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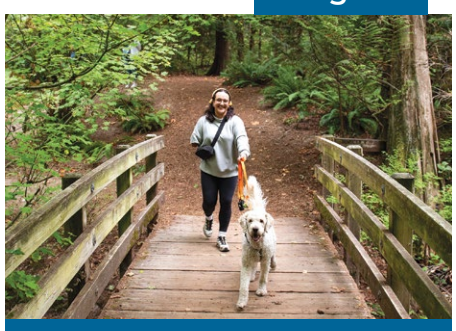
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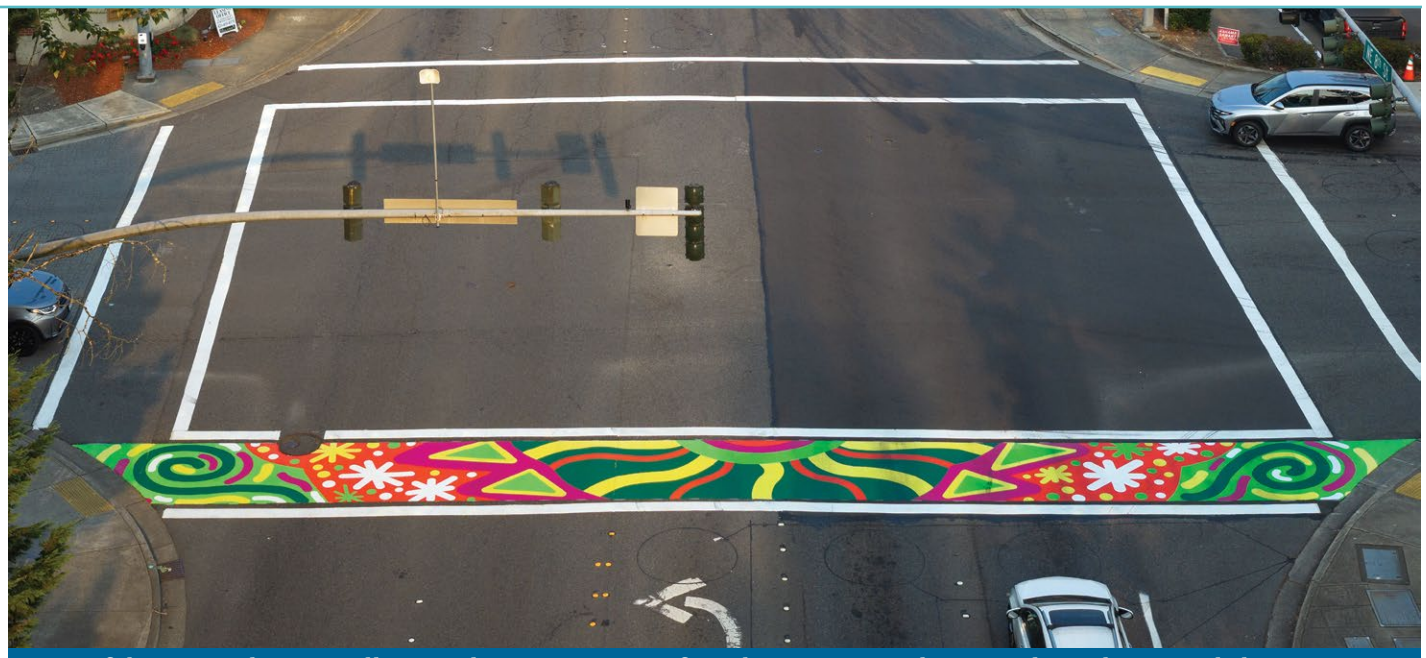


Great Neighborhoods

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Trails offer connection



One of the painted crosswalks is at the intersection of 124th Avenue Northeast and Northeast Eighth Street.

City experiments with painted crosswalks

By JENNIFER COOK
Transportation Public Information Officer

The city has launched a new traffic safety pilot program called Creative Crosswalks, adding pizzazz to selected crosswalks with colorful designs by local artists. If you've seen, walked or rolled across one, please share your opinion by Nov. 30 in a five-minute survey.

City transportation planners are evaluating if the artistic crosswalks, compared to 12 no-treatment crosswalks, improve safety and are liked by the community.

The artsy crosswalks, funded by a U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All grant, supplemented by funding from the city's Arts and Culture Program, are at the following intersections:

- 164th Avenue Northeast and Northeast 24th Street
- 124th Avenue Northeast and Northeast Eighth Street
- 132nd Avenue Northeast and Bel-Red Road
- 106th Avenue Northeast and Northeast 10th Street

In the spring, the city issued a call for artists in King, Snohomish and Pierce counties interested in coming up with crosswalk designs. Nikita Ares of Seattle and Kenji Stoll of Tacoma were selected to design two crosswalks each.

Learn more about the project and respond to the survey at BellevueWA.gov/creative-crosswalk-designs. Bellevue TV's September Lake to Lake show (at YouTube.com/bellevuetelevision) has a segment about the crosswalks.

Demand high from start for rental scooters and e-bikes

By LAURA MILSTEAD
Transportation Public Information Officer

In just the first eight weeks after Lime rental scooters and e-bikes became available in Bellevue on Aug. 10, riders took more than 50,000 trips on them, many for short errands, transit connections and downtown travel.

Over the first three months of Bellevue's shared micromobility program with Lime, transportation planners are tracking how people are using e-bikes and scooters to move around town.

Rules for safe first- and last-mile operations

Bellevue has put several management tools in place to support safe operations, including no-operation and low-speed zones in areas with heavy foot traffic. The city also requires mandatory parking near transit stations, helping reduce clutter. Lime must move any devices not properly parked within two hours.

Every device includes technology that can issue real-time warnings to riders who are riding on sidewalks along streets that have low enough speed limits or facilities for riding in the street.



Transportation interns Yu Chi Dai (front) and Charlotte Middleton show the joy of getting around on Lime scooters and bikes.

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Council Corner

Investing in Bellevue's affordable housing future

By LYNNE ROBINSON
Councilmember



As Bellevue's economy continues to grow, so does our workforce. Yet approximately 90% of the people who work in Bellevue live outside our city. With 160,000 workers commuting in and out of Bellevue each day, the impacts on traffic, our environment and quality of life are significant.

We know that a thriving city must also be an affordable city, where people who work in Bellevue have the opportunity to live here.

In April, my City Council colleagues and I adopted an ambitious new Affordable Housing Strategy, setting a goal of creating or preserving 5,700 affordable homes over the next decade. Since then, we've made substantial progress.

In the spring, we allocated $37 million, our largest single investment so far in affordable housing, supporting projects totaling 505 units. This will help create affordable homes for families throughout Bellevue and the Eastside, many in walkable neighborhoods close to jobs, transit and essential services.

As Bianca Siegl, director of Bellevue's Office of Housing, stated, "This record affordable housing investment demonstrates Bellevue's continued efforts to ensure Bellevue is a place everyone can afford to call home."

In July we issued a $25 million request for affordable housing proposals on city-owned property, creating new opportunities to turn public land into much-needed homes. The city received eight proposals, which were being reviewed by staff in October.



The Altaire at East Main, set to begin construction next year, is among several affordable housing projects supported by a $37 million allocation from the city.

Affordable housing is more than a housing issue. It is an investment in our workforce, our economy, our environment and the long-term vitality of our community. By continuing to work together, we can build a Bellevue where more of the people who contribute to our city's success can also call it home.

