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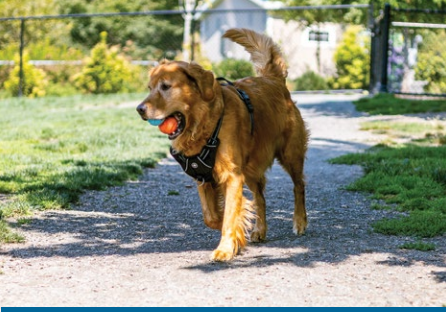
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Two people dance at the City Hall Plaza to live music from the Seattle Steel Pan Project, which was supported by the Community Programming Fund and will happen again this year.

City supporting more events, making it easier to host them here

BY MARISOL MORALES
Community Development Marketing Specialist

Continuing its evolution as a destination city in the Northwest, Bellevue will host more events this year than it ever has before. In addition to World Cup-themed events during the soccer tournament, the city is supporting community-led, cross-cultural and arts events.

The city is also making it easier for people to host events here, which may require permits or be eligible for city grants. Based on feedback from community members and organizers of past events, the city is making the process of hosting activities and events more intuitive and straightforward, offering maps, guides and an online checklist.

The city announced in late May that it is awarding \$300,000 from its Community Programming Fund to 38 organizations to host small-scale events

including music and cultural performances, fitness and dance classes, night markets, workshops and other family-friendly events across downtown, Crossroads, BelRed, Factoria and Wilburton.

“As a growing global city, Bellevue is opening its arms to the region and the world—neighbors, workers, students and visitors alike,” said Jesse Canedo, chief economic development officer. “Our residents and small businesses have asked for smaller, more frequent ways to come together, and this summer we’re delivering. Whether you’re from Lake Hills, Laurelhurst or London—welcome!”

Learn about CPF award recipients and upcoming events at BellevueWA.gov/cpf. See all city events at BellevueWA.gov/calendar.

For people planning their own events in Bellevue, from block parties to large-scale events that

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Reducing speeds to save lives

BY JENNIFER COOK
Transportation Public Information Officer

In 2025, Bellevue saw three traffic-related fatalities and 38 serious injuries – our highest total in the past decade. While our collision numbers remain lower than those of Washington’s five largest cities, the Transportation Department is working hard to reverse the trend.

Speed was the leading factor in serious and fatal crashes on Bellevue streets last year, and it continues to be the top traffic concern we hear from residents. To make traveling here safer, the city is reducing speed limits on both arterials and neighborhood streets, and adding speed safety cameras at seven locations.

We also need your help to make Bellevue streets safer. Please slow down, stay attentive and follow the rules of the road to help protect everyone who lives, works and travels in Bellevue. Together, we can advance the city’s Vision Zero goal—eliminating serious-injury and fatal collisions on our streets by 2030. Read the 2025 Vision Zero Progress Report at BellevueWA.gov/visionzero.

Where the speed limit has been 30 mph and higher

While only 25% of Bellevue’s streets have a speed limit of 30 mph or higher, they account for 88% of serious-injury and fatal crashes here. The City Council this month approved city code

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Council Corner

But did it work?

Good local government is built on accountability and results

BY VISHAL BHARGAVA
Councilmember



One of the most important lessons I learned during my career in the private sector is that good intentions are not enough. Every organization has good intentions. Every team wants to make things better. The difference between average organizations and high-performing ones is not intent, but accountability. High-performing organizations define clear goals, measure outcomes and have the discipline to change course when results fall short.

Since joining the City Council, I have found myself thinking about that lesson often. Local governments face no shortage of complex challenges, from housing affordability and transportation to public safety, environmental sustainability and infrastructure.

These are difficult issues, and reasonable people can disagree on the best path forward. That debate is a healthy part of democracy. Regardless of where we stand on any issue, one principle should unite us. Our government should be accountable for results.

At times, public discourse focuses on what we plan to do rather than what we achieve. We debate programs, budgets and policies, and those conversations matter. Yet every major initiative should ultimately be judged by a simple question: Did it work?

Residents are more interested in outcomes than intentions. Are streets becoming safer? Are public services responsive? Is housing becoming more affordable? Are we delivering value for taxpayer dollars? These are the questions that matter most.

Bellevue already uses this approach in many of its major initiatives. Our Vision Zero effort is focused on reducing traffic deaths and serious injuries through data-driven investments in safety. For affordable housing, we adjusted our Multifamily Tax Exemption program when the data showed it was not generating the level of housing production we hoped to achieve. By updating the program's incentives and requirements, we encouraged more development and expanded affordable housing opportunities. In both cases, the focus was not on the policy itself, but on whether we were achieving the results we set out to deliver.



Based on data, the City Council adjusted the Multifamily Tax Exemption program, which encourages the establishment of affordable housing units at the Broadstone Savoie.

The same principle applies to public safety, economic development, climate action and every major city investment. We should always be asking what we are trying to achieve, how we will measure success and what we will do if results fall short. This matters because public resources are limited and every dollar spent in one area is a dollar unavailable elsewhere.

When government measures results honestly, successful programs gain credibility, underperforming efforts can be improved and public trust grows.

People do not expect government to be perfect. They do expect it to learn, adapt and be transparent about outcomes. Bellevue already uses this approach, and we should continue to build on it. If we stay disciplined about measuring what matters and use resources wisely, we can keep improving outcomes for residents and businesses in Bellevue.

Good intentions matter. But results build trust. And that trust will remain essential as Bellevue continues to grow and evolve.

Council Roundup

BY CLAUDE IOSSO
It's Your City Editor

New city code related to targeted residential protests

The City Council voted 6-1 on May 12 to adopt an ordinance that would make it a crime to participate in targeted protests in residentially zoned areas of Bellevue. Councilmember Naren Briar voted no.

The ordinance is intended to balance First Amendment rights for individuals to freely express their opinions and ideas with the right of residents to enjoy privacy and tranquility in their home.

Under the new law, an individual participating with three or more people in a protest that targets an occupant in a residence or a residence itself could face a gross misdemeanor charge, punishable by up to 364 days in jail and a \$5,000 fine. This ordinance relied on a U.S. Supreme Court decision, which upheld a similar law and cited that the government may impose reasonable limits on residential protest activities.

