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Mayor Lynne Robinson and Deputy Mayor Mo Malakoutian pose in the hearth room in City Hall after their election by the council on Jan. 2.

Robinson elected to third term as mayor

By **CLAUDE IOSSO**
It's Your City Editor

At its first meeting of 2024, the City Council unanimously elected Lynne Robinson to a third term as Bellevue's mayor, the first time in Bellevue's 71-year history a councilmember has been voted mayor three times in a row.

The council also voted unanimously for newcomer Mo Malakoutian to serve as deputy mayor. Robinson and

Malakoutian will serve as mayor and deputy mayor for a two-year term expiring at the end of 2025.

"I'm honored and excited to continue serving Bellevue as mayor," Robinson said. "I have tremendous confidence in this council and know that together, we will do a good job serving the needs of the city."

First elected to the council in 2014, Robinson was deputy mayor in 2018 and 2019 before

her colleagues on the council elected her mayor in 2020 and 2022. Previously she held a seat on the Parks & Community Services Board for five years; chairing the body from 2011 to 2013. In Bellevue's history, only Richard Foreman (1980) and Cary Bozeman (1994) were elected mayor three times, but not sequentially.

MAYOR

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Design of the Grand Connection Crossing underway

Share your input at online open house

By **LAURA MILSTEAD**
Transportation Public Information Officer

The Grand Connection is progressing with the design of a signature crossing for people walking and rolling over Interstate 405. Residents are invited to share their ideas in an online open house available Monday, Feb. 26, through Monday, March 18.

Unlocking Bellevue's grandeur for people walking and rolling

The Grand Connection is a series of projects and initiatives to improve the experience for people walking or rolling the 1.5 miles from Meydenbauer Bay Park through downtown across I-405 to the Eastrail multi-use path.

When complete, the Grand Connection will be a place where Bellevue residents, visitors and

commuters can walk, roll, play, relax, gather, eat and shop. In addition to creating a great pedestrian experience, the Grand Connection will enhance Bellevue's livability, economic development and environmental sustainability.

Starting with the crossing

After over a decade of planning and community engagement about the Grand Connection, the city has started work on the crossing over the freeway. The crossing is one of the most high-profile elements of the project, providing a vital new access point between downtown and Wilburton.

The city's goal for the first phase of the project is to create a preliminary design (30% design) of the crossing by the end of the year. This preliminary design will help the city understand cost and potential environmental impacts, and coordinate with multiple government agencies including the state Department of Transportation, Sound Transit and King County, as well as nearby property owners.

Providing your feedback

- Residents can learn more about the Grand Connection Crossing and provide feedback to the project team on the design and use for the crossing in the online open house at EngagingBellevue.com/i405-crossing.
- You can visit BellevueWA.gov/i405-crossing to sign up for emails or texts with the latest details about the project.



A conceptual rendering of the Grand Connection Crossing, which does not depict the actual design still to be determined.

COUNCIL CORNER

People at heart of planning and budgeting

By Councilmember
JOHN STOKES



As I begin my fourth term on the City Council, going back to 2012, I feel awe and gratitude to have been a significant part of the transformation and growth of our amazing city. Now we have the foresight, faith and resources for an even greater Bellevue.

I still sometimes flash back to the day in 1991 when my wife Bettina, daughter Genevieve and I first drove up the Woodridge hill to our new home in Bellevue after our flight from Dallas (with four kitty cats and their mom). It was the start of a new and exciting adventure in Bellevue, Seattle and the region. We never looked back to our native Texas.

We were a part of a wave of great change to Bellevue, the Eastside and the region. Since I've been on the council, we have worked hard to keep Bellevue a great place to be while it has undergone significant, and in my opinion, positive growth and changes. We are inclusive and welcome diversity, building for an even better future for all.

Since I arrived here, Bellevue has almost doubled in population, with a downtown beyond the best dreams of us all. This once small town has transformed into a dynamic big city with great influence on the Eastside and the rest of the county and Seattle.

Pretty soon, we'll begin working on the 2025-26 city budget. Areas we're likely to address include:

- Housing affordability
- Creating more community gathering and celebration opportunities
- Mobility
- Economic Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- Safe community for all

Other priorities will surface through the budget process, and I look forward to hearing from the community as the council undertakes budget deliberations later this year.

In addition, this fall we will adopt Bellevue 2044, a substantial update of the Comprehensive Plan, which will guide the city's development over the next 20 years. The plan outlines a vision for the future and sets policy direction to get there. This plan is the primary tool for addressing growth while maintaining a high quality of life.

The council, boards and commissions, and staff all use the plan to make decisions around housing, transportation, parks, economic opportunities and more.

People are at the heart of Bellevue's planning efforts. Robust public engagement has been and will continue to be used throughout the process to better understand community needs, desires and concerns.

As you can see, all of us in the city have a lot of work to do this year. Your council members and staff are ready to move mountains. We'll work with residents, businesses, nonprofits, recreation groups, other city and state agencies and our schools to bring the next budget, comp plan and other city goals and programs to fruition.

