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February 2018

Neighborhood **Leadership Gathering**

Introducing New Director of Planning and Community Development

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall Room 1E-108 450 110th Ave NE

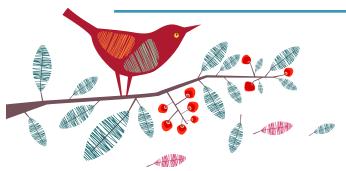
Meet Mac Cummins. Bellevue's relatively new



director of planning and community development. Mac joined the city in July 2017. He came to Bellevue from Westminster, CO, where he served as planning director for nine years. Mac serves as a key advisor to the City Council on economic development, land use and growth issues that face the city. Mac is enthusiastic about Bellevue's emergence as a vibrant international center for innovation and commerce balanced with safe, attractive neighborhoods.

Mac will spotlight the philosophy that drives growth and development in Bellevue citywide and in our neighborhoods. Don't miss this opportunity to hear about current planning efforts underway that will shape Bellevue into the future.

The Neighborhood Leadership Gathering is a semiannual gathering of neighborhood leaders who come together to share and learn from each other. Anyone invested in the health and quality of life of their neighborhood is welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to 425-452-6836 or neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov.



Cultural Conversation Returns to City Hall

"Exploring Beyond What We See"

Wednesday, Feb.7, 7-9 p.m.



Bellevue City Hall Council Chamber, 450 110th Ave NE

Cultural Conversations, Bellevue's popular discussion group aimed at increasing cultural understanding, will host its 4th annual evening event this month at City Hall. The program, titled "Exploring Beyond What We See," will feature stories from local residents and smaller interactive table conversations. Speakers will share their experiences in moving pass initial assumptions in addition to how to create opportunities for discovering common ground when meeting others for the first time

Experiment in Progress

Prashant grew up in India and has lived in the Pacific Northwest for more than a decade. It was here that his profound transformation began by choosing experiences that allowed him to grow beyond his comfort zone. It was sparked after a series of conversations with an Indian colleague of a different social status, someone who he might never have had a personal conversation with in India, let alone be friends with.

That's Funny...You Don't Look Jewish

Ngina, life coach, spouse and mother, moved to Bellevue four years ago, expecting that the city's reputation as a diverse community would include families like hers. She'll share her experience as an African-American living in a city where changing demographics challenge us to move past initial assumptions about race and ethnicity...

Getting Past the First Glance

Karen, born and raised in Jamaica, is a former journalist and technical editor whose reality is often misinterpreted by people at first glance. Her strength, zest for life and unique perspective, given her vision loss, help us to see relationships and the world around us more clearly.

A Different Lens

Ben is best known for his work behind the camera and now it's time for him to share his story of coming to the U.S. from Iran, making a new life here, giving back and paying forward the help he received along his journey.

This free event is open to the public, age 13 and older. Participants are encouraged to RSVP at least 24 hours before the event. To register, get more information or request accommodation needs, please contact NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-6836. Parking is available in the city garage (P2 level), accessible from 112th Ave NE.; carpooling is strongly suggested.

Free Tax Help this Tax Season

Now through April 19



United Way of King County's free tax preparation services are a convenient option that's available to all members of the community in the King County area! Tax time

can be stressful and expensive, but it doesn't need to be. Consider taking advantage of this free service to avoid costly tax preparation fees and to maximize your refund.

United Way is offering free tax preparation services online and at 30 locations throughout King County. Households making under \$66,000 can have their taxes prepared by a certified tax preparer, and they can get connected to other community resources and public benefits.

There are two easy ways to file:

ONLINE

File your taxes online for free with United Way's My Free Taxes tool at www.MyFreeTaxes.com.

IN-PERSON

File your taxes in-person at one of 30 locations throughout King County. Locations have convenient hours to meet your schedule, and no appointments are needed. To find a location near you, languages available, a list of what to bring and other details, visit United Way's website at www.FreeTaxExperts.org or call 2-1-1.