KidsQuest to receive \$10 million for new museum

The City Council on May 5 approved \$10 million in funding for KidsQuest Children's Museum, which will help the museum move into the former Bellevue Arts Museum and renovate it.

KidsQuest, the only children's museum on the Eastside, serves more than 220,000 children and families per year and has outgrown its 17,000-square-foot space next to the Bellevue Library. By moving into the distinctive, 36,000-square-foot Steven Holl-designed building in the heart of downtown, the museum will be able to admit many more people.

The cost to purchase the former BAM, then build the needed exhibits and an endowment to ensure long-term financial health, is estimated to be \$67 million. KidsQuest has outlined a fundraising strategy that includes public, private and corporate contributions and the sale of its current building and land assets. The agreement includes a range of public and economic benefits, including increasing access to cultural opportunities for all ages.

Paid parking to free up downtown parking spaces

On April 28 the council reviewed proposed amendments to the city code that would allow the city to establish paid on-street parking in Bellevue's densest urban neighborhoods.

Transportation staff is recommending paid parking as part of Bellevue's multiyear Curb Management Program. According to a 2025 review, on-street parking spots in downtown, Old Bellevue and the Spring District are frequently all taken, making it challenging for people trying to shop, eat or run errands.

The proposed code updates would define a curb pricing zone, establish rate setting authority and outline enforcement and payment options. They would also ensure that revenue is reinvested into curb management efforts, such as traffic safety improvements, parking studies and programs that support access to transit and services like BellHop.

The council directed staff to prepare the ordinance that will finalize the code amendments to enable paid on street parking initially in downtown, Old Bellevue and the Spring District in BelRed.

Planning for growth in 2027-28 budget discussions

BY EMILY INLOW-HOOD
Deputy Communications Officer

The City Council has begun discussing the 2027-28 budget, with a focus on reviewing options to fund infrastructure investments that will support future growth and council priorities, while achieving the vision of Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan.

The Utilities and Transportation departments are also planning for significant growth here over the next 20 years.

Bellevue Utilities is developing its budget and rates proposal for the 2027-28 budget. While regional water supply and wastewater treatment represent the bulk of customers' bills, the city also budgets for maintenance and investments in its own infrastructure.

Utilities must plan reservoirs, pump stations and pipelines that ensure safe, reliable drinking water and storm and surface water management for a population expected to grow by 84,000 by 2044.

Transportation leadership is also taking the long view as they develop recommendations for the council about needed capital projects

to accommodate growth, including safer crossings, improved neighborhood streets and multimodal connections to regional transit, freeways and trails.

To deliver those essential transportation improvements in a timely way, the city is evaluating a transportation benefit district, which could provide a stable source of funding over the next 10 years.

Bellevue's budget is produced every two years and includes a six-year capital budget. The budget serves as a major policy document and describes how the city intends to finance its services and infrastructure.

In June, staff presented a financial forecast and held 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.

Utilities balances costs and service as it mulls new rates

BY MICHAELENE FOWLER
Utilities Public Information Officer

This fall, Bellevue Utilities will present a proposed 2027-2028 Utilities budget and rates to the City Council for consideration. These proposals are guided by a simple goal: to continue delivering safe, reliable and sustainable utility services our community depends on every day, while keeping affordability and long-term value a top priority.

Managing rising costs responsibly

Like many communities, we are experiencing increased costs, especially for construction, materials and regional services. Most of the rate impact on Bellevue utility bills comes from regional water supply and wastewater treatment costs.

Bellevue Utilities is factoring in the city's anticipated continued growth as it plans its own operations, including infrastructure investments and maintenance that support clean drinking water, wastewater collection, and storm and surface water management.

Utility costs are part of everyday household budgets, and affordability is a real concern for many in our community. Bellevue

is planning on expanding its bill assistance program next year. The city offers both short-term and long-term assistance for residents who need it. For more details and to apply for assistance, visit BellevueWA.gov/utility-bill-assistance.

Ensuring fairness and equity for our growing community

We are committed to making sure utility rates are fair for all customers. As our community changes, with more residents living in multifamily housing, we aim to adapt our rate structures to reflect those shifts.

A recent sewer rate equity analysis showed that residents living in multifamily complexes are unintentionally subsidizing residents living in single-family homes. Based on this analysis, Utilities is looking to make updates to ensure each customer group (single-family, multifamily and business) pays a proportional share based on how much they use the utility service.

We encourage you to visit BellevueWA.gov/budget-rates for the most up-to-date information and opportunities to provide feedback and ask questions.

Input wanted on new transportation program areas and transportation benefit district

BY LAURA MILSTEAD
Transportation Public Information Officer

Bellevue is inviting community members to help shape future transportation investments by taking a survey open through the end of summer. The feedback will guide how the Transportation Department recommends funding in the next budget cycle.

This year, the city is rolling out a new structure for organizing transportation capital projects. Projects will now be organized into five program areas:

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility
- Neighborhood Mobility
- Vehicle Mobility
- Preservation and Reconstruction
- Major Projects

The program areas provide a clearer picture of where projects are in the planning, design and delivery phases and make it easier to understand how different types of improvements work together across the system.

As Bellevue continues to grow with new housing, jobs and travel options, the city is

planning ahead to deliver transportation projects that address our system and our community's needs. Interest in safer crossings, improved neighborhood streets and better access to transit continues to increase. Advancing projects steadily supports the city's strong record of managing public funds responsibly and keeping the transportation system reliable.

To support long-term investment, the city is evaluating a transportation benefit district. This tool could provide a stable source of funding for essential transportation projects. The City Council took the administrative step of establishing the district in 2023 and will consider whether and what level to fund it during the 2027-28 budget process.

Council action to fund the district would increase the city sales tax rate by 0.1% and add a \$20 fee for all vehicles registered in Bellevue. The budget office estimates this will mean a \$57 annual spending increase for non-vehicle households each

year and \$77 annual increase for households with one vehicle.