Here's to a very happy and productive year for the benefit of Bellevue and the people who call it home and/or work and play here.



The waterfall at Downtown Park draws the eye on a sunny day.

COUNCIL ROUNDUP

By CLAUDE IOSSO
It's Your City Editor

Contract for safe parking operator

The City Council on Feb. 5 approved a contract with 4 Tomorrow, an organization that will operate Bellevue's first safe parking pilot program, expected to be operational this spring.

The primary goal of the program is to provide stability to individuals who live in their vehicles as they seek permanent housing. At least 54 vehicles were counted as residences in Bellevue during an unofficial count conducted by the city last year. The city-owned safe parking location includes a clean, safe, off-street parking area and on-site access to bathrooms, showers, kitchen and case management services. The program will give preference in the lot to families with children.

4 Tomorrow is a local nonprofit with a focus on serving vulnerable populations and connecting to communities of color. To operate the safe parking pilot, the organization will work in partnership with i2, another group with experience serving

unhoused community members and facilitating safe parking programs. The city issued requests for proposals last year to find and select the right community-based organizations to help operate the program.

The contract approved by the council is for \$672,350 and includes staffing and operational costs to facilitate the program.

New park gets name

On Dec. 11 the City Council approved "Bridle Trails Valley Creek Park" as the name for a new park in Bridle Trails. Considering the results of community outreach and a Parks & Community Services Board recommendation, the council unanimously agreed on the name.

Construction of the park on 140th Avenue Northeast finished in December. The park features a picnic shelter, play area, restrooms, loop trail and a 12-stall parking lot. A grand opening will take place in the spring.

Name suggestions were solicited from the community between 2019 and 2023 through mailings, surveys, letters, newsletters and in-person outreach at various events.

Seven names made it into a final survey for residents to nominate and rank their top choices. Valley Creek runs through a wetland just behind the new park property.

Award-winning digital services

The City Council learned Nov. 13 how the city leverages data to enhance community engagement, equity and accountability. Online dashboards that show everything from police data to livability and the state of Bellevue neighborhoods earned the city third place for a national Government Experience award.

Bellevue's data collection is improving the city's strategic planning and decision-making. The Council Vision dashboard, launched in July of 2022, continues to provide ongoing transparency into the progress of the council's vision and priorities and performance metrics.

This marks the sixth consecutive year that Bellevue has placed in the top three for the Government Experience awards, issued by the Center for Digital Government. Bellevue ranked high for digital services across nine focus areas, including training and development, data analytics and innovation.

Police deploy body cameras, improved tasers

By **SETH TYLER**
Police Public Information Officer

Now equipped with body cameras and new, improved tasers, Bellevue Police officers are integrating new high-tech gear into their law enforcement practices. These advanced tools are expected to bolster transparency, accountability and safety in Bellevue.

In February officers were issued the tasers, which have more than twice the range of the old ones, feature an alarm and are more accurate. All officers are expected to be equipped with body cameras by the end of March.

“The Bellevue Police Department remains steadfast in its commitment to utilizing technology that fosters public safety, transparency and trust within the community,” Police Chief Wendell Shirley said.

“The implementation of AXON Body 4 body cameras and Taser 10 tasers underscores our dedication to providing top-tier service and maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, and we are thankful to our partners in the community who helped make this equipment purchase a reality.”

The acquisition of body cameras is the culmination of years of preparation. The department engaged the community and its police advisory councils in 2021. In 2020 an agency reviewing the department’s use-of-force policies recommended the use of body cameras.



Bellevue’s new police body cameras feature a two-way communication feature, facilitating audio and video interactions between officers and command centers.

The AXON Body 4 body cameras offer high-definition recording capabilities, low-light performance and an expanded field of view compared with most police body cameras. Notably, these cameras boast a two-way communication feature, facilitating seamless audio and video interactions between officers and command centers, enhancing real-time situational awareness and response coordination.

The Taser 10 tasers incorporate enhanced accuracy, range, safety protocols and an intuitive interface, ensuring effective responses to incidents while prioritizing the safety of all involved parties.

The Bellevue Police Foundation contributed to the purchase of the new gear through a donation to police department. The foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit whose mission is to foster community support to fund equipment purchases, training and recognition for officers.

Four artists to share their journeys at Cultural Conversations forum

By **SARAH BALLARD**
Community Relations Coordinator

Four Bellevue artists – Rajo Olimuthu, Aziza Saliev, Irma Aghajanyan and Naren Briar – will share their journeys at the 2024 Cultural Conversations Forum Thursday, March 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at City Hall.

In addition to a panel discussion with the artists in the council chamber, “Sharing our Art & Culture” will also feature an art exhibition in the City Hall concourse 4-9 p.m.

