intent and desired outcomes before more detailed policies are created.

Staff are also engaging the Eastgate and Factoria communities in an exploration of urban design to better understand how to

make public spaces in the two neighborhood areas more welcoming and enjoyable.

Staff will share draft policies in the spring, with opportunities for continued community engagement. The goal is adoption of new neighborhood area plans, which will be incorporated in the city’s Comprehensive Plan, starting in the fall. These plans inform future growth and change by guiding city staff and community partners on the improvements that people desire.

Learn more, including how to share your feedback on proposed policy moves, at [BellevueWA.gov/great-neighborhoods](http://BellevueWA.gov/great-neighborhoods).



Residents of Factoria and Eastgate talk at a Great Neighborhoods workshop.



Levy funds supported three new foot bridges, including this one, along the Lower Coal Creek Trail.

## Levy funds natural area acquisitions and new parks

BY CHRISTINA FAINE

Parks & Community Services Public Information Officer

Three years since Bellevue voters approved a levy designed to expand, improve and maintain the city's already impressive park and open space system, benefits of the investment can be seen from lake to lake.

Preserve open space, greenways, wildlife corridors and trails? Check. Last year the city, in partnership with the county and nonprofit Trust for Public Land, preserved a key wildlife corridor by adding 12 acres to the Coal Creek Natural Area. In 2024, the city acquired a 5.7-acre parcel along Vasa Creek, protecting steeply sloped, wooded terrain.

Expand opportunities and amenities at community parks while supporting recreational facilities? Absolutely. With lots of community input, the city has drafted plans that will bring a pool and pickleball to Bellevue Airfield Park and better access to Meydenbauer Bay Park.

The levy will fund the acquisition, planning, and development of more neighborhood parks, especially in areas with a shortage of them, including Eastgate and Factoria. Restoration efforts will protect water quality and improve shoreline parks.

Bellevue's urban neighborhoods will receive targeted attention as well. Funds are allocated to acquire and develop parks to complement transit-oriented development in BelRed and Wilburton, where population increases are expected.

The levy also invests in emerging sports like cricket and enhances access to off-leash dog areas across the park system. Finally, dedicated funding for maintenance and operations ensures that new parks are properly cared for and maintained to the city's high standards.

The levy will continue to support Bellevue parks and open space over the next six years, including both new investments and long-term care of parks and facilities. The community's support reflects a strong commitment to preserving Bellevue's identity as a "City in a Park" by protecting natural areas while meeting the recreational needs of a growing population.

Detailed information about the park and open space levy, including a progress report that highlights major accomplishments, is available at [BellevueWA.gov/2022-park-levy](https://BellevueWA.gov/2022-park-levy).

## Planning starts now for summer day camps and programs

BY BRIDGETTE LARSEN

Parks Marketing Coordinator

Summer will be here before we know it. Registration opens soon for Parks & Community Services camps, classes and activities that keep people active, creative and connected in their community.

Options include summer day camps, fitness classes and creative outlets. Spring and summer programs support physical and mental well-being while bringing neighbors together through shared experiences across city parks, trails and community centers.

### Key dates

Sign-ups for summer day camps and other programs open Monday, March 30, at noon for Bellevue residents. Sign-ups for non-Bellevue residents start Monday, April 6, at noon.

Sign up for programs at [Register. BellevueWA.gov](https://BellevueWA.gov). Community members can explore available programs, schedules and class descriptions at [BellevueWA.gov/activity-guide](https://BellevueWA.gov/activity-guide).

### Guidance offered at March 28 open house

Have questions or want help choosing the right program? Stop by the Summer Camp Open House at Crossroads Community Center on Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Staff will be there to offer one-on-one support and help you get ready for registration.

### Staying connected

For reminders and highlights delivered to your inbox, subscribe to the Parks & Community Services monthly digital newsletter at [BellevueWA.gov/subscribe](https://BellevueWA.gov/subscribe). The newsletter includes program updates, registration announcements and upcoming events.