Community members can get involved by completing the Transportation Investments Survey or inviting staff to share information with local community groups. Your input will help Bellevue continue making steady progress on the projects that matter most. Current engagement opportunities and the survey link are available at BellevueWA.gov/moving-bellevue-forward.



A cyclist rides along a multi use trail in Bellevue.



A beaver deceiver in Richards Creek discourages beavers from building dams where they can cause the water level to rise.

Utilities engineers outsmart busy beavers

BY MICHAELENE FOWLER
Utilities Public Information Officer

When beavers started damming up Richards Creek this spring, causing persistent flooding on Southeast 26th Street and Kamber Road, Bellevue Utilities engineers got creative.

To combat this dam problem, Utilities installed two wildlife-friendly devices known as “beaver deceivers.” These mechanisms keep the beavers and their habitat safe, while discouraging them from trying to build dams in narrow parts of the stream.

One beaver deceiver immediately started yielding results in May, lowering water levels by about six inches and helping clear water from the roadway. While the beavers may be talented engineers, Bellevue Utilities crews are determined to stay one step ahead in this ongoing battle of infrastructure vs. instinct. Crews will continue working downstream to provide additional flood relief while protecting the surrounding natural environment.

The project highlights the city’s commitment to finding innovative solutions that balance public safety, environmental stewardship and peaceful coexistence with some of Bellevue’s busiest residents.

Greener Living classes tackle basics

BY JOEDY MORROW
Environmental Outreach

It’s easy to go green this summer! Join the City of Bellevue for free Greener Living classes filled with fun, practical ideas the whole household can enjoy.

Tackle the basics; try out castile soap for everyday use, fix favorite clothes with visible mending and discover creative ways to repurpose mason jars. Local sustainability experts lead easy online sessions and hands on classes at the Bellevue Botanical Garden and the Makerspace in the Bellevue Library.

Attendees will receive take-home tools and resources from the city. Visit BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes for more information and to register.

Conflict Resolution Center now at Mini City Hall too

BY RAMU AYYALURU
Mini City Hall Program Administrator

At Mini City Hall, nonprofit organizations team with city staff to deliver an array of services community members need. This month two city programs, the Conflict Resolution Center and Small Business Consultants, began offering assistance at Mini City Hall too.

For many years the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center has been aiding residents with various disputes and conflicts. Their work is primarily conducted over the phone from offices at City Hall. Whether it’s a dispute between neighbors or a landlord and tenant, CRC staff listen to each side without judgment and as a go-between help them develop action plans for resolution.

The Conflict Resolution Center now offers in-person services at Mini City on Wednesdays, 12–2 p.m. Ask for an intake to take your first step toward resolution of your issue. Eastside Legal Assistance will join the CRC at Mini City Hall later in the year to offer legal support.

The Small Business Consultants offer free office hours Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–noon. The consultants can help with business resources, finding commercial space and navigating licenses and city permits.

Drop-ins are welcome, but appointments are strongly encouraged. This new service will provide entrepreneurs and small business owners support that may not have been previously accessible to them.

One service provider at Mini City Hall, Pim Savvy, stopped operations at Mini City Hall this spring due to funding gaps. Mini City Hall staff are looking for an organization to replace Pim, which offered ESL classes, financial coaching, career advancement and free tax assistance.

Over the last 30 years, Mini City Hall has been a pivotal resource for community members across the Eastside, delivering culturally and linguistically appropriate programming to vulnerable populations.

Mini City Hall services include:

- Medicare and Medicaid consultations
- Computer and cellphone coaching
- Bellevue Utilities assistance
- King County Metro Orca cards

For more information, contact Mini City Hall at 425-452-2800 or minich@bellevuewa.gov. Office hours are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.



A Conflict Resolution Center conciliator meets with a potential client in a private consultation at Mini City Hall.

Climate action needs 'climate leaders'

BY JAKE SYKES
Sustainability Coordinator

To help community members take a more active role in addressing climate change, the city is launching a free program designed to equip residents with the knowledge, tools and resources needed for building a more sustainable and resilient community.

Led by the city's Sustainable Bellevue team, the Climate Leaders Initiative will be offered free to Bellevue residents who register in advance. There will be eight Wednesday evening sessions, starting in late July and ending in early October.

Participants will learn the science behind climate change, the behaviors that drive the generation of greenhouse gas emissions and the practical solutions to reduce environmental impacts and prepare for future challenges.

Upon completing the program, newly graduated climate leaders will serve as trusted community ambassadors who help connect Bellevue residents to information, resources, programs and opportunities. They will attend neighborhood meetings and community events, acting as a bridge between the city and the community and gathering community feedback.

The Climate Leaders Initiative implements actions from the Sustainable Bellevue Plan (2025-2030). Learn more and register to join the first Climate Leaders Initiative cohort at BellevueWA.gov/climate-leaders-initiative.



So many activities fit under the Experience Bellevue umbrella! Last held in 2024, the event will be Saturday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., at City Hall. Visitors can participate in hands on activities, enjoy multicultural performances and hear community stories. Guided tours and workshops will highlight the city's diverse cultures, delicious food, public spaces and operations in a family-friendly environment. Details at BellevueWA.gov/experience-bellevue



A dog enters the off leash area at Newport Hills Woodlawn Park.

New pop-up off-leash dog areas

BY CHRISTINA FAINE
Parks & Community Services Public Information Officer

Bellevue dog owners have more places in Bellevue to let their pets play freely. As part of the city's ongoing effort to expand recreation options for dogs and their humans, new pop-up, off-leash areas are being added to three locations across Bellevue.

The temporary, fenced spaces offer a safe place for dogs to run and socialize at:

- Enatai Neighborhood Park, 10643 SE 25th St.
- Goldsmith Neighborhood Park, 14475 NE 35th St.
- Highland–Glendale property, 820 134th Ave. NE (access off 136th Avenue Northeast)

Improvements coming to permanent off-leash areas

The new pop-up areas follow a successful pilot, when the city introduced pop-up off-leash areas at Crossroads, Wilburton Hill and Wildwood parks, as well as City Hall, in 2023.