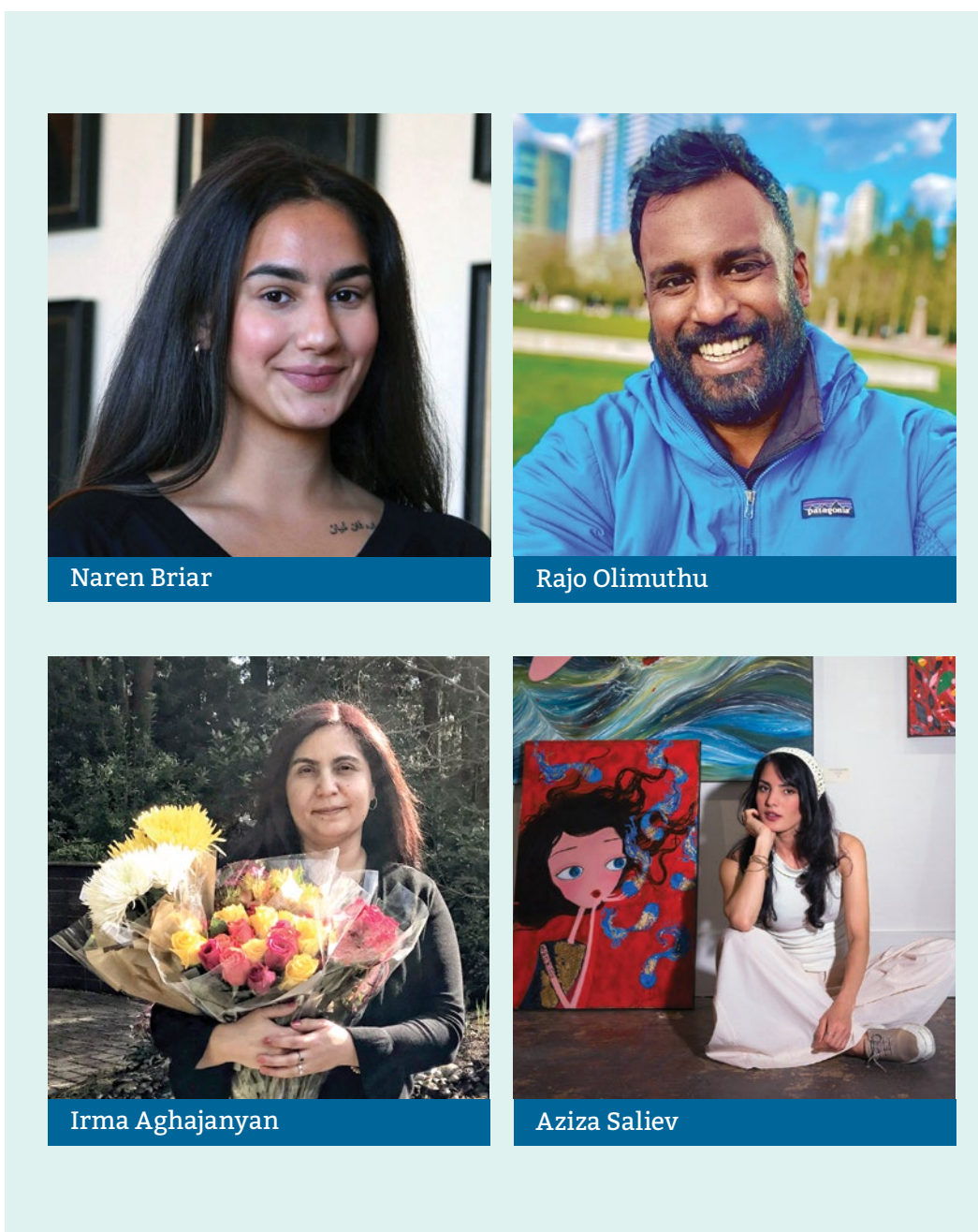
The artists pursue a variety of artistic disciplines.

- Olimuthu is a bassist and curator.
- Saliev is a model and painter.
- Aghajanyan is a pianist and organist.
- Briar is a portrait photographer.

Following the artists’ panel will be a conversation mixer with live entertainment (to be determined), refreshments and space for collaboration.

Since it was launched in 2010, Cultural Conversations has transformed relationships and perspectives among diverse community members through storytelling and conversations. Sharing topics such as the tangled politics of hair, transcending boundaries to transform community, Cultural Conversations has allowed the community to hear and respond to a variety of experiences and helped us to better understand our changing community and region.

Learn more at BellevueWA.gov/culturalconversations. Let us know that you plan to attend by emailing neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov.



Housing Accord Program helps landlords and tenants settle disputes

By **MARCIA McREYNOLDS**
Mediation Manager

As court filings for evictions double in King County, the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center is offering alternative ways for landlords and tenants to settle rent and other disputes through its new voluntary Housing Accord Program.

HAP is a successor to the court-mandated Eviction Resolution Pilot Program through which BCRC helped keep thousands of Bellevue tenants housed and landlords paid through the pandemic.

HAP will help parties avoid evictions, expensive court fees and long waits to get on court dockets. Classes in de-escalation, communication and conflict resolution, and facilitation of community building in multifamily housing are also offered.