### Financial assistance

We strive to make program opportunities available to anyone who is interested, regardless of income. Parks & Community Services provides two financial assistance (scholarship) options to those who might not otherwise be able to participate.

- **General Scholarship Award:** includes the annual Play Pass and provides up to \$700 per person per year.
- **Day Camp Scholarship Award (new!):** provides up to \$1,200 for youth to use toward eligible day camps.

These scholarships support access to experiences that build health, confidence, belonging and long-term well-being. Learn more and apply at [BellevueWA.gov/scholarship](https://BellevueWA.gov/scholarship).



Learning can be fun on a ranger led walk in Bellevue's forests.

# Gardening workshops from master green thumbs

## Keynote address from former city DEI leader

BY CHRISTINA FAINE  
Parks & Community Services Public Information Officer

Local Master Gardeners (green thumbs with training and passion) offer a series of workshops at the Bellevue Demonstration Garden near the Lake Hills Ranger Station. All four Saturday presentations below are free, starting at 10 a.m. and running between 45 and 60 minutes.

These workshops, in the covered shelter, are a partnership between Parks & Community Services and the Master Gardeners Bellevue Demonstration Garden.

### Fire Prevention for Your Yard | April 25

With Natalia Williams, wildfire mitigation with King Conservation District, and Mike Lasecki, wildfire mitigation specialist with King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks

### Basics of Successful Vegetable Growing | May 23

With Jim Olson, WSU Extension master gardener

### Garden Tool Sharpening | May 30

With John Harmeling, master consulting rosarian

### Water Wise Gardening | June 6

With Dawn Rubstello, WSU Extension master gardener



A Master Gardener leads a workshop at the Bellevue Demonstration Garden.

# Easier access to utility bill assistance

BY MICHAELENE FOWLER  
Utilities Public Information Officer

Bellevue Utilities offers long- and short-term assistance to support customers who need help paying their bill. A new streamlined application process makes it easier for residents to get help.

The updated paper application has fewer pages and requires less personal information, reducing the time and effort needed to complete it. The new online portal offers a one-stop resource for applying and managing documents.

This simplified approach, online and on paper, is designed to remove barriers and ensure more people in need can get help managing their utility bills when experiencing financial challenges.

### Long-Term Bill Assistance

Bellevue Utilities offers 70% off basic utility costs to low-income seniors (62 and older) and community members with permanent disabilities who meet specific income guidelines. The type of assistance available depends on how your utility bill is paid.

- **Utility Bill Discount:** If you pay a Bellevue utility bill, you may qualify for a discount or rate reduction on your 2026 utility bills. This program is accepting applications through Oct. 31.
- **Utility Bill Rebate:** If your utility costs are paid through rent or another third party, you may qualify for a rebate check on 2025 utility costs. This program is accepting applications through Oct. 31.

### Short-Term Bill Assistance

Bellevue Utilities offers two short-term assistance programs for residents who may not qualify for long-term assistance.

- **Emergency Assistance:** Community members experiencing a one-time financial shock that interferes with the ability to cover expenses may qualify for a 100% discount on basic utility services for up to four months (two bills).
- **Neighbors Helping Neighbors:** This program supports residents who meet specific low-income requirements and have a past-due utility bill.

### Donate to Neighbors Helping Neighbors

In every community, there are times when a neighbor may face unexpected financial challenges. Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a community donation program designed to provide support to low-income residents unable to pay for essential utility services.

Every donation to Neighbors Helping Neighbors makes a difference. No donation is too small. Whether it is a one-time or a recurring donation, your generosity provides direct financial assistance to a fellow neighbor who needs it.

Learn more about Neighbors Helping Neighbors and make a donation at [BellevueWA.gov/utility-bill-assistance](https://BellevueWA.gov/utility-bill-assistance). Find the latest news on your utility services at [BellevueWA.gov/utilities-news](https://BellevueWA.gov/utilities-news).