The Crossroads, Wilburton Hill and Wildwood off-leash areas are now permanent, along with established ones at Robinswood and Newport Hills Woodlawn parks. The city is planning upgrades to the Crossroads, Wilburton and Wildwood areas this year and next, including water access (where permissible), shade shelters, benches, updated fencing, trail enhancements and new surfacing.

Share your input

The city is holding a survey about off-leash areas through the fall, as it considers future off-leash area investments and permanent sites. Visit BellevueWA.gov/dogs-parks for updates and to complete the survey.

With community input, design begins for new park in BelRed

BY CHRISTINA FAINE
Parks & Community Services Public Information Officer

With input from a community meeting and a survey, Parks & Community Services is starting design for a new neighborhood park in BelRed. Funded in part by the 2022 Parks and Open Space Levy, the eight-acre park will be at 12525 NE Spring Blvd.

"As BelRed continues to grow, this new park will create a much-needed place for recreation, community connection and access to nature—enhancing quality of life for current and future residents," said Parks & Community Services Director Meredith Petit.

To ensure the park reflects community needs and priorities, the city launched a public survey this spring that closed in June.

At an in-person community meeting at Highland Community Center in May, participants expressed interest in the enhancement of natural areas, interactive experiences, a destination for community gatherings and a design that integrates well with the growing neighborhood.

In addition to community feedback, the park design is guided by the BelRed neighborhood plan and recommendations from the Parks &



The map shows where the new park will be located by the West tributary.

Community Service Board and the City Council. The planning phase is anticipated to take nine months.

The BelRed neighborhood plan, updated in 2024, supported the design of a new public park along the west tributary of Kelsey Creek.

The city will continue to provide updates at BellevueWA.gov/belredpark. Additional community meetings will be later this summer and this fall.

Youth climate grant applications open July 15

BY JANELLE WETZSTEIN
Community Development Public Information Officer

Starting Wednesday, July 15, the city will accept applications for the Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Fund, a new microgrant program funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies to support young people leading climate action projects in their communities.

Bellevue's Youth Climate Action Fund seeks to empower the next generation of climate leaders by investing directly in youth-driven ideas that advance the city's sustainability goals. Grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and must come from projects created and led by Bellevue residents ages 15 to 24.

Eligible projects may focus on climate mitigation, climate resilience, or community engagement and education, and can address topics such as energy and buildings, transportation and mobility, waste reduction, natural resource conservation, and climate change solutions. Grant awards provide funding, as well as project support for young people as they work to bring their ideas to life.

Residents interested in applying can learn more about the program, including eligibility requirements and key dates, at BellevueWA.gov/youth-climate-fund. For questions about the program, contact ycaf@bellevuewa.gov.



A fun example of outside the box climate action was the grant funded installation of solar panels on the roof of KidsQuest Children's Museum in 2015, with installers dressed as superheroes.



A paving crew uses a jackhammer to remove some existing asphalt in preparation for new pavement along 116th Avenue Northeast.

Pavement program rolling along

BY JENNIFER COOK
Transportation Public Information Officer

The city's annual repaving program is in full swing, with projects in nearly all of Bellevue's 16 neighborhood areas this summer.

In May, crews kicked off the season by installing new curb ramps, upgrading existing ones and repaving 116th Avenue Northeast outside of Overlake and Kaiser Permanente medical centers.

The paving program has three components: pavement overlay, pavement sealing and curb ramp upgrades. Pavement overlay involves milling the top layer of existing asphalt 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 and the city's accessibility guidelines for safe sidewalks are met.

Also this summer, crews will repair four bridge decks, which includes replacement of expansion joints and installing overlay polymers.

The Pavement Preservation Program is in its 40th year. As part of this program, the city surveys more than 1,100 lane miles of roadway every two years and assesses pavement conditions to prioritize which streets need repaving.

A map and listing of all locations and weekly updates can be found at BellevueWA.gov/pavement.

Sign up for free trees starting July 20

Applications for Bellevue's sixth annual Tree Giveaway open July 20–Aug. 17 (or until all trees are reserved). Trees will be dispersed to residents and community organizations in October, when autumn rain gives the trees optimal conditions for growth over their first months. Renters can apply with landlord approval to plant on their property.

Trees offer many benefits, such as preventing flooding, improving air quality and providing shade that helps keep neighborhoods cool.

Bellevue's popular Tree Giveaway program started in 2021 and has since distributed over 4,000 free trees to local homes and community organizations. This year, the city is again partnering with Amazon and 300 Trees to give out 700 trees to Bellevue residents. For all the details and to apply, go to BellevueWA.gov/treegiveaway.



Residential Permitting Expo

Saturday, Oct. 17

Join the City of Bellevue for a one-stop event for community members and homeowners to learn about the permitting process, get project guidance and connect with experts on residential construction, remodels and planning.

Draft neighborhood area plans for Eastgate and Factoria

BY JUSTIN PANGANIBAN
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Senior Planner/Urban Designer

The city's Great Neighborhoods team has published draft neighborhood area plans for Eastgate and Factoria, after 10 months of engaging more than 1,200 community members.

The draft plans – which the city's Planning Commission is reviewing – outline present-day neighborhood conditions, opportunities, challenges and policies for both areas and reflect community feedback collected throughout the process.

Public input on the future of Eastgate and Factoria was gathered over the course of over 30 events throughout both neighborhoods, which included city-hosted community workshops, walks and events, as well as other tabling opportunities. Each neighborhood plan,

available on [EngagingBellevue.com](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/engagingbellevue), features policy updates that reflect the community's shared priorities and support the area's broader long-term vision and goals.

In the coming months, the Planning Commission is expected to hold a public hearing on the proposed plans before developing recommendations for the City Council about their adoption. This hearing will give community members an opportunity to share their thoughts about the future of these neighborhoods and the proposed plans with the commission.

To learn more about providing comments at the hearing, visit [BellevueWA.gov/planning-commission](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning-commission).

You can also learn more about these plans and download materials from past events by visiting the Eastgate and Factoria Great Neighborhoods tab on [EngagingBellevue.com](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/engagingbellevue).