Council Roundup

By CLAUDE IOSSO
It's Your City Editor

Record-breaking Experience Bellevue! crowd

On Oct. 6 staff reported to the City Council record attendance of more than 2,000 at its biennial Experience Bellevue! celebration in September. The free event is designed to welcome the Bellevue community to experience their local government, strengthen neighborhood connections and highlight Bellevue's rich cultural diversity.

Attendees enjoyed live performances and family-friendly activities, including a City Hall scavenger hunt, salsa lessons, discovery tours and workshops such as tai chi and mahjong. Additional features included guided city facility tours and a city resource fair, a KidsQuest Kid Zone and a storytelling showcase called Voices of Bellevue, which highlighted how different community members have built belonging in Bellevue.

New programs from Sustainable Bellevue Plan

The council on Sept. 22 received an update on implementation of the 2026–2030 Sustainable Bellevue Plan. The presentation highlighted new and expanded programs aimed at reducing greenhouse gases, strengthening climate resilience and advancing cleaner transportation, buildings, natural systems and waste reduction.

Since plan adoption in late 2025, the city has launched six new programs, including the Better Buildings Hub, Climate Leaders Initiative, ChargeReady Bellevue and Pedal Forward Eastside. Energy Smart Eastside has expanded and the city is leading by example through energy-efficiency improvements, fleet electrification and sustainable design of city facilities such as Fire Station 10.

Staff also outlined the proposed 2027–2028 work plan, which sustains existing programs, continues major capital improvement projects and facility improvements, and launches a new partnership with Washington Builds, a green bank that offers financing options for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Record crowds attend safe summer events

On Sept. 1, the council received a report concerning the behind-the-scenes planning and coordination that made major summer events here successful this year. An impressive 420,000 people attended events in Bellevue this summer, including the Family 4th, which drew 68,000 on its own to Downtown Park.

Advanced planning and coordination by the Parks & Community Services, Police and Fire departments resulted in a safe and successful event with no significant incidents. Several World Cup celebrations in Bellevue also went smoothly.

City staff demonstrated the ability to handle increased summer activity through planning, flexible staffing and collaboration across departments — an approach that will remain essential as visitation grows and expectations for future community events continue to evolve.

New park name reflects Japanese American community's contributions

The council on July 28 voted to name a new park at Main Street and 112th Avenue Southeast "Isan Park." Based on community input, the Parks & Community Services Board recommended the name, and the council unanimously agreed with that choice.

In September 2024, Sound Transit transferred the park property to the city. Staff reviewed and evaluated 258 park names proposed by community members, using criteria in the council's naming policy. The Park Board recommended "Isan," which means legacy or heritage in Japanese, due to its uniqueness and reflection of the Japanese American community's contributions to Bellevue.

A local, community-based organization and the city have a partnership agreement to develop a commemorative installation in the park to honor Bellevue's Japanese American community.



A preliminary visualization from MIG shows where an installation at Isan Park honoring Bellevue's Japanese American community could be located.

Police and Fire expand unmanned aerial systems use

By DREW ANDERSON,
Police Public Information Officer, and
HEATHER WONG, Fire Public Information Officer

Evolving its use of unmanned aerial systems, the city has launched a one-year pilot program this fall that enables patrol officers to quickly deploy UAS to an incident location, either as part of a police response or at the request of the Fire Department. The drones can collect key information about an incident, including whether a police response is even necessary.

"The Drone as First Responder program is a true force multiplier for the Bellevue Police Department," said Police Chief Wendell Shirley. "This city resource will empower our officers to respond to calls for service faster, safer and with greater precision across the city. This program ensures we maximize our capabilities and deploy our resources with efficiency."

"I am relieved to know our crews will have information about the situation they are about to face before they even set the parking brake on scene," added Fire Chief Dave Tait. "Using UAS in our fire response improves situational awareness, firefighter safety and operational effectiveness, allowing our incident commanders to see real-time aerial and thermal views of structure fires, wildland fires, hazardous materials incidents, technical rescue incidents and large-scale emergencies."

The city has been using UAS since 2021, primarily to assist police officers with large-scale weather damages assessments and traffic collision investigations. An extension of that usage, the Drone as First Responder pilot will include two patrol officers who are trained pilots.



UAS photos of a fire include a thermal one that helps show hot spots and fire activity, which can be hard to see through smoke.

When a call for service comes in that merits a UAS response, an officer will deploy one to quickly analyze the incident location while officers and firefighters are en route. Video provided by the UAS will help first responders determine what resources they'll need to effectively, efficiently and safely respond to the call.

The UAS can also show if an emergency response is needed at all, freeing police to focus on other existing calls for service that require an officer's presence. Redmond police saw an 18.8% drop in officer-initiated responses in 2025 because information from the UAS indicated the calls did not actually require an officer.

To protect community members' privacy, the police and fire UAS will only be deployed during a call for service. Any data collected by the city will adhere to local retention policies as well as applicable local and state laws. Community members will also be able to access a webpage with a dashboard tracking Bellevue UAS operation.

Bellevue is using the company Skydio to implement the Drone as First Responder program.

The City Council approved funding for the pilot program Sept. 8, with the Bellevue Police Foundation and the Apex Foundation also contributing funding.

More information about Bellevue's UAS program is available at **BellevueWA.gov/unmanned-aerial-systems**.

Proposed budget supports core services, prepares for growth

By EMILY INLOW-HOOD
Deputy Communications Officer

The City Council is considering the 2027-2028 preliminary budget proposal, with adoption possibly on Nov. 17. The $2.3 billion budget proposal is balanced across all funds and reflects Bellevue's longstanding emphasis on stewardship, long-range planning, community involvement and quality of life.

The council is anticipated to take action on the budget Nov. 17. Find details about the proposed budget, including an interactive budget book, at BellevueWA.gov/preliminary-2027-2028-budget.

With this proposal, the city continues its careful approach to fiscal stewardship, focused on maintaining core services while preparing Bellevue for future growth. As staff built the budget, they looked closely at current services, possible new programs and future resource needs. This included finding ways to be more efficient, realigning spending when possible and using one-time funds only for key investments.

Nearly half of the operating budget is devoted to community safety and health, which includes funding for the Police, Fire and Utilities departments.



Adding sidewalks and other improvements that make Bellevue streets safer for all users continues to be part of the city budget.

Given flat near-term revenue projects, the proposed budget doesn't include significant new investments, but a few projects will receive funding.

- Affordable housing partnership funding
- Bellevue's Promise pilot program to support Bellevue College tuition scholarships
- Planning for fire station renovations and replacement of Fire Station 5 and 6 in the near future
- Expanded utility bill assistance programs
- Construction of the Grand Connection Crossing generational infrastructure project and related Civic Center urban center activation program
- Innovation programs in several departments to support service delivery
- Funding loans for home and small commercial building decarbonization
- Supporting partners on key amenities including the expansion of KidsQuest Children's Museum and the Bellhop program

Investing in Bellevue's transportation future

The council discussed transportation investments at its Oct. 6 meeting, with three potential project scenarios to fund investments across the five program areas: pedestrian and bicycle mobility, vehicle mobility, neighborhood mobility, preservation and reconstruction, and major projects.

The preliminary budget proposal (scenario 1) includes a balanced program of transportation investments within existing revenues. Two additional scenarios reflect the potential to more quickly address transportation system gaps, ahead of anticipated growth, both of which would require additional tax or fee revenues.

Utility bill assistance expanding to help more households

By HANA ABDULRAHMAN
Utilities Rate and Tax Relief Administrator

Paying for essential utility services shouldn't require skipping other household expenses. To help more community members who need support, Bellevue Utilities is expanding its bill assistance program.