# Lake Hills Blvd to close 2 months for construction

BY MICHAELENE FOWLER  
Utilities Public Information Officer

Bellevue Utilities will begin construction in mid-March on replacement of the Kelsey Creek Culvert, necessitating a two-month closure of Lake Hills Boulevard between 151st and 154th avenues Southeast.

### Aging culvert needs replacement

The culvert beneath Lake Hills Boulevard is undersized and has shown signs of instability in recent years. This project is a major infrastructure investment designed to reduce flooding risk, improve drainage and modernize water and sewer systems.

“In addition to replacing the culvert, we’ll upgrade nearby aging sewer and water infrastructure to improve system reliability and long-term performance,” Utilities Director Lucy Liu said. “This coordinated approach will provide long-term improvements and reduce future maintenance needs for decades to come.”

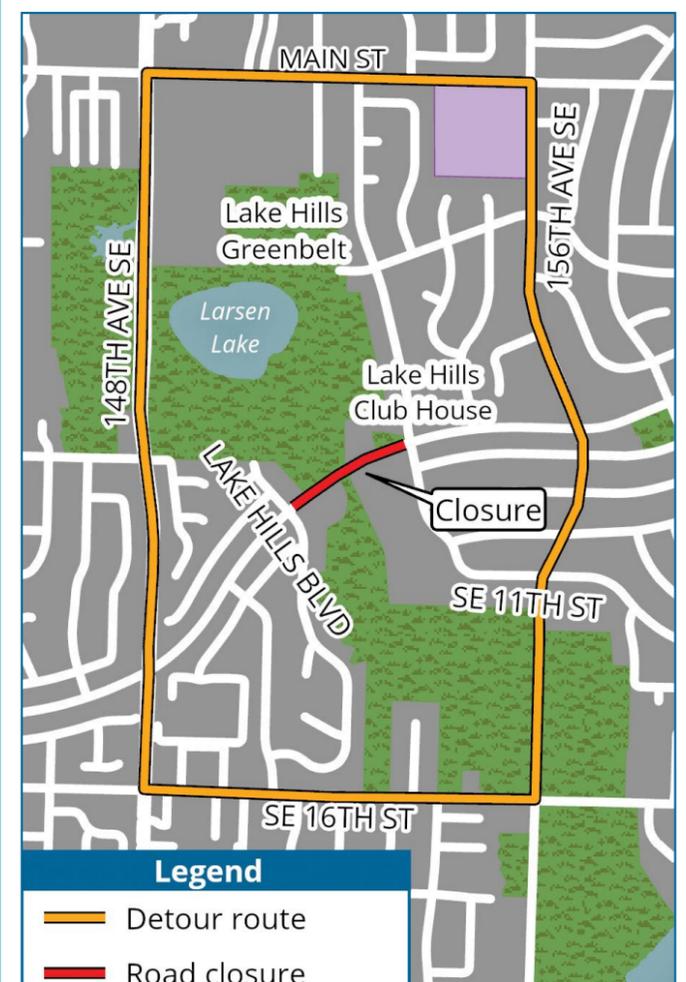
This project, partially funded by the King County Flood Control District, will:

- replace the existing culvert with a larger, more durable structure to better handle stormwater and reduce flooding risks
- restore and upgrade water and sewer mains near Larsen Lake and the Greenbelt
- realign the Lake Hills Greenbelt Trail and adjust parts of the surrounding landscape
- slightly raise Lake Hills Boulevard and Federal Field parking lot to improve drainage

### Traffic impacts

To complete the work safely and efficiently, lanes will be closed on Lake Hills Boulevard, starting in March. The street will then be fully closed for approximately 60 days during the most intensive phase of construction. Detour routes will be clearly marked.

Complete details and updates are available at [BellevueWA.gov/kelsey-creek-culvert](https://BellevueWA.gov/kelsey-creek-culvert).