Join walking audits in BelRed and Wilburton

BY JENNIFER COOK
Transportation Public Information Officer

Community members are invited to participate in walking audits in the BelRed and Wilburton neighborhoods to help improve safety for people walking, rolling, cycling, driving and taking transit.

Participants will walk a street in the city's High Injury Network—a small number of streets (8%) where the majority (68%) of Bellevue's fatal and serious-injury collisions occur—alongside transportation consultants and help identify locations where safety could be improved, especially for vulnerable road users.

Each walking audit will be approximately one mile (subject to change), take place 10 a.m.–noon on a Saturday and can have up to 30 participants.

One audit took place June 6 around 116th Avenue Northeast and Northeast Eighth Street in Wilburton. The other two will be along the following corridors:

- July 25: Northeast 12th Street/Bel-Red Road and 120th Avenue Northeast (BelRed and Wilburton)
- Aug. 22: Northup Way/Northeast 20th Street, 140th Avenue Northeast and 148th Avenue Northeast (BelRed)

Those unable to attend in person can share feedback on these streets through an online survey open until the end of September. Learn more, sign up for a walking audit or take an online survey at [BellevueWA.gov/road-safety-assessments](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/road-safety-assessments).

Community input is a vital part of improving safety for everyone using city streets. Feedback from the audits and survey will be combined with industry best practices to identify and prioritize potential improvements.



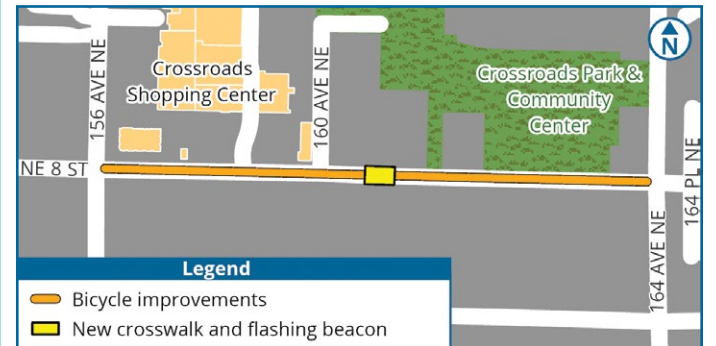
Community members participate in a walking audit at Northeast Eighth Street and 116th Avenue Northeast in early June.

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require special event permits, the city is offering predefined event packages featuring traffic control plans, guidance on required permits and staffing, and information on fees.

A new page on the city's website – [BellevueWA.gov/plan-event](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/plan-event) – provides high-level, interactive guidance to organizers of events of all sizes, depending on how they answer a series of questions. The tool directs organizers to appropriate permits for their plans—and emails the organizer a customized checklist.



New crosswalk, bike lanes for NE Eighth in Crossroads

BY JENNIFER COOK
Transportation Public Information Officer

The Transportation Department will widen bike lanes and add a crosswalk along Northeast Eighth Street in Crossroads to enhance safety for people walking and rolling on what is a part of Bellevue's High Injury Network (city streets where most fatal and serious-injury crashes occur).

For the project—60% designed and set to begin construction in 2027—one car travel lane in each direction will be replaced by a buffered bike lane:

- Eastbound between 156th and 160th avenues
- Westbound between 160th and 158th avenues

Between 160th and 164th avenues, the bike shoulders will be widened to become full-width bike lanes. A crosswalk with flashing pedestrian beacons will be installed just east of 160th Avenue.

This project, a "Complete Streets" effort, was launched after a 2021 Road Safety Assessment, when community members shared safety concerns, and a Safe Streets Corridor study in 2023.

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Stay current on policy and planning initiatives

Learn what Development Services' Code and Policy staff are working on

BY AMANDA RICH ANDERSON
Development Services Public Information Officer

The city is advancing several land use code amendments in various stages of planning, review and community engagement, with additional projects expected later this year. There will be opportunities for the community to learn more and provide feedback as these projects move forward.

The land use code regulates how property can be used, designed and built. These rules help guide growth, shape the look and feel of neighborhoods and support community priorities. Bellevue's land use code is also one of the primary tools for implementing the city's Comprehensive Plan, ensuring that long-term goals are carried out through day-to-day development decisions.

To help keep our community informed about the work shaping Bellevue's future, the Community Development and Development Services departments publish a regular e-newsletter highlighting planning and policy initiatives. Community members can sign up for updates. Below is a look at some of the projects being advanced this year. Explore these projects in more detail and sign up to receive updates via email at BellevueWA.gov/code-amendments.

Bellevue College land use code amendment

The Bellevue College land use code amendment will implement policies and map changes recently adopted through the Bellevue 2044 Comprehensive Plan. The LUCA and rezone will address development in and around Bellevue College and will establish a new Land Use District for the area to better support the anticipated growth and development of the College while thoughtfully addressing the needs and priorities of the surrounding community.

BelRed Look Forward

In 2009, the City Council adopted a new subarea plan and land use code for BelRed to prepare for East Link light rail and guide the area's transformation from an industrial district into vibrant urban villages with new housing, businesses and parks. With East Link largely complete and major development underway, the city is now reviewing the BelRed land use code to evaluate how well it supports the community's long-term.

Downtown Livability 2.0

Work is continuing on Downtown Livability 2.0, an update to the downtown land use code first adopted in 2017. This effort is focused on assessing how the existing code is functioning and identifying targeted refinements to better support a vibrant, welcoming and pedestrian-focused urban core. Staff have completed an initial round of community outreach and are preparing additional opportunities for people to learn more and stay involved. Future engagement activities will build on the feedback received so far and help shape the next steps in the update.

High-Density Residential and Planned Unit Development LUCA

Changes are also underway to update the land use code to implement the city's future land use map designations adopted in the Bellevue 2044 Comprehensive Plan. This effort includes creating a new high-density residential district to effectively accommodate growth, updating the Planned Unit Development provisions to provide more flexibility for preserving open space and trees while allowing higher densities, and aligning zoning for specific properties with the future land use map.



A city planner explains potential land use code changes with a community member at a city event.

