

neighborhood news



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news for and about
Bellevue neighborhoods

Next shelter discussion

Scheduled for March 5



Mayor John Chelminiak announced during the Feb. 12 meeting that the council will begin the discussion for the permanent land

use code regulations regarding homeless shelters on March 5. The focus of the meeting will be to discuss the process, public engagement opportunities and schedule to developed permanent regulations. The council unanimously approved interim regulations last year.

The mayor also requested a compilation of information prepared to date on the seven publicly-owned sites that have been identified as potential locations for an Eastside men's emergency shelter. Seven sites have been reviewed at different times since 2016, when discussion of the potential project began. The mayor indicated that this site report, which would gather existing information into a single document and may include limited updates on the current status of the locations, is not intended to prompt a siting discussion or choice. Rather, the intent is to provide context for discussing the development of a permanent land use code amendment.

More background on the shelter project is available at <https://www.bellevuewa.gov/Eastside-Mens-Shelter>



Save the Date:

Cultural Conversations & "searching for home"



Tuesday, March 13, Program 1-2:30 p.m.

Exhibition Galleries Open 11-1 p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m.

Bellevue Arts Museum (BAM), 510 Bellevue Way NE

Through Cultural Conversations, a program in its seventh season of storytelling, connection and table conversation, we will travel through "Searching for Home", a solo exhibition by artist Humaira Abid, located at the Bellevue Arts Museum. Through Abid's art and storytelling we will experience the journey undertaken by families in humanitarian crisis; refugees who are suddenly forced to leave their homes. This program and museum admission are free and open to the public.

We'll also learn more about the resources that exist for the process of refugee resettlement and hear about the challenges faced by immigrant women, as they begin the process of establishing homes in a new land. Please join us for tea and conversation, learn about other cultures and experience connection with others in your community.

Cultural Conversations has transformed relationships and perspectives among diverse women in our community through a range of topics and storytelling since 2010.



The event is recommended for individuals age 13 and up. RSVP is required to help us with planning. Please register for this free event at Bellevue Arts Museum website BellevueArts.org or call 425-519-0770. Free parking is available at BAM (enter from Bellevue Way NE heading north) but carpooling is encouraged.

For more information and accommodation needs, please contact Neighborhood Outreach NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov, 452-452-6836 or Carol Ross, cross@bellevuewa.gov.

Newport Heights traffic safety improvement project open house

Tuesday, March 6, 6:30-8 p.m.

Newport Heights Elementary School
5225 119th Ave SE, Bellevue



The City of Bellevue Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services is holding an upcoming open house to share short and long-term preliminary strategies

developed to address existing traffic safety concerns along 119th Ave SE, from Lake Heights to SE 56th, and on neighborhood streets around Newport Heights Elementary School. These strategies will focus on addressing concerns about speeding and the need for bicycling and pedestrian safety to/from school and in the neighborhood. This project is funded in part through the Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy.



“Dragons Are Your Friends” art installation at City Hall

Now through September 28



A new art installation, part of a “Dragons Are Your Friends” exhibition, was hoisted into place in February at the west entrance to City Hall. Suspended from the ceiling,

the artwork, by artist Meng Huang, features a roughly 25-foot-long dragon. The piece was made from thrown-away materials he collected from restaurants, businesses and apartments in Seattle’s Chinatown International District.

Making something out of nothing

This dragon is made of five-gallon paint barrels, aluminum rain gutters, orange traffic cones and corrugated plastic. Huang found these materials during his daily walks in and around the International District, where he lived, and then brought them back to his studio apartment to be meticulously cleaned and transformed. For Huang, who couldn’t read English when he first came to the U.S., words on consumer products became patterns. Colors and shapes of materials, rather than their original purpose, determined how they would come together to form the creatures of Huang’s imagination and hands.

Celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year beginning Feb. 16, the installation will stay in place through Sept. 28. The exhibition is produced by the City of Bellevue Arts Program in partnership with the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience, which generously loaned the artwork.



Neighborhood Forum on fake news”, conspiracy theories & disinformation

Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m.

City Hall Council Chamber, 450 110th Ave. NE



As residents continue to navigate the growing volume of online news sources and the use of social media tools, it has become vital

to acquire skills that help identify what is reliable information and what is disinformation. Neighborhood Outreach, in partnership with the Newport Way Library will host a Bellevue Neighborhoods Forum to explore “Fake News”, Conspiracy Theories and Disinformation.

The forum will be held on the evening of March 28, with a facilitated question and answer period following. Assistant Professor, Kate Starbird, University of Washington Department of Human Centered Design and Engineering will discuss how the emergence of “fake news” and conspiracy theories can reshape our understanding of national and local events. Recent public attention and debate around “fake news” has highlighted the growing challenge of determining what is reliable information in online spaces. This is a complex problem at the intersection of technology, human thinking and social behavior. The abundance of new channels of information make us increasingly vulnerable to absorbing and spreading misinformation.

Professor Starbird will explore with us what she has learned about how online rumors spread and how online rumors are corrected during natural disasters and man-made crisis events. Recently, she has also begun exploring the propagation of disinformation through online spaces and what conspiracy theories during crisis events reveal about “fake news” and disinformation.

The forum is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-5372, jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov. Kate Starbird is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Human Centered Design & Engineering at the University of Washington. Her research is situated within human-computer interaction and the emerging field of crisis informatics—the study of how information-communication technologies are used during crisis events.



It's ALL about innovation, inspiration and connection!

2018 Bellevue Neighborhoods Conference

Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue

Intrigued by the latest technologies? Wondering how 200 traffic lights change in sync? Want to test drive an electric vehicle? Passionate about arts, culture and community? Curious about reducing your environmental footprint? Want to ask industry leaders what it takes to be hired by a technology company? Interested in exploring cultural identity and community? Concerned about affordable housing? Join your neighbors at the next 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 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. For more details, please visit www.bellevuewa.gov/NeighborhoodsConference. You can register online at: <https://neighborhoodsconference.eventbrite.com>



TRAFFIC CORNER

What are your transportation priorities for 2018-2030?

The Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) represents project candidates that City Council could potentially fund in the next 12 years. We have a list of projects and we would like to find out which ones you want funded. This month, we'll be holding three separate open houses to find out your priorities:

- Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 5-7:30 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 1E-108, 450-110th Avenue NE
- Thursday, March 22, 2018, 5-7:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, Room B
14509 SE Newport Way
- Friday, March 23, 2018, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Crossroads Mini City Hall
Crossroads Shopping Center
15600 NE 8th Street

If you are unable to attend an open house, you are welcome to fill out an online survey and provide your comments on an interactive map after March 9, 2018: <http://bit.ly/TransportationFacilitiesPlan>. If you have any questions, please contact Kristi Oosterveen at 425-452-4496 or Koosterveen@bellevuewa.gov



What's the project status the Bellevue Way southbound HOV lane?

Thursday, April 5, 2018, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Enatai Elementary School Cafeteria
10700 SE 25th Street

You're invited to an open house to receive a project design update on the Bellevue Way southbound high-occupancy-vehicle (HOV) lane project:

You will have the opportunity to see the project's design, the updated cost and the cost/benefit of the construction-phasing options. We would like to find out whether you support the construction-phasing approach. If you are unable to attend, we have provided an online open house for your convenience:

www.Bellevue_way_HOV_online.publicmeeting.info

If you have any questions, please contact Marina Arakelyan at 425-452-4632 or Marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov





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/enviro_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/neighborhood-outreach.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