The City Council is expected to consider expanding the Utilities Bill Assistance program in the 2027-28 budget. With approval, Utilities in July would begin offering a 35% discount on bills for all households earning up to 80% of the area median income ($121,150 for a family of four).

Currently, Utilities assistance programs include:

- long-term assistance offering 70% discount or rebates off basic utility costs for low-income individuals 62 and older and community members with permanent disabilities.
- short-term assistance for low-income households experiencing an emergency or finding themselves behind on a bill, regardless of age and disability.

That new 35% discount would be an additional form of long-term assistance, helping thousands more customers manage their bills while maintaining Bellevue Utilities' long-term financial stability. Bellevue Utilities aims to provide more ongoing support, not just help during a financial emergency.

The short-term assistance programs would also expand to help more community members who need assistance because of an emergency or being past due.

Bellevue Utilities will engage with the community and share program updates in early 2027, in addition to offering assistance with the application process through various community outreach opportunities.

For more information

Additional requirements apply for our bill assistance programs. Details are available at **BellevueWA.gov/utility-bill-assistance** or by calling Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-5285.



From left, staff sharing 3CMA awards include Michelle DeGrand, Bridgette Larsen, Claude Iosso, Michaelene Fowler and Ben Shahabi.

Communications team earns three national awards

Bellevue's communications team earned three national awards from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) this year, announced during the organization's annual conference in September.

The team received a prestigious Savvy Award (3CMA's top honor) for an exemplary crisis communications plan using lessons learned from the 2024 bomb cyclone. The plan was developed by Utilities public information officer Michaelene Fowler with support from the city's Emergency Management team in the Fire Department.

Multiple episodes of the city's "Lake to Lake" news show, produced by Bellevue Television (Dave Richardson and Ben Shahabi) and hosted by Chief Communications Officer Michelle DeGrand, garnered a Silver Circle Award.

The Parks & Community Services summer day camp guide, led and produced by department marketing coordinator Bridgette Larsen, with design by Solvita Upenieks, received an Award of Excellence for its clear layout, inclusive features and creative presentation. The recognition also reflects the contributions of the recreation, design and marketing teams in creating a resource that helps Bellevue families connect with programs, services and opportunities.

With more than 1,200 award entries submitted nationwide this year, 3CMA awards recognize excellence in communications and marketing work by local governments.

For more information about the many awards and recognition received by the City of Bellevue, a full list is available at **BellevueWA.gov/awards**.

Free support for EV charging at multifamily properties



An electric car is charged downtown.

By JAKE SYKES
Sustainability Coordinator

Installing electric vehicle charging is an increasingly important consideration and can raise questions for residents, owners and managers of multifamily properties. Does my building have enough electrical capacity? Where should chargers go? What funding is available?

If you're interested in bringing EV charging to your apartment, condo or other multifamily property, then ChargeReady Bellevue can help. Residential properties in Bellevue with five or more dwelling units can receive in-person site assessments, electrical load analysis and guidance on available funding and incentives, all at no cost.

If you're a resident who wants EV charging where you live, the city can help you work with your property owner or manager to participate in the program.

Visit **BellevueWA.gov/chargeready** to learn more and sign up.

‘Great Neighborhoods’ continues in Lake Hills and West Lake Sammamish

By ZACK LUCKIN
Community Development Senior Planner

The “Great Neighborhoods” planning process continues in Lake Hills and West Lake Sammamish, with interactive workshops on urban design and draft policy coming up for the people who live, work, play and study in those neighborhood areas.

Great Neighborhoods kicked off in Lake Hills and West Lake Sammamish in July, while the collaboration with community members to draw up new neighborhood area plans for Factoria and Eastgate were winding up. The City Council is expected to approve those plans, possibly by year’s end.

With the Great Neighborhoods program, the city is updating plans, which are part of the city’s 20-year Comprehensive Plan, for all 16 of Bellevue’s neighborhood areas.

Neighborhood area plans articulate shared values of people who live, work, play and study in the area. They include a vision for the future, as well as the types of improvements people want to see as these neighborhoods grow over the next 10 to 20 years. The plans emphasize how people can better experience and access public spaces in their neighborhoods.

For the first stage of Great Neighborhoods in Lake Hills and West Lake Sammamish, over the summer, the planning team held a kickoff event, mailed a questionnaire to every household in the neighborhood areas and took “public space assessment” walks with community members to identify neighborhood strengths and opportunities for improvement.

Community members interested in learning more can visit **BellevueWA.gov/great-neighborhoods**, where you can find past meeting materials, learn about upcoming opportunities to engage and sign up for updates.

Draft Eastgate and Factoria neighborhood plans

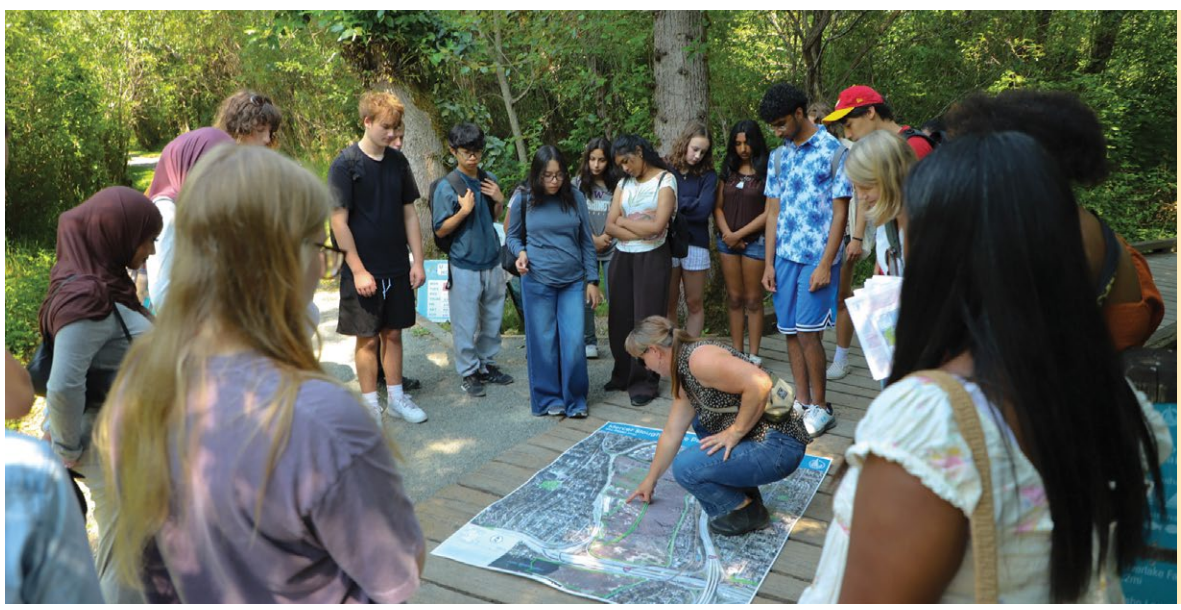
The council reviewed the draft Eastgate and Factoria neighborhood area plans during a study session on Nov. 3, marking a major milestone in the Great Neighborhoods planning process. The review followed the Planning Commission’s recommendation that the council adopt both plans after public hearings and extensive community engagement.

Developed with input from residents, businesses and community organizations over the past 15 months, the draft plans establish a shared vision for each neighborhood’s future. They include policies and actions to strengthen neighborhood identity, improve community gathering spaces, enhance mobility and access, and protect the natural environment.



Residents of Factoria and Eastgate participate in a public space assessment.

As part of Bellevue’s Comprehensive Plan, neighborhood area plans provide guidance for future public investments, capital projects and private development, while addressing changing needs and priorities at the neighborhood level. The Eastgate and Factoria plans build on the neighborhoods’ existing plans, last updated in 2015.