# Major capital projects in Bellevue

Our project roundup provides a look into a few major capital projects across the city. For details regarding all city capital projects, please check out the Capital Projects Dashboard ([BellevueWA.gov/capital-projects](https://BellevueWA.gov/capital-projects)) where you can filter for projects you're interested in.

## Kelsey Creek Culvert

**Department: Utilities | Status: Construction**

The culvert under Lake Hills Boulevard is undersized and has shown signs of instability in recent years, contributing to drainage issues and flooding concerns in the area. This project will replace the culvert and address nearby aging sewer and water infrastructure to improve system reliability and long-term performance.

Expect periodic lane closures on Lake Hills Boulevard between 151st and 154th avenues starting in April, followed by a full closure of the street for approximately 60 days. Detour routes will be clearly marked.

**Project contact:**

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[BellevueWA.gov/kelsey-creek-culvert](https://BellevueWA.gov/kelsey-creek-culvert)



## Horizon View 2 Reservoir and Pump Station

**Department: Utilities | Status: Construction**

Construction on the new reservoir in southeast Bellevue will be completed this spring. Located at 4809 151st Ave. SE, this project was done in two phases: construction of the new pump station building (while keeping the existing pump station and reservoir in service), then removing the existing pump station and reservoir, and constructing the new reservoir.



The new reservoir and pump station ensure sufficient critical water storage and supply facilities for southeast Bellevue. Both facilities

needed replacement to enhance seismic resilience, protect water quality, increase storage volume and maintain a high level of reliability for drinking water and fire protection.

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[BellevueWA.gov/horizon-view-2](https://BellevueWA.gov/horizon-view-2)

## NE Eighth Street Complete Streets

**Department: Transportation | Status: Design**

To improve safety for people walking, biking and rolling in the busy Crossroads neighborhood, we are designing infrastructure to accommodate all modes of travel on Northeast Eighth Street between 156th and 164th avenues. Planned improvements include buffered bike lanes, widening of bike shoulders into full-width bike lanes and a new crosswalk with flashing beacons.

Design Cost: \$628,000

Estimated construction start: 2027

**Project contact:**

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[BellevueWA.gov/ne8th-complete-streets](https://BellevueWA.gov/ne8th-complete-streets)

## Main Street Off-Street Multipurpose Path

**Department: Transportation | Status: Construction**

This project will add a new 12-foot-wide path for people walking, biking and rolling along the south side of Main Street between 108th and 112th avenues. A landscaped strip will separate the path from Main Street between 108th Avenue and 110th Place Southeast, and the curb ramps in the area will be improved to make them easier for everyone to use.

Expected construction completion, depending on weather, beginning of summer 2026.

Cost: Construction is about \$2.8 million

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[BellevueWA.gov/main-st-path](https://BellevueWA.gov/main-st-path)



## Eastgate Commons

**Department: Parks & Community Services | Status: Design**

The City Council in November approved the concept plan for a new, half-acre neighborhood park at the corner of 147th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 39th St. in Eastgate. Based on community feedback, the council adopted the name Eastgate Commons for the park in January. The plan for the park features a play area for multiple ages, a flexible lawn space, a covered shelter and picnic tables.

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[BellevueWA.gov/eastgate-park-plan](https://BellevueWA.gov/eastgate-park-plan)

# Community Calendar

## “Playwriting Lab”

- Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th St.

Free

## Spring Flowers in Ink and Watercolor

Saturday, March 21, 1-3 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

\$38.50-55

Details, registration and additional offerings at [BellevueBotanical.org/events](http://BellevueBotanical.org/events)

## “The Princess from the Moon”

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre

- Friday, March 27, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m.\*
- Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m.
- Friday, April 3, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 4, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, April 4, 7 p.m.

\*Sensory friendly show

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th St.

\$13 for live tickets, \$8 livestreaming link

Visit the box office, call 425-452-7155 or go to [BellevueWA.gov/byt](http://BellevueWA.gov/byt)

## Seed Starting Tips and Techniques

Saturday, March 28, 10-11:30 a.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

\$38.50-55

Details, registration and additional offerings at [BellevueBotanical.org/events](http://BellevueBotanical.org/events)

## Youth Link Unity through Diversity

Friday, April 3, 6-8 p.m.

