

## SAVE THE DATE

### Bellevue Essentials Information Meeting

*Thursday, June 9, 6-7pm | City Hall Room 1E-112, 450 110th Ave NE*

## Bellevue Essentials

Bellevue Essentials is a 9-week introduction to the structure and inner workings of City government. For those who wish to be more knowledgeable and comfortable being actively engaged in your City, this is the class for you. The next class will begin Wednesday, September 20, and continue weekly through Wednesday, November 16.

Join us for a detailed overview of the Bellevue Essentials program – the schedule, the curriculum and the application process. You will meet Bellevue Essentials alumni who will share their insights, their connections and where it has led them since graduation. Presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. Applications will be available and are due July 15, 2016.

If you are unable to attend, you can request an application by contacting program coordinator, Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-5372 or [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).

### 5th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride

*Saturday, June 11 | Start and Finish: Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 164th Ave SE*



Bring the whole family for an enjoyable, non-competitive ride, on roads and trails of Bellevue on Saturday

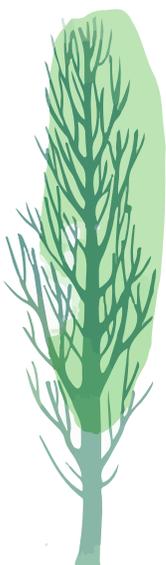
June 11. The event benefits Bellevue Youth Camp Scholarship Fund.

The 5th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride starts and finishes at the Lake Hills Community Park (1200 164th Ave SE). Day of event registration opens at 8am and first riders depart at 9am.

There are two scenic routes that take you through Bellevue's award winning park system: a mostly flat Greenbelt Loop 8-mile route; and the Lake Loop which is a more

challenging 22-mile route. Both routes are approximately 80% on-road and 20% off-road gravel. This event is recommended for ages 8 and up. Riders under age 8 must be in a tag-a-long or trailer. Volunteers are needed.

Entry fees are low. First 300 participants to register receive a custom t-shirt. Pre-registration is welcome and participants will pay a \$15 entry fee instead of the \$20 entry fee on the day of the event. Lots of goodies at post ride fest. To register, please visit <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> activity code #106268. Phone registration please call 425-452-6885. For more information, please visit event website at <http://bellevuewa.gov/lake-to-lake-bike-ride.htm> or call 425-452-4882 or email [bikeride@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bikeride@bellevuewa.gov)



## Spring Recycling Event

*Saturday, May 7, 9am-3pm | Bellevue Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE*

Time to do some spring cleaning! Join your friends and neighbors at the Bellevue's Annual Spring Recycling Event this month at the Bellevue Presbyterian Church.

If you haven't been able to find a second life for the following items, please make sure they are safely secured when you are transporting them to the event with tarps, rope, straps, netting or other means. Only cars, passenger vans and pickups are allowed to drop off items. No flatbed or dump trucks are allowed. We reserve the right to refuse oversized, commercial or contaminated loads.



What's accepted:

- Appliances and scrap metal (\$25 cash only fee for refrigerators and freezers, and \$5 fee for water heaters with insulation coating)
- Batteries (car, truck, marine and motorcycle)
- Bicycles and bike parts
- Cardboard
- Child car seats
- Clean scrap wood (untreated and unpainted)
- Clothing and reusable household goods for donation (no furniture)
- Electronic equipment
- Mattresses and box springs (\$15 cash only fee per item)
- Porcelain toilets and sinks (\$15 cash only fee per item)
- Propane tanks (\$5 cash only fee for residential tanks only)
- Rigid plastics (such as buckets, children's toys, coolers, laundry baskets, plastic lawn furniture, PVC pipes, and sports bottles)
- Styrofoam blocks and packing peanuts (white blocks and packing peanuts of any color).
- Tires (limit six, cash only fees for the following: \$2 for each tire on a rim, \$5 for each large truck tire, and \$15 for each truck tire on a rim.)

For questions, please call the recycling hotline at 425-452-6932 or email [recycle@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:recycle@bellevuewa.gov). Find an event flyer with the full details of what is accepted at [www.bellevuewa.gov/utilities.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/utilities.htm) under "News and Events."