Conciliators and mediators will help landlords and tenants negotiate repayment plans and other ways to remedy rent arrears. They will also help parties with other disputes concerning maintenance, utilities, leases and tenant-to-tenant community issues.

“We find that residents are more willing to listen to the options they have when [the Conflict Resolution Center] is involved,” noted the property manager at one local apartment complex.

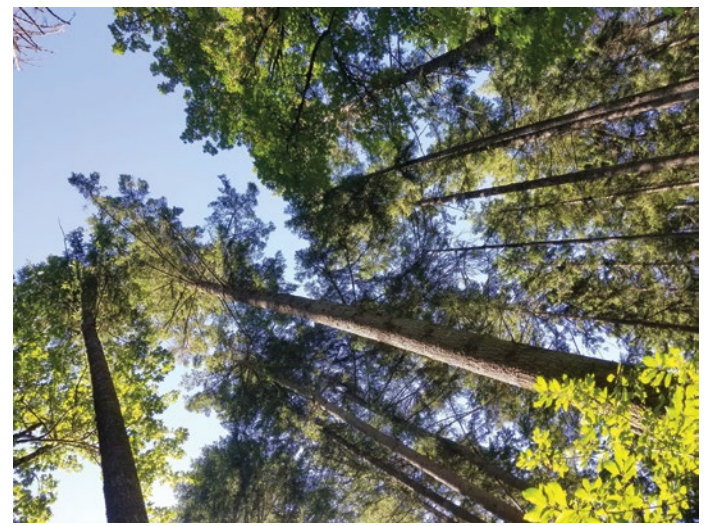
Through a grant with the state Department of Commerce, HAP is free, voluntary and confidential. Given the magnitude of the housing crisis, helping to ensure safe and stable housing in Bellevue and Kirkland is in the community interest.

Both tenants and landlords can initiate a case. When they call or write BCRC, they will be assigned a conciliator who will listen to the initial caller to learn about the issue, then hear the perspective from the other party involved.

If both parties agree, the conciliator will go back and forth on the phone using a kind of “shuttle diplomacy” to arrive at a resolution that works for everyone. If one party declines to be involved, the conciliator can still work with the initiating party, coaching them to handle the issue with a variety of local resources.

The Conflict Resolution Center has been handling landlord and tenant cases for over 20 years and resolved 82% of ERPP cases during the pandemic. BCRC also developed relationships with landlords and multicultural agencies on the Eastside.

Questions about HAP can go to Julia Devin (425-452-7241, jdevin@bellevuewa.gov). To start a case, email bcrc@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4091.



Bellevue reaches tree canopy goal, but tree preservation continues

By **SOFIA FALL**
Sustainability Coordinator

Efforts by residents and the city to preserve Bellevue’s urban forest are paying off. According to an assessment released in December, Bellevue has reached 40% tree canopy cover, a long-time city target.

While the increase from 37% tree canopy cover in 2017 is promising, tree canopy has not grown consistently across the city, with some neighborhoods experiencing small declines between 2017 and 2021.

Urban forests are essential to our city’s character and a source of countless benefits. They help to filter air and water, control storm water, conserve energy and provide animal habitat and shade. They help counteract the heat absorbed by all the city’s asphalt and concrete.

In 2023, the city continued to care for Bellevue’s tree canopy through several programs, assessments and initiatives, to ensure that residents can continue to enjoy a healthy and flourishing urban forest for generations.

To support a vibrant tree canopy, the city distributes free trees to residents annually. Through the Tree Giveaway program, the city has handed out 2,500 trees over the last three years, with a focus on residents from historically underserved communities

Since 2017, the city has conducted tree canopy assessments every two years. These assessments use highly detailed images taken from satellites to map all the areas in Bellevue covered in tree canopy, allowing the city to see whether the canopy has increased or decreased both overall and in individual neighborhoods.

The goal since the city’s first tree canopy assessment in 2017 is at least 40% tree canopy cover by 2050. The 2021 assessment (just released in December) found that Bellevue reached 40% that year, a 1% increase over the 2019 assessment.

Last year the city began reviewing its tree code – provisions that protect and regulate Bellevue’s tree canopy. Over a series of meetings this year, the Planning Commission will review proposed updates to city tree regulations in the Land Use Code, including rewriting tree retention requirements and updating definitions for significant and landmark trees.

The City Council will review proposed updates to tree regulations in the City Code this spring, once the Planning Commission finishes reviewing the proposed Land Use Code updates.

For information on upcoming Planning Commission meetings and to stay up to date on the city’s tree code work, visit BellevueWA.gov/tree-code-update.

Carlson is acting city manager

Brad Miyake retires after 11 years at Bellevue’s helm

By **CLAUDE IOSSO**
It’s Your City Editor

Diane Carlson has been Bellevue’s acting city manager since Dec. 1, the day after Brad Miyake, city manager since 2013, retired. The City Council voted unanimously in October to appoint her.