City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE

\$38.50-55

Details and registration at [BellevueWA.gov/youth-link](http://BellevueWA.gov/youth-link)

## Foraging for Basketry and Wild Crafts

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

\$17.50 and \$25

Details, registration at [BellevueBotanical.org/events](http://BellevueBotanical.org/events)

## Audubon Bird Walk

Thursday, April 16, 9-10:30 a.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

\$5

Details, registration and additional offerings at [BellevueBotanical.org/events](http://BellevueBotanical.org/events)

## Pilates for Gardeners

Friday, April 17, 2-3 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

\$17.50-25

Details, registration and additional offerings at [BellevueBotanical.org/events](http://BellevueBotanical.org/events)

## EarthFest

Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

Earth Day celebration with family-friendly, interactive activities, including bug observation, games, tours, resource booths and children’s story time

Free

## “Storybook Series: The Boy Who Cried Monster”

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre

- Friday, April 17, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18, 5 p.m.\*
- Saturday, April 19, 2 p.m.
- Friday, April 24, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, April 25, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m.

\*Sensory friendly show

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th St.

\$13 for live tickets, \$8 livestreaming link

Visit the box office, call 425-452-7155 or go to [BellevueWA.gov/byt](http://BellevueWA.gov/byt)

## Kelsey Creek Sheep Shearing

April 25, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th Pl. SE

Shearing, spinning demos, children’s activities, tractor-pulled wagon rides and food.

Free admission.

Costs vary for food and activities.

425-452-7688 or [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov)

## “Romeo and Juliet”

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre

- Friday, May 1, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 2, 2 p.m.\*
- Saturday, May 2, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m.
- Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 9, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, May 9, 7 p.m.

\*Sensory friendly show

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th St.

\$13 for live tickets, \$8 livestreaming link

Visit the box office, call 425-452-7155 or go to [BellevueWA.gov/byt](http://BellevueWA.gov/byt)

## Youth Link 36th Annual Community Leadership Awards

Thursday, May 14, 6-8 p.m.

City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE

## “Cinderella: Enchanted Edition”

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre

- Friday, May 15, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 16, 5 p.m.\*
- Friday, May 22, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 23, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, May 23, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, May 24, 2 p.m.

\*Sensory friendly show

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th St.

Tickets: \$13

Visit the box office, call 425-452-7155 or go to [BellevueWA.gov/byt](http://BellevueWA.gov/byt)

## Spring Plant Sales at Bellevue Botanical Garden

Aaron Education Center, 12001 Main St.

### Dahlia Tuber Sale

- Friday, March 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### March Mania Plant Sale

Sunday, March 22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Native Plant Sale

Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Spring Plant Sale

Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Fuchsia and Daylily Sale

Saturday May 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Rock Garden Plan Sale

Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Fern Fest Sale

Saturday, June 6, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

[BellevueBotanical.org](http://BellevueBotanical.org)



Fern Fest at Bellevue Botanical Garden hosted by the Hardy Fern Foundation

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## Ready to give your home an eco-smart reset?

BY JOEDY MORROW  
Environmental Outreach

Did you know you can clean and reorganize your home with simple, inexpensive materials? Do you need reorganization strategies and information about where to take items that no longer give you joy?

The city's free Greener Living Spring classes will make it simple to refresh your home! A local sustainability expert will guide you through easy tips and tools to clear out the old and welcome the new!

Multiple classes—offered online and in-person—cover organizing, infusing, making cleaners, repairing broken items, along with local resources for donation, recycling and disposal.

Join us! The in-person classes are available at Bellevue branches of the King County Library System. Visit [BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes](http://BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes) for more information and to register for classes.



Learn how to make rosemary and lemon infusions for cleaning like these.

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