# Will Bellevue Set the Standard for Thawing the “Seattle Freeze”?

## Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference

*Saturday, May 21, 8am-4pm | Bellevue City Hall*

There's still time to register for the Better Together — Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference! For a fun sneak preview of conference, visit the keynote speaker Becky Henchman's blog *Eat, Play* <http://eatplaythaw.com/>



The conference provides great opportunities to connect with your neighbors, engage in interactive workshops and be inspired. It's designed for the seasoned neighborhood leader as well as those new to the neighborhood scene. Early bird registration fee of \$35.00 extended to May 13. Space is limited. To register, contact Neighborhood Outreach at 425-452-6836. A conference booklet and registration form can be accessed online at <http://bit.ly/bettertogetherconference>

### **Continental Breakfast and Keynote Speaker, Becky Henchman**

**Author of the local blog, “Eat, Play, Thaw”**

### **Thawing the “Seattle Freeze”**

- Twenty workshops in four major themes
- Building Community in My Neighborhood
- The World in My Neighborhood
- Staying Safe in My Neighborhood
- Navigating the City for my Neighborhood



# Scoping Comment Period Open for the Phase 2 Energize Eastside EIS

## Public Meeting

*May 17, from 6-9 pm | Bellevue City Hall*



**PUGET  
SOUND  
ENERGY**

The process to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with Puget Sound Energy's proposed project, Energize Eastside, continues.

Energize Eastside is intended to address a deficiency in electrical transmission capacity that could begin in 2017. PSE proposes to construct a new 230 kilovolt electrical transmission line and substation connecting the Sammamish Substation in Redmond and the Talbot Hill Substation in Renton with a new substation (Richards Creek) next to the Lakeside Substation in Bellevue, in order to improve electrical grid reliability for Eastside communities. PSE has also included a set of alternatives intended to address community concerns in the Factoria and Somerset neighborhoods of Bellevue.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is led by the City of Bellevue in cooperation with the cities of Kirkland, Newcastle, Redmond and Renton. An EIS is an evaluation of potential adverse environmental impacts associated with a proposed project and project alternatives, and is required in this case because the impacted cities will be required to issue permits for PSE's project.

From now until May 31, 2016, the scoping comment period for Phase 2 of the EIS is open. During this period, the public is

asked to provide feedback about alternatives that may have a lower environmental cost than the project proposed by PSE. These comments will then be studied in the Phase 2 Draft EIS. Following conclusion of the Phase 2 scoping period, the cities will complete Phase 2 of the DEIS. The Phase 2 DEIS is a project-level evaluation of PSE's proposed Energize Eastside project, focused on design and construction impacts and mitigation measures for project-level alternatives.

The best way for residents to engage in the Energize Eastside discussion is to take part in the EIS process. Comments can be submitted orally at the public meetings including one at Bellevue City Hall on May 17, from 6-9 p.m., online ([info@EnergizeEastsideEIS.org](mailto:info@EnergizeEastsideEIS.org)) or in writing at any time throughout the scoping period, ending Tuesday, May 31.

If you have additional questions about the EIS process, please contact Heidi Bedwell, Energize Eastside EIS Program Manager, at 425-452-4862 or [info@EnergizeEastsideEIS.org](mailto:info@EnergizeEastsideEIS.org). You can find out much more information about the history of the project, the EIS process, and ways to remain involved in the process through publication of the FEIS at the City of Bellevue EIS website ([EnergizeEastsideEIS.org](http://EnergizeEastsideEIS.org)).



## Looking to Create Neighbor Connections?

### Consider having a Neighbor Link Summer Party

Do you ever find yourself wistfully looking to the home or apartment on your left, or on your right? Have you found yourself watching garage doors go slowly up, then down without an encounter? Are you hoping for more than a mailbox wave? Do you feel that you don't really know your neighbors but are searching for ways to connect? Now's the time to reserve a date and start planning your potluck, ice cream/dessert social, neighborhood picnic, or neighborhood block party. If you've never planned an event before but think that this might be a good way to connect and create relationships with your neighbors, you are not alone. Consider starting small. Last year we counted 36 events of all sizes across Bellevue with Lake Hills' neighborhoods leading the way!

Contact us to learn about the resources offered through Neighbor Link such as flyers, banners, assistance with safely closing your street, a coordinated Police or Fire Visit, community service and Mariners' tickets (while they last) and more! Our website has the latest flyer and banner



designs from which to choose <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighbor-link-block-parties.htm>. There are so many themes around which to organize a party. Register for our Neighborhood Conference on May 21st and learn first-hand from keynote speaker Becky Henschman how to use the tools of “Eat, Play, Thaw” in your community. <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/better-together.htm> We'd love to hear from you!

For more information contact: Neighborhood Outreach, Carol Ross, [cross@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cross@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7917 or 425-452-6836.



## Cultural Conversations

# Adapting in Turbulent Times

### A Filipino Family and Early Bellevue's Farming Community

*Tuesday, May 17, 1-2:30pm | Crossroads Community Center,  
16000 NE 10th St, Bellevue*



Cultural Conversations, a program that was launched in 2010 as a partnership between diverse women in the community and the City of Bellevue will feature special guest speaker Joy (Balatico) Page this month. Joy is a Bellevue resident and owner of WOW Baking. Joy will share the rich immigration story of her father, Andrew Balatico\*, former owner of “Andrew’s Farm”, who as a young man emigrated from the Philippines and called Bellevue home in the 1930’s. While many may be familiar with the blueberry farm near the Mercer Slough that exists today, what do we know of the stories of the people who cleared, tilled and planted the land? What of their existence in making their way in a new place has been forgotten?