Students explore Mercer Slough

Staff from Sound Transit and Bellevue’s Parks & Community Services Department share the history and ecological significance of Mercer Slough Nature Park to students from the Puget Sound Regional Council’s Summer Planning Academy. As the high schoolers explored the slough’s wetlands and blueberry farm in August, they learned how these sensitive natural areas were protected during construction of the nearby 2 light rail line.

6 million-gallon reservoir to add needed water capacity

By MICHAELENE FOWLER
Utilities Public Information Officer

As Bellevue continues to grow, so does the need for reliable water service. To help meet that need, Bellevue Utilities is planning a major investment in the city’s water system, a 6-million-gallon reservoir in the Meydenbauer neighborhood.

To be constructed from 2028 to 2030, the new Meydenbauer South Reservoir will be Bellevue’s largest, adding much-needed water storage capacity to serve anticipated growth in downtown, BelRed and surrounding areas.

Why do we need another reservoir?

Reservoirs are an important part of Bellevue’s water system. They store water for everyday use and firefighting, help meet periods of high demand and allow the system to continue providing water during brief supply interruptions.

With growth projected in western Bellevue, additional storage will be needed to meet future water demands and maintain reliable service. Based on regulations and industry standards, Bellevue will need more reservoir capacity by 2030. The Meydenbauer South Reservoir will be built in tandem with a new pump station on city property by Southeast Seventh Street.

Planning for the Future

Bellevue Utilities selected the Meydenbauer neighborhood location in December 2023 following an evaluation of four potential sites. The evaluation considered technical feasibility, community benefits and impacts, operational needs and costs.

The Meydenbauer location was selected because it can accommodate the large reservoir needed for future growth, is close to where additional storage is forecasted to be needed and offers benefits for water system operations and reliability.

What’s Next?

The project is in the final design and permitting phase. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2028 and continue through 2031.

Bellevue Utilities will continue working with the community to share project updates, discuss construction impacts and answer questions as the project moves forward.

Visit the **BellevueWA.gov/west-area-reservoir** for project details, anticipated timelines, community meeting information and opportunities to receive updates.

Development Services delivers more permit clarity, predictability

By AMANDA RICH ANDERSON
Development Services Public Information Officer

To keep up with sustained new development in Bellevue, the Development Services Department is pursuing a coordinated series of initiatives aimed at improving permit clarity, predictability and transparency.

In recent years, Development Services has been navigating dynamic growth. In 2025, the department received over 18,000 permit applications and issued more than 16,000 permits, reflecting a sustained interest in new housing, reinvestment in existing homes, and a response to affordable housing incentives and updated development regulations.

Recognizing these trends and building on the department's refreshed strategic plan adopted in 2024, Development Services has embraced a new vision focused on collaboration and innovation. "Building the Best Bellevue, Together" now guides the department's work, underscoring a commitment to partnerships that support an equitable, inclusive and livable city.

Development Services initiatives include a partnership with Govstream.ai, an emerging government-focused AI firm, piloting tools to help staff manage the increasing volume and complexity of permit applications. In October, the department hosted its second annual Residential Permitting Expo, giving hundreds of community members an opportunity to talk with experts about permits, inspections and policy changes.

Learn more about the Development Services Department, sign up for our quarterly newsletter and explore our latest improvements at Bellevuewa.gov/development-services.

Conflict Resolution Center celebrates 30 years

By SANTIAGO NARANJO
Volunteer and Case Management Coordinator

Thirty years after it began as a small neighborhood mediation effort, the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center has grown into a trusted program serving both Bellevue and Kirkland, assisting with about 600 conflicts a year.

Bellevue launched the Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation Program in 1996, when the community was experiencing growing pains that come from changing neighborhoods, new development patterns and a more diverse population. Residents needed a way to work through disputes without enforcement or legal action, and the new program offered a supportive place for people to talk, listen and resolve issues together.

Services expanded over the years, strengthening partnerships and adapting to meet the needs of the community. In 2018 the program formally became the Conflict Resolution Center, reflecting a broader mission and more flexible set of tools.

While the CRC is managed by Community Development staff, a cadre of about 20 volunteers provide much of the individualized support to community members. The CRC trains roughly 20 volunteers each year, offering an intensive three-day training.

The Conflict Resolution Center offers services at no cost, helping resolve disagreements between neighbors, landlord and tenant issues, noise concerns, boundary questions, trees, shared driveways, maintenance problems and rental assistance challenges.

Over the years the program has shifted toward a coaching and negotiation model that empowers people to work out their conflict while volunteers guide each person through a series of individual conversations. This approach keeps residents in control of their conversations and outcomes.

The CRC also supports housing stability through its Housing Accord Program, which helps tenants and landlords work through rent arrears, maintenance concerns and other challenges issues before they escalate.

If you are interested in training to become a volunteer or want to learn more about the services offered, you can reach the program at bcrc@bellevuewa.gov or visit BellevueWA.gov/resolve.



The Conflict Resolution Center is led by, from left, Julia Devin, Reed Cundiff, Natalie Daniels (manager), Santiago Naranjo and Patricia Mace.

Get ready for fall and winter in Bellevue

By LAURA MILSTEAD
Transportation Public Information Officer



Bellevue maintenance staff practicing chainsaw use techniques during this year's training

Fall is here, and winter isn't far behind — which means it's a great time to get prepared for the months ahead. City crews are already preparing for heavy rain, colder temperatures and the possibility of snow, though a strong El Niño will likely mean a warmer winter.

Fall tasks that really help

Leaves are part of the season, but there are a few simple actions around your home that can help prevent street flooding and give our sweepers room to work:

- Clear storm drains near your home
- Trim back branches that hang over the street
- Keep streets free of obstacles, such as basketball hoops or bins
- Avoid blowing leaves into the roadway

Staying informed during weather events

During major storms, crews work 12-hour shifts around the clock. Priority routes or arterials needed for emergency services and transit are treated first.

Community members can access a real-time view of road conditions during a winter weather event using the City's traffic map and camera page on the following website: trafficmap.bellevuewa.gov.

The public can also signup for extreme weather emergency alert via email or text notification at: BellevueWA.gov/winter.

Prepare at home:

- **Stay informed:** Follow weather and road condition updates at BellevueWA.gov, WSDOT.gov or weather.gov/sew.
- **Get your vehicle winter ready:** Practice putting on tire chains, use traction tires when appropriate and keep winter essentials in your car like an ice scraper, snow brush, blanket and extra supplies. WSDOT.gov/winter has a full recommended list.
- **Clear your sidewalk:** Having a snow shovel on hand makes it easier to keep the sidewalk in front of your home safe for everyone walking or rolling by.

Keep these contacts handy

- For life threatening emergencies: call 911.
- To report hazardous conditions — blocked streets, fallen trees, flooding — call Bellevue's 24 hour response line at 425 452 7840 or use the MyBellevue app.
- For power outages: call Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773.

Open house to showcase progress on diversity plan

By EMILY INLOW-HOOD
Deputy Communications Officer



Community members will learn about the city's progress delivering equitable services during an open house Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6-8 p.m., at City Hall. Specifically, the city will offer a progress report on implementation of the Diversity Advantage Plan 2035.

City staff will share updates on the plan, highlighting projects and initiatives that support the city's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Attendees will also get a first look at a new online dashboard designed to track progress toward the plan's objectives. Dinner and family-friendly activities will be provided.

Adopted by the City Council in December 2025, DAP 2035 is a citywide strategic plan that embeds diversity, equity and inclusion into Bellevue's operations, community-facing services and organizational culture. A reflection of the city's DEI core value, the plan outlines 41 long-term equity objectives shaped by both community input and city priorities.