City Welcomes 2018 with Two New Language Access Resources

Headsets for on-site interpretation and direct phone assistance



The City of Bellevue has two new resources aimed at assisting residents with translation and interpretation. The effort is part of the city's ongoing

commitment to engage and serve all residents. Interpretation devices will be available, by request, at public meetings. The device includes two transceivers for onsite interpreters and 20 receivers and headphones. The two transceivers allow two different languages to be interpreted simultaneously, as needed, for any city-sponsored public meeting. It is recommended that users contact the city 48 hours in advance to request this service.

Additionally, residents, who need interpretation assistance for any city-related services, may now call the following numbers:

Spanish 1-844-590-8948

Cantonese 1-844-537-0364

Mandarin 1-844-590-8495

Korean 1-844-537-0365

Punjabi 1-844-590-8946

Russian 1-844-590-8947

Vietnamese 1-844-590-8949

Callers will be connected to Service First and helped directly. All calls must be made between business hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. If you are in an emergency situation, please call 9-1-1.

The two new resources advance several of Bellevue's Diversity Advantage Plan Recommendations. These include "establishing city wide standards for translation of written material, interpretation services at meetings" and identifying "strategies and methods for more effective communication with diverse populations." For more information on these new resources, please contact Diversity & Inclusion Program Administrator Elaine Acacio at 425-452-4246 or EAcacio@bellevuewa.gov.





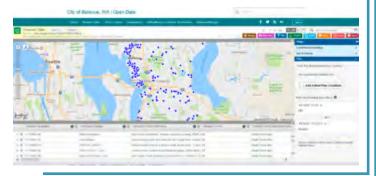
Permit Data Now Available on the Open Data Portal

As a high-performance organization, the City of Bellevue continuously looks for ways to improve customer service and transparency by implementing innovative technologies.

In December 2017, Development Services sought to improve customer service and transparency and reduce the need for people to submit public-records requests by publishing permit data on the city's Open Data portal: https://data.bellevuewa.gov/.

Permit data (1998 to present) is available 24/7 and updated daily. The public can explore all permit data or filter the permit data to their liking (e.g., by address or permit type). There are also 23 standard reports available that cover permit topics like:

- All Major Projects (Permit Issued or Project Completed)
- Design Review Applications
- New Single-Family House Permits Issued



Bellevue College Community Conversations



Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7-8 p.m.

Bellevue College Room A140 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue

Join Bellevue College Vice President Ray White to learn what's happening

on the Bellevue College campus, share your comments and ask questions about growth, events, programs and more. These informal conversations are designed to improve communication and create connections with the surrounding residential and business communities. There are no set agendas for the sessions, just open Q&A. The event will begin in room A140 and participants may visit other sites or tour campus as appropriate. Parking is free in the evening.

Calling Guide Now Available in Six Languages



To better serve our diverse population, the city has translated the "Bellevue by the Numbers" calling guide into Russian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish and Korean.

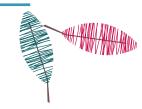
The free guide has contact information for hundreds of Eastside organizations and resources. It's available at City Hall (Service First), Mini City Hall at the Crossroads Shopping Center and at the Crossroads, North Bellevue and South Bellevue community centers.

"By the Numbers" has been available to residents in English for over 10 years and in Spanish over the last few years. Residents find the alphabetical guide a handy reference for services provided by the city and local nonprofit organizations. The guide has listings for categories such as education, health and medical, housing, immigrant assistance, permits, community services and public transportation.

Today in Bellevue, 42 percent of families speak a language other than English at home. To help bridge the language access gap, the city translated the calling guide into the four other most commonly spoken languages in Bellevue.

The guide will help limited-English speakers easily locate available services and resources. Each edition also includes information to access language line interpreters who can provide no-cost help with translation for residents who want to contact services found in the guide. "By the Numbers" is available on request by calling 425-452-2800









Save the Date!