A long-time Bellevue resident, Carlson was director of intergovernmental relations at Bellevue from 2000 to 2011. She returned to the city in 2022 as deputy city manager, after 11 years at King County, leading regional initiatives for County Executive Dow Constantine, then taking over Metro’s capital division.

“Bellevue’s success is important to me, professionally and personally,” Carlson said. “I’m excited to support the council and staff as we work to continue

delivering quality, essential services to the people who live and work here.”

In separate retirement parties at City Hall in November, staff and community members bade Miyake a fond farewell.

“Brad has served the City of Bellevue with high standards, compassion, skill and an undeniable dedication to the people who live, work and visit this city,” Mayor Lynne Robinson said. “The council, city staff and I have benefited greatly from his pragmatic counsel and knowledgeable guidance.”

During Miyake’s tenure, Bellevue continued to evolve from a suburban bedroom community into a major employment center, retail hub and tourist destination in the Pacific Northwest. The city developed proactive growth

policies, guided the implementation of light rail through Bellevue, improved the city’s multimodal transportation system, developed an affordable housing strategy and fostered a business-friendly reputation.

Prior to serving as city manager, Miyake worked with the city for 23 years, as a deputy city manager and other positions ranging from utilities director to budget manager at the city.



Former City Manager Brad Miyake, left, and Acting City Manager Diane Carlson pose together shortly before Miyake retired in November.



We Banjo 3 performs at Wintergrass in 2020.

Arts generate \$54 million in Bellevue

By **CLAUDE IOSSO**
It's Your City Editor

Bellevue's nonprofit arts and culture industry generated \$54.3 million in economic activity in 2022, according to a national study. The typical arts event attendee spent \$49.07 per person here, excluding the cost of admission, more than \$10 above the national average.

"Not only do the arts lift us up, enrich our lives, and make Bellevue a place you want to be, they are also a great economic investment," observed Lorie Hoffman, Bellevue's arts and creative economy manager.

According to Arts & Economic Prosperity 6, an economic and social impact study conducted by Americans for the Arts and released in October, over 850,000 people attended nonprofit arts and culture events in Bellevue in 2022, with roughly 20% of that audience comprised of tourists and visitors.

From the Wintergrass Music Festival, KidsQuest Children's Museum and Hindi Time Kids to the Russian-language Theatre33 and American Asian Performing Arts Theatre, the 100-plus arts and culture organizations that call Bellevue home showcase our diversity and creative spirit.

The City of Bellevue has long supported the arts and creativity with grants to local artists and arts organizations, business support for creative economy enterprises and the purchase of art for public display. The city's Arts Program is part of the Cultural and Economic Development division.

The arts-related economic activity in 2022 – \$10.8 million in spending by nonprofit arts and culture organizations and \$43.5 million by their audiences in event-related spending at local businesses including restaurants, retail shops, and lodging – supported approximately 600 jobs and generated \$10.5 million in local, state and federal taxes.

"Arts and culture organizations have a powerful ability to attract and hold dollars in the community longer," said Nolen V. Bivens, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts. "Arts organizations employ people locally, purchase goods and services from nearby businesses and produce authentic cultural experiences that are magnets for visitors, tourists and new residents."

Key figures from the study prepared for Bellevue include:

- 20% of arts and culture attendees were nonlocal visitors who traveled from outside King County. They spent an average of \$108.35, excluding admission costs.
- 84% of respondents agreed that the activity or venue they were attending was "a source of neighborhood pride for the community."
- 83% said they would "feel a sense of loss if that activity or venue was no longer available."
- 78% of nonlocal attendees reported that the primary purpose of their visit was to attend the performance or event where they were surveyed.

Americans for the Arts (AmericansfortheArts.org), the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education, has completed studies of arts economic impacts every five or six years since the 1990s. This was the first time Americans for the Arts looked at Bellevue, and the city supported the study with a student intern on staff gathering a year's worth of data about attendance at Bellevue arts events.

Americans for the Arts uses a rigorous methodology to document the economic and social contributions of the nation's nonprofit arts and culture industry.

Utilities classes make it easier to DIY more this year

By **ERIN HISLOP**
Conservation and Outreach Administrator

Spring is ideal for Do-It-Yourself projects! Join our upcoming classes for tools and demonstrations focused on making the most of what you have. We will share easy home hacks for repairing, reusing, reducing and recycling.

In-person classes are in partnership with King County Library Services; attendees will receive take-home tools. Classes are free and geared toward adults, but all are welcome.

For more information, visit: BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes, or email recycle@bellevuewa.gov to register.

In-person classes

How to...

Choose safer and sustainable products

Sunday, March 3, 12-1 p.m.
Bellevue Library

Repair items using Makerspace tools (includes tour of the Bellevue Library Makerspace)

Tuesday, March 19, 6-7 p.m.
Bellevue Library Makerspace

Use less plastic

Saturday, April 20, 1-2 p.m.
Lake Hills Library

Make safer household cleaners

Tuesday, April 30, 6-7 p.m.
Bellevue Library

Virtual classes via Zoom

How to...