The dashboard will highlight updates on specific projects and programs that move those equity objectives forward. It allows community members to easily see how departments are working to improve access to services, strengthen inclusive practices and expand the city's impact for all who live, work and play in Bellevue.

Examples of such projects and programs, aligned with the council's strategic target areas, include:

- A new arts program that provides resources to emerging artists to create public art in neighborhoods with limited public art installations
- Investments in affordable housing developments focusing on providing support to a broad swath of the community
- A small business assistance program to support underserved small businesses

By offering a view of the city's progress, the plan reinforces a future where the community and the city continue working hand-in-hand to promote diversity, equity and inclusion, leading to an improved quality of life for everyone in Bellevue.

City manager recruiting new members to advisory group

The city manager has opened recruitment for the city's newly launched advisory group, Bellevue Equity Advisory and Community Outreach Network (BEACON). Members of the group will be at the open house.

Following the adoption of DAP 2035, the members of Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network and Centering Communities of Color combined their efforts into BEACON. In collaboration with Bellevue's diverse communities and guided by the plan's goals and principles, BEACON advises the city manager and city departments on practices and services toward more equitable, accessible and culturally responsive outcomes, particularly for communities who face the highest barriers to accessing and benefitting from city services and resources.

Learn more at BellevueWA.gov/dap-2035.

Bellevue's trails connect community, nature and neighborhoods

By CHRISTINA FAINE
Parks & Community Services
Public Information Officer

Bellevue is often called a "city in a park," but you could arguably call it a "city in a trail" too. Bellevue's Parks & Community Services team stewards more than 100 miles of trails that weave through forests, wetlands and lively neighborhood destinations.

Whether restoring natural habitats (sometimes with the help of volunteers), improving accessibility or deepening community partnerships, the department's work on our trails reflects our commitment to connection, wellness and environmental care.

"We were able to explore most of the trails this summer, and we love them," one couple told a trail maintenance crew this summer. "It's a blessing to have so many nature trails within walking distance or a short drive."

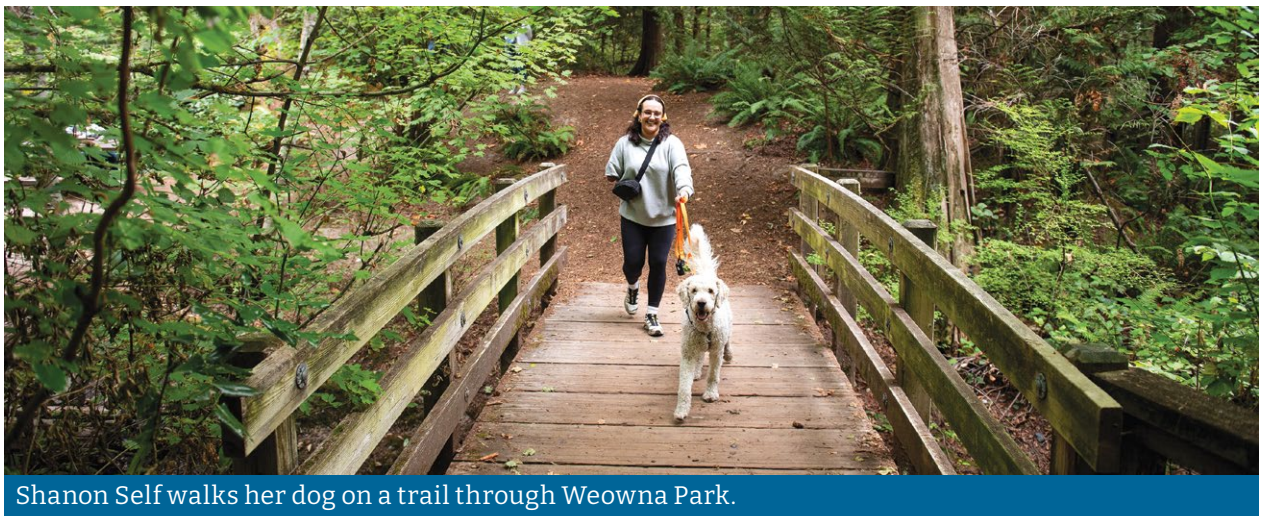
At Mercer Slough Nature Park, staff and partners are exploring ways to make the wetlands more engaging for runners, walkers and families, including giving community groups — such as the BelRed Run Club — opportunities to "test run" routes and provide feedback that will shape future improvements. Ranger-led programs, like night hikes and seasonal wildlife walks, help residents experience the slough's quiet magic.

In 2005, the city acquired Coal Creek Natural Area from King County. A trail connection between the Cindermine trailhead and Forest Drive was constructed in 2016. Funded by the trail levy, Parks crews are adding accessible parking and a trail entrance at the Forest Drive trailhead.

Trails connect Wilburton Hill Park to Bellevue's other larger parks, including Kelsey Creek Park and Mercer Slough, providing seamless transitions between active recreation and peaceful nature.

Recently, Bellevue's Probation work crew, earning community service credits, has resurfaced trails at Kelsey Creek, Larsen Lake and Mercer Slough — enhancing safety and access for all users.

Parks planners consider future trails to support thriving neighborhoods. In BelRed, the Parks & Community Services team is preparing a new neighborhood park that will integrate trail connections along the West Tributary of Kelsey Creek.



Shanon Self walks her dog on a trail through Weowna Park.

Greener Living classes help you save money and waste less

By JOEDY MORROW
Environmental Outreach Program Assistant

Living sustainably can be simple, practical and budget-friendly. Our free Greener Living classes help cut household costs, reduce waste and build healthy habits. You can sign up for one of two classes in our fall Greener Living: Save Money and Waste Less series.

Local sustainability experts lead easy online and in-person sessions, sharing how to build healthy habits, with take-home resources. Attendees receive resources to take home. All ages are welcome. Children must be with an adult. Visit BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes for more information and to register.

Upcoming classes include:

Reduce Wasted Food: Holiday Edition!

Virtual: via Zoom
Monday, Nov. 16, 6-7 p.m.

Stretch your groceries with smart buying and storage tips; learn recipes using often-discarded ingredients like carrot tops, and receive a virtual "Save The Food" kit.

Craft and Learn: Waste-Free Gift Giving

In person at Newport Way Library,
Tuesday, Nov. 24, 6-7 p.m.

Upcycle materials in this hands-on crafting workshop. Explore project samples and get resources. Take home your creation.

Climate Leaders Initiative helps residents take action

By JAKE SYKES
Sustainability Coordinator

As the city works to advance local climate action, a team of trained community members is prepared to bring the message to their friends and neighbors. A cohort of 25 residents participated this year in Bellevue's first annual Climate Leaders Initiative, participating in seven sessions on climate change and sustainability.

Participants explored topics connected to Bellevue's sustainability goals, including: understanding climate change causes and impacts; exploring ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and build resilience; and developing skills for climate action and community engagement.

The Sustainable Bellevue team launched Climate Leaders and will support another cohort next year.