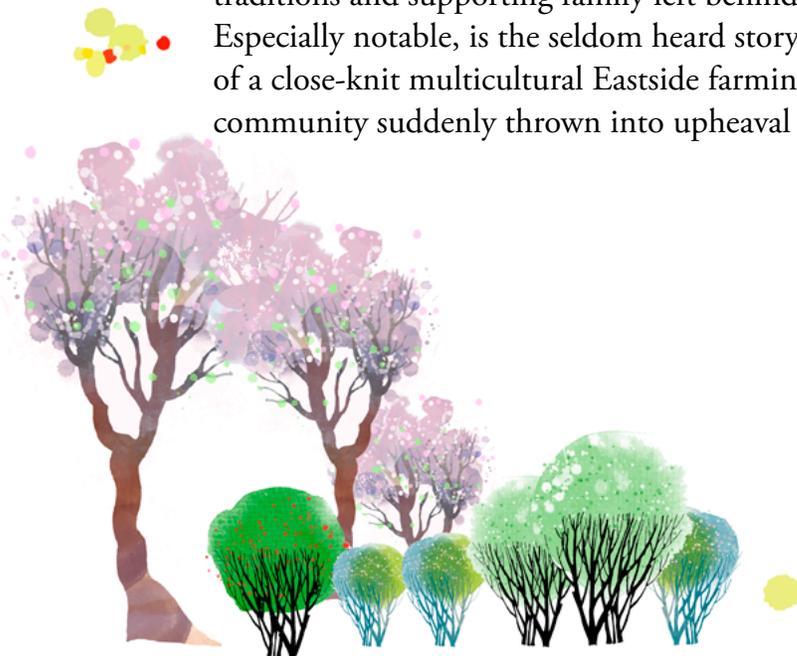
We will hear the timeless story of the Balatico family, farmers by skill, journeying to the US about the time of the Great Depression, for the opportunity for a better life. Like many immigrants today, the Balaticos’ were resourceful in their daily survival, learning a new culture, working tirelessly, adapting traditions and supporting family left behind. Especially notable, is the seldom heard story of a close-knit multicultural Eastside farming community suddenly thrown into upheaval

during WWII. Filipinos’ played a role in caretaking Japanese farms during a painful time in history, when Japanese-Americans were feared, monitored, and imprisoned in internment camps. We’ll also be joined by members of Eastside Heritage Center, actively working to preserve Bellevue’s past, build community and connect people to heritage.

Following the presentation, participants will share their own forgotten stories. Don’t miss this last program of the season, providing a special afternoon of storytelling, discussion, tea and refreshments.

Cultural Conversations is a women’s group that gathers regularly to enhance their knowledge and understanding of different cultural practices and world views in a safe and nurturing environment. Women of all ages, faiths and cultures are welcome to attend. To fully participate in the sharing, attendees are encouraged to make arrangements for childcare. Please RSVP to Carol Ross at [cross@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cross@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7917.

\*The Balatico family is referenced in “Bellevue – Its First 100 Years”, Lucile McDonald.



## Day of Sharing and Caring

Is your Home in Need of Some Sparkle?

**Deadline: May 31**

Residents in need of outside home maintenance can apply for help from a team of volunteers who will tackle either transforming yard clean-ups or single story exterior painting on some 20 Bellevue homes. “Day of Sharing and Caring” now in its’ ninth year, is a partnership of the City of Bellevue and Jubilee REACH, a Bellevue-based nonprofit. The deadline for submitting a request for assistance is May 31. A committee representing Jubilee REACH will review applications and select projects. Residents whose projects are selected will be notified by July 18.

“Day of Sharing and Caring,” outside improvements will take place beginning late July through the month of August. In order to be considered you must own and occupy your home in Bellevue. Home selection is need-based; residents facing economic or other life challenges are encouraged to apply. Bellevue residents can request more information or a home improvement



application by contacting Ken Carpenter, at 425-818-4106 or [kenc@jubileereach.org](mailto:kenc@jubileereach.org).