Declutter your home with minimal waste

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6-7 p.m.

Make your food last longer

Friday, March 8, 12-1 p.m.

Make easy repairs of household items

Thursday, March 14, 6-7 p.m.

Sort recycling, composting and potentially hazardous items

Friday, March 29, 12-1 p.m.

Use online tools for waste reduction, Recycling and composting

Friday, April 26, 12-1 p.m.

MAYOR

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Malakoutian, a senior program manager with Amazon, was elected to the council for the first time in November. He had served for six years on Bellevue's Planning Commission, including a stint as chair.

Bellevue's mayor presides over council meetings and study sessions, helps set the meeting agenda, represents the city at public events, and acts as the primary spokesperson for the council. Bellevue's council members are elected at-large; the council then selects a member to serve as mayor and one to serve as deputy mayor.

Bellevue operates under a council-manager form of government, with the seven-member council hiring a city manager to oversee all city operations.



Experience Bellevue will feature tours of city facilities such as the Bellevue Botanical Garden pictured here.

Experience Bellevue offers tours around city May 4, May 18, June 1

By MARK HEILMAN
Community Relations Coordinator

Experience Bellevue will give residents multiple opportunities to explore the city this spring. The event held every other year will offer free interactive experiences and tours on three Saturday mornings – May 4, May 18 and June 1.

On May 4, City Hall will host participants at 9 a.m. for coffee and conversation with City Council members.

At 10 a.m., participants can choose between bus and walking tours. On buses, people can see affordable housing and parks. A bus will take people to Eastgate for a tour on foot of the Porchlight men’s shelter, with education on homelessness and a community service component. There will also be walking tours of new buildings and the planned Grand Connection route downtown or the Wilburton commercial area, where transit-oriented development is planned.

On May 18, Experience Bellevue will move to the BelRed and Wilburton neighborhoods. A walking tour will explore BelRed’s flourishing arts district. In Wilburton, tours, including one with immersive “forest bathing,” will be available at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.

The day is family-friendly and will culminate with a festival featuring food trucks, live music and kids’ activities at the Spring District Plaza 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

On June 1, Experience Bellevue moves City Hall, where families can explore the building and learn about city services. Visitors can also participate in activities with the Police, Fire and Transportation departments. All ages are welcome.

Several experiences will be offered in Spanish, Mandarin and Russian.

Space is limited for each experience. Mark your calendar and email neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov or visit BellevueWA.gov/experiencebellevue if you would like to receive a program brochure and registration form, available starting March 20.

Be on the lookout for light rail trains on simulated service runs

By Transportation and Sound Transit Staff

In preparation for the launch of Eastside service this spring, Sound Transit light rail trains are making regular practice runs every 10 to 15 minutes through Bellevue. It is more important than ever to cross at designated crosswalks and wait for the pedestrian signal before stepping onto Northeast Spring Boulevard in BelRed.

Although most of the light rail line in Bellevue is separated from people walking, rolling and driving, there are four crossings in BelRed. Remember these messages when you’re near the Bel-Red Station:

1. **Look both ways.** Trains come from both directions, so always expect a second train!
2. **Headphones off, screens down.** It’s important to stay alert to be safe.
3. **Take crosswalks, not shortcuts.** Trains always have the right of way, so pay attention to crossing signals.
4. **Bike smart, ride safe.** When you’re riding a bike, always cross tracks at a 90-degree angle to prevent getting stuck.

Sound Transit operators and maintenance staff have been training on the 2 Line (formerly called East Link) since November. Simulated service, an important step toward opening the 2 Line, began in January.

While the 2 Line won’t connect to Seattle and Mercer Island until next year at the earliest, “starter line” service between the South Bellevue and the Redmond Technology stations is set to open in April.

The City of Bellevue is working with Sound Transit on opening events at each of the six light rail stations in Bellevue, as well as a ribbon-cutting celebration. For more information and to sign up for updates, visit BellevueWA.gov/east-link or SoundTransit.org/eastlink.



People should be extra careful at light rail crossings like this one in BelRed.

Updated comprehensive plan nears completion

By BROOKE BROD
Community Engagement Lead

Bellevue 2044, the updated Comprehensive Plan that will guide the city’s development over the next 20 years, will be released this spring. Drafted with considerable community outreach over the last two years, the plan will help the city address a lack of affordable housing here while also helping ensure sustainability and equity.

A new land use map will help the city follow through on a new growth strategy. To facilitate ordered growth to the tune of at least 35,000 more housing units and 70,000 more jobs by 2044, the strategy enables

development beyond downtown, BelRed and Wilburton – potentially to mixed-use centers, areas with good access to transit and areas close to neighborhood centers.

A public hearing for the plan will be in early summer. After final adjustments, the City Council will adopt the Comprehensive Plan in the fall.

Bellevue 2044 will replace the comprehensive plan adopted in 2015. The city does a comprehensive “periodic” update of the plan every 10 years.