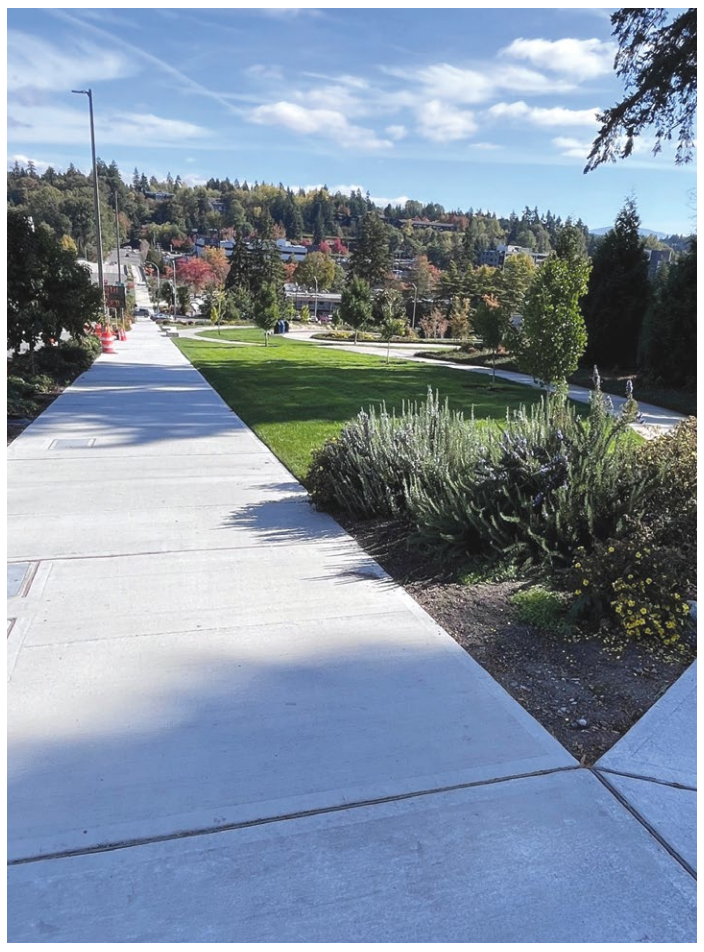
Building on the city's work to engage residents as partners in creating a more sustainable Bellevue, the program provided participants with information, resources and opportunities to connect with one another.

The first cohort also created their own personal climate action plans to support messaging and communication skills, community engagement and ways residents can work with their neighbors and communities to advance local climate action.

Interested in being a Climate Leader for your community? Sign up for the second cohort at BellevueWA.gov/climate-leaders-initiative.

Multi-purpose path added to Main Street

BY JENNIFER COOK
Transportation Public Information Officer



The city has completed a new, 12-foot multi-purpose path along Main Street between 112th and 108th avenues, making it easier for people walking, rolling and biking to navigate the key stretch between the East Main light rail station, Old Main and popular downtown destinations.

As part of the project, the city added a landscaped buffer between the path and the street, updated curb ramps to meet ADA requirements to the maximum extent feasible, built two new crosswalks and installed a raised median.

The intersection at Main Street and 110th Avenue also received a new traffic signal and upgraded signal operations. The signal now manages all directions of travel, improving access for community members entering and leaving Surrey Downs.

A community member shared a rave in the Seattle Times about the construction team.

"RAVE to the construction crew performing beautification and updating Bellevue's Main Street through the spring and summer," the community member wrote. "The crew is well organized, respectful, professional and helpful. Hats off to the supervisor who leads a delightful crew."

New 20-mph neighborhood speed limit in effect where posted

By JENNIFER COOK
Transportation Public Information Officer

New 20-mph speed limit signs and pavement markings are now installed in Bellevue neighborhood areas, including Lake Hills, Northeast Bellevue, Crossroads, Wilburton, Bridle Trails and Northwest Bellevue.

The change to the lower speed limit will take effect on neighborhood streets throughout Bellevue by the end of the year.

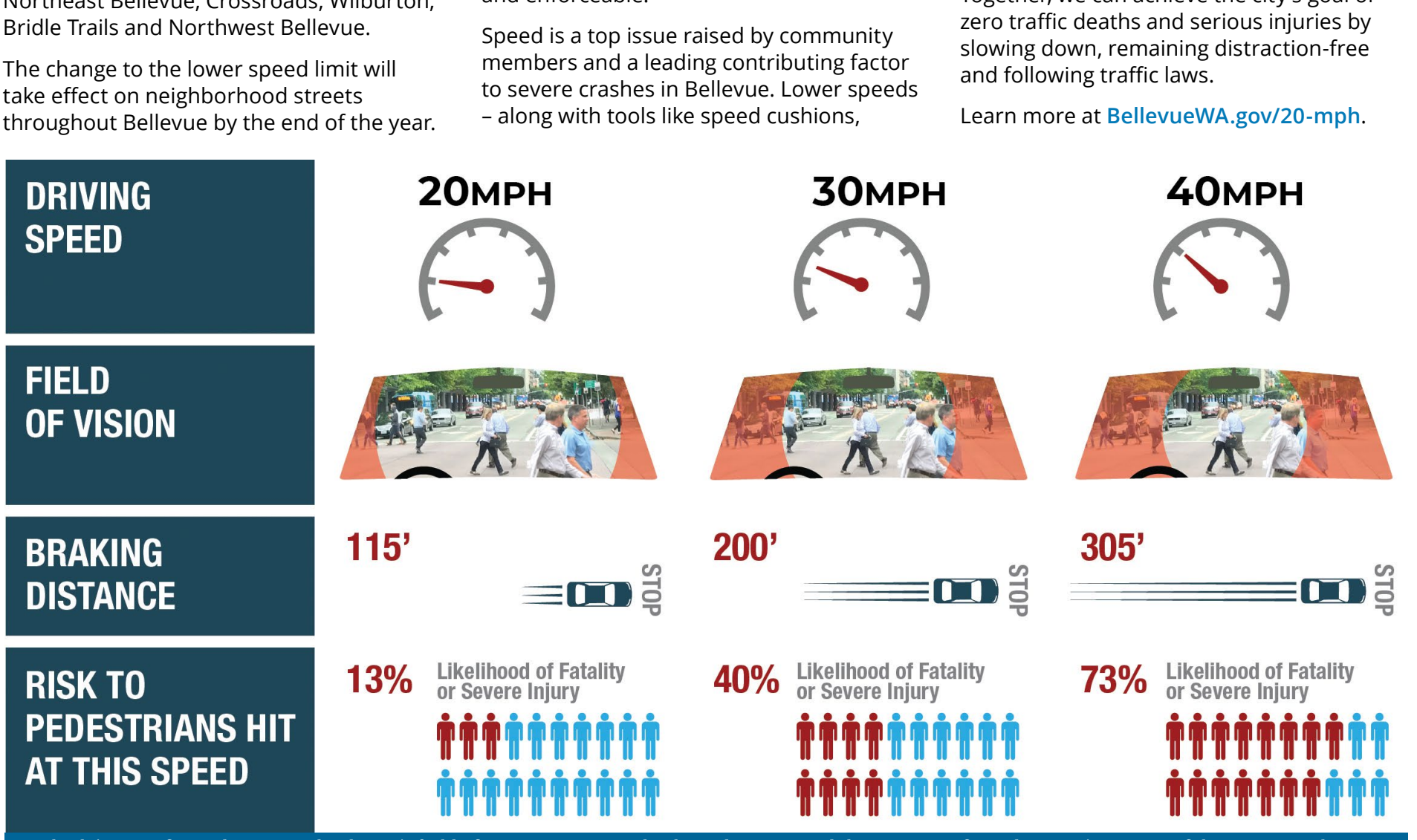
Approximately 200 speed limit signs and 80 pavement markings, out of 360 and 180 respectively, have been installed.

As soon as the new signs are installed on a street, the lower speed limit is effective and enforceable.

Speed is a top issue raised by community members and a leading contributing factor to severe crashes in Bellevue. Lower speeds – along with tools like speed cushions, roundabouts, speed cameras and speed feedback signs – help reduce crashes and lessen severity when they do happen.