Parking Reform

The city is updating its land use code to comply with new state laws that change how cities regulate parking for new development as well as updates to the policies adopted in the Bellevue 2044 Comprehensive Plan. These changes are intended to reduce housing and construction costs, support walkable/rollable neighborhoods and encourage the use of public transit. The project is also exploring opportunities to simplify and consolidate parking regulations citywide.

Pre-Approved Plans

The council adopted new regulations allowing detached accessory dwelling units and cottage housing. The Development Services Department is developing pre-approved plan options for these housing types to streamline their construction. The timing of this effort will align with the 2026 building code update cycle, set to go into effect in May 2027.

Community outreach is happening now and will continue to happen for the remainder of the year. A community volunteer panel will be assembled in early 2027 to review and rank housing design submissions. For more information on this project or to get involved, visit BellevueWA.gov/pre-approved-plans.

SPEED REDUCTION

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changes advancing the Safe Speeds Bellevue program, which calls for:

- a 5-mph reduction for 64% of arterials
- a 10-mph reduction for 20% of arterials

In downtown, most streets will shift to 25 mph to accommodate the high level of activity. In Old Bellevue and around Downtown Park a 20-mph zone was approved. City staff will begin design and installation in 2027. Learn more at BellevueWA.gov/safe-speeds.

In May, the speed limit on Coal Creek Parkway Southeast—Bellevue's second busiest street—was reduced from 40 mph to 35 mph between Factoria Boulevard and the Newcastle city limits, where there were 295 crashes between 2016 and 2023.

Neighborhood speed limits drop to 20 mph

Starting this summer, speed limits on neighborhood streets—which make up nearly 80% of Bellevue's streets—will shift to 20 mph. Crews will install 360 signs and 160 pavement markings.

Lower speeds—along with tools like speed cushions, roundabouts and speed

feedback signs—help reduce crashes and lessen severity when they happen. In three neighborhoods where 20-mph limits were tested from 2020 to 2022—Surrey Downs, the East Bellevue Greenway and parts of Eastgate—high-end speeding (over 30 mph) fell by nearly 20%.

Expanded speed camera enforcement

The city is adding speed safety cameras for the first time since 2014, installing them at seven locations across Bellevue this summer. These cameras are being added at sites with a history of speeding or higher crash risk.

1. Bellevue Way Southeast, next to South Bellevue Park and Ride
2. Coal Creek Parkway Southeast, between Forest Drive and Southeast 60th Street
3. Forest Drive Southeast, between Southeast 54th Place and Coal Creek Parkway
4. 116th Avenue Northeast, between Northeast 21st Street and Aegis Living Bellevue Overlake (1845 116th Ave. NE)



The reduction of the speed limit on a section of Coal Creek Parkway from 40 mph to 35 mph comes with installation of radar feedback signs, which tell drivers how fast they're going.

5. 148th Avenue Northeast, between Northeast 13th 10th places
6. Forest Drive Southeast, between 138th Avenue and Southeast 60th Street
7. Northeast Eighth Street, between 167th Avenue and 168th Place

After the cameras are installed, a warning period will begin, during which drivers who exceed the posted limit will receive warnings instead of citations. Following the warning period, the city will begin issuing citations.

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) where you can filter for projects you're interested in.



Horizon View Reservoir 2 and Pump Station

Department: Utilities | Status: Complete

Bellevue Utilities has completed construction on the water reservoir and pump station in Bellevue's Horizon View neighborhood. The reservoir and pump station provide critical water storage and supply for the area. 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 to the neighborhood and surrounding area. This project was part of Utilities' rehabilitation and replacement program, established to maintain the area's water service infrastructure.

A community ribbon cutting is planned for Wednesday, July 15, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the facility (4809 151st Ave. SE). The community is invited to hear remarks from city leaders and project partners, enjoy fresh Bellevue drinking water and local eats, and take home fun water swag.

Project contact:

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jhummel@bellevuewa.gov | 425-452-6141

BellevueWA.gov/horizon-view-2



Meydenbauer South Reservoir

Department: Utilities | Status: Design

The city is building a new reservoir in the Meydenbauer neighborhood to meet water demands from anticipated growth in downtown, BelRed and surrounding areas. Reservoirs provide needed storage for essential water used for drinking and firefighting, buffering strain on the water supply system during peak demands and allowing for continuous service during brief supply shutdowns. Based on regulations and industry standards, the city will need additional reservoir volume by 2030. Construction is expected to start in early 2028 and run through 2030.

Project contact:

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BellevueWA.gov/meydenbauer-south-reservoir

Urban Core Bike Network (Phase 1) and 100th Avenue NE All-way Stop

Department: Transportation | Status: Construction

The Transportation Department is advancing the Urban Core Bike Network Connections project to create safe, comfortable cycling links for people of all ages and abilities throughout downtown. The first phase of the project, targeted for completion this fall, includes conversion the two-way stop at Northeast First Street and 100th Avenue Northeast into an all-way stop. The conversion addresses recent crash history and ongoing community concerns for the safety of people walking, rolling and driving at this intersection.



Install bike shared lane markings ("sharrows") along Northeast First /Second Street from 100th Avenue to Bellevue Way



Install striped bike lanes along:

- Lake Washington Boulevard Northeast between 99th and 100th avenues
- 100th Avenue Northeast between Main and Northeast First streets



Install buffered bike lanes along:

- 116th Avenue Northeast between Main and Northeast Fourth streets
- East side of 116th Avenue Northeast between Northeast Fourth and Eighth streets

Project contact:

For the bike network, contact Glen Kho,
gkho@bellevuewa.gov | 425-452-4586

For the all-way stop, contact Benjamin Wright,
bmwright@bellevuewa.gov | 425-452-2883

Cost: \$1.3 million for phase 1, including construction of the all-way stop

BellevueWA.gov/urban-bike-network

BellevueWA.gov/100th-all-way-stop

Mountains to Sound Greenway Phase 3

Department: Transportation | Status: Construction

The Transportation Department began construction on the third phase of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail, from 142nd Place Southeast to the Interstate 90 pedestrian overcrossing at 150th Avenue Southeast. When complete, the whole trail will span approximately 40% of Bellevue, from the I-405 ramps and Factoria Boulevard crossing approaching 150th Avenue Southeast. The following will be constructed to improve safety for people walking, biking and rolling.