Since the city began the update of the plan in 2022, it has conducted extensive technical

analysis and heard from residents and other interested parties at meetings, staffed tables at parks and City Hall and via online surveys. All the city’s boards and commissions reviewed the draft plan.

An environmental impact statement issued in early February recommends measures to address potential environmental impacts of the comprehensive plan and guides the city’s growth strategy.

Find out more about the plan at EngagingBellevue.com/bellevue-2044 and BellevueWA.gov/comprehensive-plan.

Don't pick heater in heat of the moment

Rebates make heat pumps an affordable, energy-efficient option

By **SOPIA FALL**
Sustainability Coordinator

While most of us want energy-efficient heating and cooling in our homes, emergencies can force our hand.

"A lot of people want to make their homes more energy-efficient," observes Mark Stearns, regional sales manager at local HVAC distributor Gensco. "But if you wait until your furnace breaks or you're in the middle of a heat wave, the fastest solution often wins out over the most efficient one."

So now, with spring on the way, Bellevue residents don't have to pick a heater in the heat of the moment. They can think about cooling the place with a cool head.

Puget Sound Energy is offering new rebates that make upgrading to a heat pump, which provides energy-efficient heating and cooling, easier and more affordable. Even better, these rebates can be stacked with incentives from Energy Smart Eastside and federal tax credits for thousands of dollars in savings for Bellevue residents.

What's new from Puget Sound Energy

PSE has simplified and increased its rebate for switching from a natural gas furnace to a heat pump from \$2,400 to up to \$3,000. This stacks with up to \$2,000 in rebates from Energy Smart Eastside, a multi-city energy efficiency program, and a federal \$2,000 tax credit, to save as much as \$7,000 total.

Did you know households with electric furnaces and electric resistance heat spend the most on monthly heating bills? These households can also save up to \$4,000 in combined incentives from PSE, Energy Smart Eastside and the federal tax credit to upgrade to a heat pump, and can expect to cut their monthly heating bills by more than half.



Heat pumps like this one provide energy-efficient heating and cooling.

The details on these savings are available at EnergySmartEastside.org/heat-pump-incentives.

Heat Pumps, Cool Incentives

If navigating the incentives and purchase of a heat pump sounds daunting, Energy Smart Eastside is offering a "Heat Pumps, Cool Incentives" webinar on March 28, 6-7 p.m. The webinar will cover how heat pumps work and provide practical information on how to effectively engage contractors and maximize incentives. Please register via the link on the Energy Smart Eastside webpage.

Weigh in on city plan to reduce solo driving commutes

By **BRADLEY BRASHEARS**
TDM/CTR Associate Planner

How can we induce more people to vanpool/ carpool, take the bus, bike or walk to work in Bellevue instead of driving alone?

Bellevue transportation planners want input from area residents and workers on the draft 2024-2033 Transportation Demand Management Plan, which informs the city's TDM program, and which includes strategies for expanding the use of non-drive-alone

travel modes for getting to and from work and for other non-commute trips.

Members of the public are invited to provide feedback on the draft TDM Plan at EngagingBellevue.com/tdm-plan-update. The city wants to hear from all stakeholders, since TDM is intended to reach underserved communities and deliver mobility equity.

Expanding the use of non-drive-alone modes, such as transit, carpool, vanpool, walking and biking, along with working from

home and having flexible work schedules, will be crucial to maintain citywide mobility as Bellevue continues to grow. Reducing solo driving will help limit strain on the transportation system and will support the city's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030 and 80% by 2050.

Bellevue TDM focuses on employers, employees, property managers, residents and students. Anticipated strategies in the draft TDM Plan update include:

- Helping employers and property managers set up employee commute programs
- Providing individualized commute planning services
- Assisting employees in finding ride matches for carpools and vanpools
- Administering worksite business mini-grants for sustainable commute-related one-time capital projects
- Providing incentives for those who log alternative modes to driving alone

The city maintains a website at ChooseYourWayBellevue.org and a Choose Your Way Bellevue app, both of which support the TDM program with information about sustainable transportation options for and services to support Bellevue travelers.



The Transportation Demand Management Plan encourages and facilitates non-drive-alone commuting options like the bus and/or bike.



City plans for more electric vehicles

Residents can drop pins on map where they want charging stations

By **SOPIA FALL**
Sustainability Coordinator

As more and more electric vehicles appear on the streets of Bellevue, it's clear the future is here! And with input from residents, the city wants to make sure that future is accessible to everyone.

The environmental benefits of electric vehicles, from slashing carbon emissions to improving air quality, are widely appreciated. But EVs can make everyday life more convenient too. Electric cars and trucks are cheaper to fuel than traditional, gas-powered vehicles and require less maintenance. As an added plus, plugging into an outlet overnight is much easier than going out of the way in the middle of an errand to gas up.

The city aims to support a seamless transition from about 8% EVs in Bellevue to 25% by 2030 by ensuring everyone living, working and visiting here has convenient

access to affordable charging. To help us get there, we've launched the EV Roadmap, a plan to provide charging to those without access at home, and to add public charging to areas where they are needed most.