Lowering speed limits has been proven in Bellevue to reduce high-end speeding. Together, we can achieve the city's goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries by slowing down, remaining distraction-free and following traffic laws.

Learn more at BellevueWA.gov/20-mph.



A vehicle's rate of speed impacts the driver's field of vision, necessary braking distance and the severity of a pedestrian's injuries if they are struck.

City offers help navigating changes to Apple Health

By RAMU AYYALURU
Mini City Hall Program Administrator



Mini City Hall is partnering with International Community Health Services (ICHS) to help community members navigate changes coming to Apple Health, the state's version of Medicaid, which serves 2 million people. Changes began on Oct. 1 and will impact thousands of people in King County.

The federal government is introducing limits on who is eligible for Apple Health. Fortunately, program changes will happen in stages, giving time for those covered to take action that protects their healthcare benefits.

On Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Mini City Hall will host an ICHS expert to help anyone who has health insurance questions, including ones about the recent changes to Apple Health coverage eligibility. Multilingual staff will be available as well.

Visit ICHS.com/changes-to-apple-health-coverage to stay on top of the evolving healthcare changes that may impact you.

If you are interested in the in-person services at Mini City Hall and want to know what documents to bring when working with the ICHS enrollment navigators, visit ICHS.com/insurance-assistance.

Timeline for Apple Health program changes

Oct. 1	Jan. 1
Change to eligibility for refugees, asylees and other noncitizen adults	▪ Change to work requirements ▪ Change to renewal requirements ▪ Changes to retroactive coverage periods

For information about Mini City Hall services, call 425-452-2800 or email minich@bellevuewa.gov. Mini City Hall is in the Crossroads Mall and open Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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The program aligns with Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan, which calls for supporting shared micromobility services, and builds on the community interest shown during the city's e-bike pilot in 2018. With regional transit expanding, micromobility options can help people conveniently travel the "first and last mile" between transit stops and their destinations.

In October, the Scoot to Transit incentive program launched in Bellevue. This program offers discounts to riders who finish their Lime ride at designated parking spaces near transit hubs around town. Lime is also gradually instilling software updates on all devices that improve GPS accuracy, making it easier for the system to identify no-parking areas and slow-speed zones more precisely.

For issues related to a Lime device, please report the problem to support@li.me or through the Lime app; community members may also submit concerns via MyBellevue, which now includes a dedicated drop-down option for Lime device issues.

Throughout this period, the city is gathering community input to help guide future updates. As part of this effort, Bellevue is logging every piece of feedback submitted to micromobility@bellevuewa.gov and the feedback form at BellevueWA.gov/micromobility.

The Transportation Department will share program findings with the City Council toward the end of 2026, when more data is available.

Bellevue will continue monitoring how the program is working, listening to feedback and making adjustments so e-bikes and scooters remain a safe and useful travel option for everyone.



Graduates from a recent Startup425 cohort pose for a group selfie.

Startup425 Accelerator evolves to support Eastside entrepreneurs

By MARISOL MORALES, Marketing and Media Content Specialist and JANELLE WETZSTEIN, Community Development Public Information Officer

Since 2024, Startup425's Accelerator program has helped entrepreneurs launch 95 businesses throughout the Eastside. To keep up with the fast-changing tech landscape, Startup425 itself is evolving, with a focus on artificial intelligence in its latest cohort.

The Accelerator continues to grow in popularity, with each cohort having waitlists and an expanded mentor pool.

"In today's digital age, it is easy to find information online; but knowing what to trust and how to apply it is much harder," said Komal Kashiramka, co-founder of Poshan, a robotics company for consumer kitchens designing a roti maker.

"Startup425 gave me something far more valuable: structured guidance from experienced and authentic experts," Kashiramka added. "I was amazed by how much meaningful progress my company made through the program."

The 15-week accelerator is now in its sixth cohort, featuring weekly online meetings Aug. 25 to Dec. 8. The program culminates with a celebratory Demo Day graduation, featuring a showcase of innovative projects and business ideas.

Graduates rave about what they learn in the program, eager to apply their newly acquired knowledge to their real-world business endeavors.

The next Accelerator is scheduled for early 2027. The full 15-week cohort will give preference to founders living or building in one of the six Startup425 partner cities (Bothell, Bellevue, Renton, Redmond, Kirkland and Issaquah).

Beyond the Accelerator, Startup425 and its partner cities hosted their third annual Eastside Summit at Bellevue City Hall during this year's Seattle Tech Week. Nearly 230 entrepreneurs, investors and thought leaders from Eastside's rapidly growing technology and startup community gathered for the event, which included the AI Accelerator's Demo Day.

To learn more about Startup 425 programs and upcoming events, visit Startup425.org.

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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.

Kelsey Creek Culvert at Lake Hills

Utilities | In Construction



The Kelsey Creek Culvert at Lake Hills project is improving drainage and reducing flood risks in east Bellevue near Larsen Lake and the Lake Hills Greenbelt, replacing the existing culvert with a larger one, repairing and replacing aging water and sewer pipes, and realigning Kelsey Creek and the Lake Hills Greenbelt trail. Lake Hills Boulevard between 151st and 154th avenues reopened to traffic Oct. 1, but drivers should expect lane closures and delays through the end of construction, expected in February. Nearly 7,000 plants and trees will be installed throughout the area as part of site restoration.

Cost: $20 million

Project contact:

Bob York, project manager | ryork@bellevuewa.gov

BellevueWa.gov/kelsey-creek-culvert

Meydenbauer South Reservoir

Utilities | In Design



Bellevue Utilities is planning a new, 6-million-gallon, buried reservoir and pump station in the Meydenbauer neighborhood to support anticipated growth in downtown Bellevue, BelRed and surrounding areas. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2028, with completion anticipated by the end of 2031.

Cost: $68 million

Project contact:

Jay Hummel, project manager | jhummel@bellevuewa.gov

BellevueWA.gov/meydenbauer-south-reservoir

Mountains to Sound Greenway Phase 3

Transportation | In Construction



In July, the Transportation Department began construction on the third segment of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail – 142nd Place Southeast to the Interstate 90 pedestrian overcrossing at 150th Avenue Southeast. A yearlong closure of the eastbound lane of Southeast 36th Street began in October to continue construction of retaining walls that will support the new 12-foot-wide shared-use pedestrian and bicycle trail. The project is anticipated to be completed by fall 2027.

Cost: The state Legislature appropriated $6.6 million in Move Ahead Washington funding for the construction of this segment. $8.09 million in federal construction funding also came from the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Project contact:

Marina Arakelyan, project manager | marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

BellevueWA.gov/mtsgreenwaytrail

NE Eighth Street Safety Improvements

Transportation | In Design

Northeast Eighth Street in Crossroads is part of the city's High-Injury Network, where most fatal and serious-injury collisions occur in Bellevue. To improve safety along this street, this project will convert a general purpose lane in each direction into buffered full-width bike lanes and add a crosswalk with flashing beacons just east of 160th Avenue. The project will begin construction in 2027.

Cost: $1.2 million

Project contact:

Julia Qian, project manager | jqian@bellevuewa.gov

BellevueWA.gov/ne8th-complete-streets

150th Avenue SE Mobility Improvements

Transportation | Complete

To help alleviate congestion during peak hours, the city recently completed improvements to 150th Avenue Southeast, including a new southbound travel lane and additional right- and left-turn pockets at the Southeast 37th Street and Eastgate Way intersections.