- 12-foot-wide paved pedestrian and bicycle path north of Southeast 36th Street.
- Two mid-block crosswalks at 146th and 148th avenues Southeast.
- New retaining walls, lighting, landscaping and pavement restoration.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway is a 100-mile corridor along I-90, stretching from the Seattle waterfront to Ellensburg in Central Washington, and is designated as a National Heritage Area. More than 3.5 miles of trail, between Factoria Boulevard Southeast and Southeast Lakemont Boulevard, is planned for Bellevue, including future phases extending the trail from 150th Avenue Southeast to Southeast Lakemont Boulevard.

Project contact:

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BellevueWA.gov/mtsgreenwaytrail

Community Calendar

Fraser Cabin Heritage Program

June 20, July 18, Aug. 22, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Pl. SE

Hands-on activities related to 1880s settler life. For more information, contact the Eastside Heritage Center at 425-450-1049 or EastsideHeritageCenter.org.

Bellevue Family 4th

July 4, 5-10:30 p.m.

Downtown Park, 10201 NE Fourth St.

Family activities and evening fireworks set to music performed by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Event map, rules and more information at BellevueWA.gov/family-4th

Chalk Art Fest

July 29, 3-6 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St.

Sidewalk art, face painting, bounce house fun and popsicles. Chalk will be provided. Free for all ages.

Downtown Movies in the Park

July 14-Aug. 18, Tuesday nights at dusk.

Downtown Park, 10201 NE Fourth St.

Free popcorn and a film on the 40-foot screen. Each night has a special theme. Pre-movie entertainment starts at 7 p.m.

- July 14 - "Goat"
- July 21 - "Super Mario Bros Galaxy"
- July 28 - "Encanto"
- Aug. 4 - "Zootopia"
- Aug. 11 - "Lilo & Stitch"
- Aug. 18 - "How to Train Your Dragon"

FAQs, subscription for updates and weather-related cancellations at BellevueOutdoorMovies.com.

Bellevue International Festival

Aug. 8, noon-5 p.m.

Crossroads Park, 999 164th Ave. NE

Performances and food from around the world. Free and family-friendly.

BellevueWA.gov/international-festival



"The Jungle Book"

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre

- July 31, Aug. 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m.
- Aug. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th St.

Tickets \$13 - Live Streaming: \$8
Assigned seating. Contact BYT if you need accommodations. No refunds or exchanges once purchased.

Visit the box office, call 425-452-7155 or go to BellevueWA.gov/byt



The fireworks at the 2025 Family 4th make an impression that is ... impressionistic, as they reflect in the pool at Downtown Park.
Jeff Faddis Photography

Crossroads Movies in the Park

July 31-Aug. 21; Thursday nights at dusk

Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th St.

Free popcorn, family fun and a movie on the 40-foot big screen. Family activities begin at 7 p.m.

- Aug. 6 - "Emperor's New Groove"
- Aug. 13 - "Zootopia 2"
- Aug. 20 - "Wicked"
- Aug. 27 - "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"

FAQs, subscription for updates and weather-related cancellations at BellevueOutdoorMovies.com.

Amplify Teen Production

Presented by Beyond the Stage Youth

- Friday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th St.

Free

Visit the box office, call 425-452-7155 or go to BellevueWA.gov/byt

Red, White and Bloom America: An NGC Flower Show

- Aug. 22, 1-3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 23, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

Creative works by top floral designers at Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs National Garden Clubs flower show. Free

Arts in the Garden

- Aug. 28, 2-5 p.m.
(member access noon-2 p.m.)
- Aug. 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Aug. 30, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Over 25 unique artists and a wide variety of 3-D garden art available for purchase among the flowerbeds and woodlands at Bellevue Botanical Garden. Live music and food trucks Saturday and Sunday.

Free entry. Prices vary for artwork.
Event parking in garden lot: \$10

Cultural Connections

Sept. 2, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Highland Community Center,
14224 NE Bel-Red Rd.

Explore cultures from around the world through hands-on crafts, games, music, dance and storytelling in this instructor-led group.

\$10, ages 50+

Fall Into Fun Open House

Sept. 9, 10 a.m.-noon

Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th Pl. SE

Learn about farm programs, camps, volunteer opportunities and special events while making a farm-themed craft and participating in free-play time.

Chinese Dance Demonstrations

Sept. 9, 10-11:30 a.m.

North Bellevue Community Center,
4063 148th Ave. NE

The Chinese Information Service Center will present a variety of traditional Chinese dances. Free for all ages.

Drop-In Caretaker Talks

Sept. 10-Dec. 17, 10-10:30am

Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th Pl. SE

Drop-in caretaker about farm animals, care routines, enrichment activities and unique personalities. Free for all ages.

Cultural Dance Performance

Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-noon

Crossroads Community Center,
16000 NE 10th St.

Performances by the Huayin Performing Arts Group, dedicated to the preservation, teaching and continuing development of Chinese traditional and modern arts. Free for all ages.

End of Summer Senior Social

Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-noon

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.

Free

Aztec Dance

Sept. 16, 5-6 p.m.

Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th St.

Traditional Aztec dances performed by Nahui Ollin Tezcatlipocatl of Bellevue. Free for all ages.

Experience Bellevue

Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE

Hands on activities, multicultural performances and tours that highlight Bellevue's people and places. Free.

Community Calendar

Farm Fair

Oct. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th Pl. SE

Tractor-pulled wagon rides, off-the-vine pumpkin patch, pumpkin decorating, children's activities and food trucks. Free shuttle service from Wilburton park-and-ride and Bannerwood Sports Park. No pets allowed on shuttle bus or in the barnyard areas. Free admission; costs vary for food and activities. 425-452-7688 or kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Trick-or-Treat with the Farm Animals

Oct. 24, 1-3 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th Pl. SE

Monster Mash Halloween Bash

Oct. 30, 5:30-8 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St.

Collect candy while enjoying theme-based crafts and activities. Free for all ages. Come in costume!

"Sleepy Hollow"

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre

- **Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and 7 at 7 p.m.**
 - **Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 7 and 8 at 2 p.m.**
- Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th St.