Interested in volunteering? Businesses or non-profit groups who might like to help a Bellevue resident are encouraged to call Ken at Jubilee REACH. In addition to assisting homeowners, Jubilee REACH, hosts a service day August 27, where over 2,000 volunteers will be placed in Bellevue schools to help teachers prepare for the new school year, cleaning, painting and providing chair “pockets” for our youngest residents. Individuals interested in volunteering for either program can register online after June 1 at [jubileeREACH.org](http://jubileeREACH.org)

For more information contact Carol Ross at [cross@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cross@bellevuewa.gov) 425-452-7917. To obtain information about City of Bellevue Home Repair 0% Interest Loan Program or Minor Home Repair Services offered through partnering organizations, contact Sam Ezadean at 425-452-6884.

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## Low Impact Development Principle Project Open Houses

**Tuesday, May 17, 10am-12pm | City Hall Room 1E-108, 450, 110th Ave NE**

**Wednesday, May 18, 6-8pm | Lewis Creek Visitors Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE**

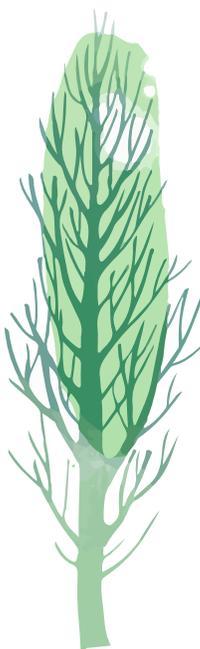
**Thursday, May 19, 6-8pm | Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St**

Bellevue is holding three open houses to present the Low Impact Development Principle Project proposals. And we are looking for your input.

The City of Bellevue is exploring opportunities to further integrate low impact development principles into its development codes and standards for new development and redevelopment projects. LID Principles are land use management strategies intended to minimize impervious surfaces, native vegetation loss, and storm water runoff. The

project proposals explore using innovative methods and refinements to existing codes to reduce impervious surfaces and minimized vegetation loss.

Come and hear about the proposals and how these proposals may affect you. Staff will be available to answer your questions and accept your comments and feedback! Please RSVP to Monica Chalik at [MChalik@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MChalik@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6128. To learn more about LID, please visit <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/low-impact-development.htm>



## May Meetings

*(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the City web pages listed below to download agendas.)*

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**5/02 City Council** (6:00 Study Session, 1E-113 Council Conference Room) Response to Recreational Marijuana Regulations (8:00 Regular Session, Council Chambers) National Older Americans Month Proclamation, and Consent Calendar Items  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**5/03 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Group Homes/Adult Family Homes  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm)

**5/03 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Human Services Funding Round 1 – Initial Review of Human Services Application (Goal 2, 3, 4 preliminary review)  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**5/05 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Utilities Budget Proposals  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm)

**5/09 City Council** (6:00 Extended Study Session, 1E-113 Council Conference Room) Energize Eastside Phase 2 DEIS Scoping Comments; Pedestrian Corridor Gateway Bridge  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**5/10 Parks & Community Services Board** (6:00, 1E-113) Bridle Trails Park Levy Project East Link Update  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm)

**5/11 Planning Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Downtown Livability Study Session  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**5/12 Transportation Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Transportation Improvement Program, Transportation CIP Budget, Transportation Management Program Code Update  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm)

**5/12 Special Events Committee** (8:30 -10:30 a.m. City Hall, 1E-112) Post Event Evaluations for Kelsey Creek Sheep Shearing, All in for Autism 10K Race, Upcoming June Events – Strawberry Festival  
[http://bellevuewa.gov/special\\_events\\_committee.htm](http://bellevuewa.gov/special_events_committee.htm)

**5/16 City Council** (6:00 Study Session, 1E-113 Council Conference Room) Draft Water System Plan; Metro Letter (8:00 Regular Session, Council Chambers) National Police Week Proclamation and Consent Calendar Items  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**5/17 Low Impact Development Principles Project Open House** (10am-12pm, 1E-108)  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/low-impact-development-participation.htm>

**5/17 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Human Services Funding Round 1 – Initial Review of Human Services Application (Goal 5 preliminary review), Round 2 – Application Review with Staff Reviews (Goal 1)  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**5/18 East Main Station Area Plan Open House** (500-7:00pm, 1E-108)  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

**5/18 Low Impact Development Principles Project Open House** (6-8 p.m., Lewis Creek Visitors Center)  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/low-impact-development-participation.htm>

**5/19 Low Impact Development Principles Project Open House** (6-8 pm, Northwest Arts Center)  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/low-impact-development-participation.htm>

**5/19 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Utilities Budget proposals  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm)

**5/23 City Council** (6:00 Extended Study Session, 1E-113 Council Conference Room) Construction Code Update, Ethics Code Update and Training, Regional Issues, Water Quality/Rates  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**5/25 Planning Commission** (4:30, 1E-113) Low Impact Development Principles Study Session, (6:30, 1E-113) Eastgate Land Use Code Amendments Study Session  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**5/30 Memorial Day** – All city offices closed

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Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Office offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, call 425-452-6836.