Cost: $17.5 million

Project contact:

Paul Krawczyk, project manager | pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov

BellevueWA.gov/150thavese-mobility

Coal Creek Bridge and Cindermine to Forest Ridge Trail Connection

Parks & Community Services | In Construction



Construction of a new pedestrian bridge across Coal Creek and a short connector trail link to 155th Place Southeast connecting the nearby neighborhood to the park trail system. The bridge installation is complete. Trail was expected to be completed the first week of November.

Cost: Approximately $500,000 with funding from 2022 Parks Levy.

Project contact:

Chris Vandall, project manager
cvandall@bellevuewa.gov

Forest Drive Trailhead

Parks & Community Services | In Construction

Construction has begun on a new trailhead along Forest Drive that will make the area more accessible and enjoyable for all visitors. The project includes new ADA-compliant parking, paved pathways connecting to the existing trail system, updated signage, a bench and refreshed landscaping. The project is anticipated to be completed by Dec. 15.

Cost: Trailhead will cost $375,000 with funding from 2022 Parks Levy.

Project contact:

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Community Calendar

November

"Sleepy Hollow"

A reimagined take on the classic ghost story. Bellevue Youth Theatre tickets at Register.BellevueWA.gov.

Bellevue Youth Theatre

- **Friday, Nov. 6 | 7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Nov. 7 | 2 p.m. (sensory-friendly show) and 7 p.m.**
- **Sunday, Nov. 8 | 2 p.m.**

Community Nights at Highland: Movie, Carrom and Family Basketball

Friday, Nov. 13 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center

Movie: "Moana" (live action), Free popcorn, Carrom (18+), Family Basketball (5+)

"Horizon Line"

A high seas adventure full of humor and excitement. Bellevue Youth Theatre tickets at Register.BellevueWA.gov.

Bellevue Youth Theatre

- **Friday, Nov. 13 | 7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Nov. 14 | 6 p.m. (sensory-friendly show)**
- **Sunday, Nov. 15 | 2 p.m.**
- **Friday, Nov. 20 | 7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Nov. 21 | 2 and 7 p.m.**
- **Sunday, Nov. 22 | 2 p.m.**

Bellevue Downtown Ice Rink

Nov. 13–Jan. 18
Downtown Park

9,000 square feet of real ice, sponsored by the Bellevue Downtown Association. Free parking; skate rentals included. BellevueIceRink.com

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Tuesday, Nov. 24 | noon–1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center

A warm holiday meal celebrating gratitude and community. Ages 55+

"Robin Hood"

Join Robin Hood on an adventure for justice. Bellevue Youth Theatre tickets at Register.BellevueWA.gov.

Bellevue Youth Theatre

- **Friday, Nov. 27 | 7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Nov. 28 | 5 p.m. (sensory-friendly show)**
- **Sunday, Nov. 29 | 2 p.m.**
- **Friday, Dec. 4 | 7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Dec. 5 | 2 and 7 p.m.**
- **Sunday, Dec. 6 | 2 p.m.**

Snowflake Lane

Nov. 27-Dec. 24 | 7 p.m.

A nightly holiday parade between Bellevue Square and Lincoln Square with snow, music, lights, drummers and dancers. BellevueCollection.com



Garden d'Lights

Nov. 28–Jan. 3 (closed Dec. 25)
Bellevue Botanical Garden

The Bellevue Botanical Garden glows with half a million lights in imaginative nature-inspired displays.

Tickets on sale now. This is a timed-ticket event. Tickets are not sold at the gate. bellevuebotanical.org/garden-dlights.

December

Garden d'Lights Senior Social

Tuesday, Dec. 1 | 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden

Daytime viewing with music, treats and shopping at The Trillium Store. Free.

Holiday Dinner and Dance Party

Friday, Dec. 4 | 6-8:30 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center

This event is designed and adapted for those with intellectual disabilities. Dinner, dancing, a holiday photo booth and a sensory room for relaxation. Guardians and caregivers attend free. Ages 16+. Preregister at Register.BellevueWA.gov.

Holidays on the Hill

Saturday, Dec. 5 | 8-9:30 a.m. and 10-11:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center

Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus, indoor snowball fight, live music, real reindeer, and more. Preregistration for the 8 or 10 a.m. sessions required at Register.BellevueWA.gov.

Barn Lighting

Saturday, Dec. 5 | 5–6:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm

Kick off the season with a barn light-up, carols, crafts, cocoa and a special visit.

"Annie JR."

A family-friendly musical about hope and adventure. Bellevue Youth Theatre tickets at Register.BellevueWA.gov.

Bellevue Youth Theatre

- **Friday, Dec. 11 | 7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Dec. 12 | 5 p.m. (sensory-friendly show)**
- **Sunday, Dec. 13 | 2 p.m.**
- **Friday, Dec. 18 | 7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Dec. 19 | 2 and 7 p.m.**
- **Sunday, Dec. 20 | 2 p.m.**

Community Nights at Highland: Movie, Carrom and Family Basketball

Friday, Dec. 11 | 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center

Movie: "The Land of Sometimes", Free popcorn, Carrom (18+), Family Basketball (5+)

Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, Dec. 16 | noon–1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center

Seasonal meal with festive entertainment and community connection. Ages 55+

Community Nights at Crossroads: Winter Movie and Snacks

Friday, Dec. 18 | 6-8 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center

Crafts and a family screening of "Frozen," plus winter-themed activities.

Garden d'Lights Senior and Family Daytime Viewing

Tuesday, Dec. 22 | 9 a.m.–noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden

A quieter experience with the the lights on and music. Free.

January

Family Movie Night: "Monsters Inc."

Wednesday, Jan. 20 | 4:30-8 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center

A fun and heartwarming evening for families featuring a beloved animated film.

Parents' Night Out

Wednesday, Jan. 27 | 6-8 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center

Games, crafts and themed activities in a supervised setting; snack included. Ages 6-12

Winterfest

Friday, Jan. 29 | 6–8 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center

Indoor winter fun with a snowball fight, bounce house, crafts, cookie decorating and more.

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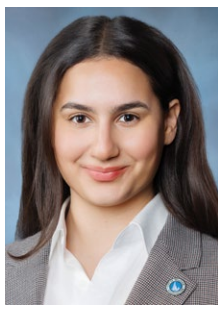
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Pre-approved plans taking shape for DADUs and cottages

By AMANDA RICH ANDERSON
Development Services Public Information Officer

To make it easier to build detached accessory dwelling units (DADUs) and cottages, the city is developing pre-approved building plans for these middle housing types. As the city begins developing a program to offer pre-approved plans, community involvement will play a key role in shaping how these future homes will look and fit into Bellevue's neighborhoods.

The City Council has made it a priority to reduce barriers to building DADUs and cottages. Middle housing code changes last year allow for more housing types across Bellevue and laid the groundwork for this effort.

Instead of starting from scratch, property owners can choose from a set of high-quality designs that save time, reduce early decision-making and lower costs. The pre-approved plans will be available to property owners at a predictable price, making it easier to access high-quality designs and move through permitting quickly.

Cities across the country are turning to pre approved designs to streamline permitting and expand access to diverse housing options. Success in other communities shows this approach works especially well for DADUs and cottages, because these freestanding structures can follow consistent design and building standards.

Development Services began developing pre-approved plans in the spring, soliciting feedback this fall. There will be additional opportunities to get involved, with continued updates from the city, as the work moves forward. The program webpage will be updated regularly. The goal is to make the program available for community use in May 2027, near when the council adopts the next state building code update.

This collaborative, community-informed approach ensures that the pre-approved plans will reflect Bellevue's values, support housing affordability and give property owners clearer, faster pathways to building smaller homes. Learn more at BellevueWA.gov/pre-approved-plans.



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