Tickets \$13. Assigned seating. Contact BYT if you need accommodations. No refunds or exchanges once purchased.

Visit the box office, call 425-452-7155 or go to BellevueWA.gov/byt



Kelsey Creek Farm Fair

Ranger Hikes, Discussions and Movies

Times and locations vary.

Explore local wildlife and natural history with ranger-led tours, discussions and nature movie events.

Lewis Creek Park, 425-452-4195
Mercer Slough Nature Park, 425-452-2565
Lake Hills Greenbelt, 425-452-722

Seasonal

Beach Park Lifeguards

Six Bellevue parks – Meydenbauer Bay Park, Chism, Newcastle, Enatai, Clyde and Chesterfield beach parks – feature beaches on Lake Washington. All but Chesterfield usually have lifeguards posted throughout the summer. Swim area closure notices, due to staff shortage or high bacteria in the water, for example, will be posted on BellevueWA.gov/beach-parks.

Day Camps and Recreation Programs

Register now for summer and fall recreation programs and day camps.

425-452-6885 or Register.BellevueWA.gov

Kayak, Canoe and Paddleboard Rentals

Parks & Community Services contracts with Best Kayak Rentals to offer hourly kayak, stand-up paddleboard and canoe rentals at the following locations:

- **Meydenbauer Bay Boathouse, 2 99th Ave. NE**
- **Enatai Beach Boathouse, 3519 108th Ave. SE**

Hours, rates and other information at BestKayakRentals.com. Information for Canoe Mercer Slough 2026 at BellevueWA.gov/canoe. Search for "Mercer Slough"

Beach Park hours:
Open 30 minutes before sunrise
Closed 30 minutes after sunset

Farm and Produce Stands

Hours vary. BellevueBlueberryFarms.com

Lake Hills Farm Fresh Produce Stand
15550 156th Ave. SE

Larsen Lake Blueberry Farm
700 148th Ave. SE

Mercer Slough Farm Stand
2220 Bellevue Way



Code compliance officers help Bellevue navigate safety and more

BY AMANDA RICH ANDERSON
Development Services Public Information Officer

As a code compliance officer for the city, Mike Reudink helps ensure that homes and properties throughout Bellevue are safe, well-maintained and meet city codes and standards. His work spans a wide range of areas, from fire and building safety to construction, land use and more.

Reudink spends much of his time helping property owners understand the codes that apply to a project or property and what permits and inspections they need to meet compliance.

"Skipping the permitting process may seem easier in the moment, but it often creates more stress—and more problems—later on," says Reudink. "Taking the time to secure the right permits helps prevent major issues down the road."

"The most valuable skills I bring to my work today are listening and patience," says Reudink. "My background as a contractor, working directly with homeowners, helps me understand how stressful projects can be. I also recognize that many homeowners aren't familiar with the permitting process, so I take a compassionate, straightforward approach—clearly explaining requirements and helping guide them through the process in a way that's easier to understand and navigate."

Heat pumps are cool(ing)

By KURT HELLMANN
Energy Smart Eastside
Community Engagement Specialist

With longer heat waves and more frequent regional wildfires in recent summers, community members are searching for reliable cooling and cleaner indoor air at home.

Heat pumps can help.

Despite what their name suggests, heat pumps provide both energy-efficient heating in the winter and air conditioning in the summer. For some homes, heat pumps can also work alongside an existing gas furnace, allowing residents to add efficient cooling without fully replacing their heating system.

If navigating heat pump rebates and installation options sounds overwhelming, Energy Smart Eastside, a partnership between Bellevue and five other Eastside cities, can help. ESE offers heat pump rebates and incentives to homeowners and rental property owners. These can even pair with rebates from Puget Sound Energy.

Property owners can schedule a free virtual consultation with an energy advisor to better understand rebate eligibility and contractor options. Learn more at EnergySmartEastside.org.



An Eastside homeowner make the heart sign to express appreciation for her new heat pump.

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Public Records	BellevueWA.gov/records
Development Service records	425-452-7914
Police records	425-452-4452
Other records	425-452-4283
City Manager	425-452-7228
Community Development	425-452-7892
Conflict Resolution Center	425-452-4091
Development Services	425-452-6800
New permit applications	425-452-4898
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Simple permits, inspection requests	MyBuildingPermit.com
Application and inspection status	MyBuildingPermit.com
Code Compliance	425-452-2047
Diversity Program	425-452-7886
Fire Emergency	911
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General Information	425-452-6892
Inspection	425-452-4254
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Human Resources	425-452-6838
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Human Services	425-452-6884
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Community Centers	
Crossroads Community Center	425-452-4874
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Transportation	
Administration	425-452-6856
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Administration	425-452-6932
Billing/Customer Service	425-452-6973
Water, Sewer, Street Maintenance and Emergency	425-452-7840
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Fire Station 10 heralds new era

BY EMILY INLOW-HOOD
Deputy Communications Officer

Since early March, firefighters and paramedics responding to calls from downtown and surrounding neighborhoods have been coming from Bellevue's first new fire station in three decades.

Fire Station 10, at 1225 112th Ave. NE, represents an essential expansion of the city's public safety network — positioned to deliver faster, more effective response for today's Bellevue and the Bellevue of the future.

"Fire stations are more than buildings — they're promises of readiness, service and care," Fire Chief Dave Tait said at the March 10 opening of the station. "Fire Station 10 represents a commitment to the safety of our residents, the health of our firefighters, and the future growth of this city."

On the northern edge of downtown, Fire Station 10 speeds fire and medical response to high-rises downtown, as well as businesses and residences in BelRed, West Bellevue, Northwest Bellevue and Wilburton.

Station 10 incorporates the latest best practices for firefighter health, with decontamination zones that reduce exposure to harmful contaminants and drive-through apparatus bays to reduce backing accidents.

The building sets a new bar for sustainability too, a rooftop solar array expected to generate 89,000 kilowatt-hours annually, chargers for electric fire engines and a rainwater cistern that recycles water for truck washing and toilet flushing, reducing potable water use by an estimated 41,355 gallons per year.

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