2018 Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference

Innovation, Inspiration, Connection

Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

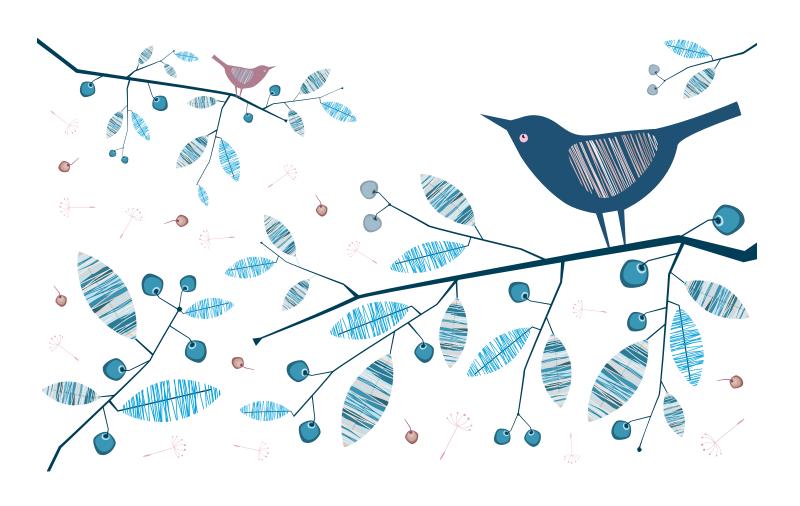
Bellevue City Hall 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

From our homes to our roads, from our urban spaces to our gathering places, how are technology and innovation improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods and community?

Join us at the Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference to ponder these questions and learn more about the future of Bellevue! The day launches with continental breakfast and keynote speaker, Mark Berejka, director of government and community affairs at REI. Following the keynote, choose from 16 workshop offerings in four thematic areas: diversity, innovation in transportation, planning and urban growth, the environment and conservation. Participants can choose up to four workshops during the day and may mix and match in different thematic areas. Continental breakfast, lunch and the opportunity to network with other Bellevue residents are included in the early bird \$35.00 registration fee through April 7.



Registration is \$50 after April 7 if space is still available. Scholarships are available on request. Workshop descriptions and registration materials will be available for the Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference on March 1. To receive a registration packet, email jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-5372.





Boards and Commissions 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.)

Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network

(6pm, Bellevue City Hall) Last Tuesday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bdan.htm

East Bellevue Community Council (6:30pm, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) First Tuesday of each month http://bellevuewa.gov/ebcc.htm

Arts Commission (4:30pm, 1E-109)

First Tuesday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

Environmental Services Commission

(6:30pm, 1E-113) First Thursday of each month http://bellevuewa.gov/environ_serv_comm.htm

Planning Commission (6:30pm, 1E-113) Second and fourth Wednesday of each month http://bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

Transportation Commission (6:30pm, 1E-113) Second Thursday of the month of each month http://bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

Human Services Commission (6pm, 1E-113)

First and third Tuesday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm **LEOFF 1 Disability Board** (6pm, Room 1E-118) First Tuesday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/leoff-1-disability-board.htm

Library Board (5pm, Lake Hills, Bellevue or Newport Way Library) The third Tuesday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm

Parks & Community Services Board

(6pm, 1E-113) Second Tuesday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

Network on Aging (8:30am, Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue Hidden Valley, 1903 112th Ave NE, Bellevue) First Thursday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

Special Events Committee (8:30am, 1E-112) Second Thursday of each month http://bellevuewa.gov/special_events_committee.htm

Youth Link Board (6pm,1E-120) Second Wednesday of each month http://www.bellevuewa.gov/youth_link_board.htm

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, please visit our website at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhoodoutreach.htm or call 425-452-6836 or email: neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov

City Council https://bellevue.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

Day	Scheduled Meeting(s)	Location	Public Comment Opportunity
1 and 3 Mondays except in August and December	6pm, Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8pm, Regular Session	Council Chambers	8pm, Oral Communications
2 and 4 Mondays except in August and December	6-10pm, Extended Study Session	Council Conference Room	6pm, Oral Communications
August - first Monday only	6pm, Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8pm, Regular Session	Council Chambers	8pm, Oral Communications
December - first and second Mondays only	6pm, Study Session	Council Conference Room	None
	8pm, Regular Session	Council Chambers	8pm, Oral Communications