"The EV transition has already started," notes Colin Munson, the city's electric mobility coordinator. "We're going to be seeing big changes in the types of vehicles people drive in the next decades, and EVs are clearly the way of the future—not just in Bellevue, but everywhere. With accessible charging, every member of our community who wants an EV can rest assured they will be able to power it."

To help us understand what the community needs in the EV transition, the Electric Mobility team has launched a survey about electric vehicle adoption. All who live, work, play and recreate in Bellevue—EV owners and people just beginning to consider buying EVs—can share their thoughts on electric vehicles. Using an interactive map, people

can drop a pin suggesting a charging site at a workplace, multifamily building or favorite public space.

Responses to the survey and map will help guide our policies and programming for EVs, e-bikes and other types of electric transportation in 2024 and beyond.

Additionally, representatives of workplaces, multifamily buildings or community organizations that could benefit from EV charging are invited to fill out an interest form to get connected to funding sources.

The survey and interest form are available in English, traditional and simplified Chinese, Spanish, Russian and Vietnamese through **March 1**. Give your input and learn more about the EV Roadmap at [EngagingBellevue.com/electric-vehicle-roadmap](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/electric-vehicle-roadmap).

Big fixes for South Bellevue arterials

By **MICHAELENE FOWLER**
Utilities Public Information Officer

The City of Bellevue and state Department of Transportation are tackling major construction projects in South Bellevue that will make it safer to travel and easier for fish to navigate for years to come. Detours and flaggers are being used to minimize delays.

Bridge for Lakemont Boulevard

The city declared an emergency last year to address safety and environmental hazards caused by a failed culvert where Lakemont Boulevard crosses Coal Creek. The street was at risk of collapsing due to erosion and aging materials of the culvert.

The city is building a bridge to secure the street's stability, which will include a sidewalk on the north side and a mixed-use path on the south side for people walking, biking and rolling.



Early days of construction for a bridge on Lakemont Boulevard.

Lakemont Boulevard is expected to reopen in June.

During construction, Lakemont Boulevard is closed to all traffic between Forest Drive Southeast to 155th Avenue Southeast. A detour runs along Forest Drive Southeast and Coal Creek Parkway.

More information about this project is available at [BellevueWA.gov/lakemont-culvert](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/lakemont-culvert).

New stormwater conveyance for Factoria Boulevard

To reduce the risk of flooding on Factoria Boulevard during heavy storms, the city is replacing a segment of pipe under the street with a conveyance system featuring a larger pipe and a vault to hold stormwater before it drains into a modified Richards Creek inlet.

Both northbound Factoria Boulevard lanes will be closed March to July, with a southbound lane switched for northbound traffic. There will then be intermittent lane closures through December.

Access to the businesses on both sides of Factoria Boulevard will be maintained throughout construction. Signage indicates business access locations.

More information is available at [BellevueWA.gov/factoria-stormwater-project](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/factoria-stormwater-project).

I-90 West Fish Passage – Sunset Creek

To make it easier for native salmon and steelhead to navigate Sunset Creek, the state Department of Transportation is replacing culverts with bridges under Interstate 90, Southeast 36th Street and Southeast Eastgate Way. This project will periodically impact traffic along 36th Street.

More information is available at [Engage.WSDOT.wa.gov/i-90-sunset-creek-fish-passage-project](https://www.engage.wsdot.wa.gov/i-90-sunset-creek-fish-passage-project).



Variety of city construction projects now in design

A variety of city transportation, utilities and park projects – listed here by neighborhood – are in the design phase. Project cost projections can change significantly during the design process, so estimates are not provided. For more information about projects, please contact the project manager listed.

BelRed

120th Ave NE Multimodal Improvements (NE 16th St to Northup Way): Widen 120th Avenue Northeast, adding protected bike lanes and sidewalks, and replacing culvert pipes with a culvert structure fish can navigate. Other improvements include flashing beacon crossings, traffic signal modifications, streetlights, landscaping and storm drainage improvements. Construction not yet funded.

Jun An, jan@bellevuewa.gov

NE Spring Blvd Zone 3 (between 124th and 130th aves): Add eastbound and westbound lanes to Northeast Spring Boulevard between 124th and 130th avenues. Other improvements include bike facilities, sidewalks, traffic signal modifications, streetlights, landscaping and water main installation. Construction not yet funded.

Marina Arakelyan, marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

NE 12th St Bridge (Seismic Upgrades): This project will seismically retrofit two critical bridges, on Northeast 12th Street between Northeast Spring Boulevard and 124th Avenue Northeast. Construction anticipated summer 2025.

Marina Arakelyan, marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov

130th Ave NE Improvements (between BelRed and NE 20th): Reconstruct street with on-street parking, a bike lane (east side of the street) and walkways on both sides. Other improvements include traffic signal modifications, streetlights, landscaping and water main installation. Design is complete; construction is anticipated spring 2024.

Paul Krawczyk, pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov

Bridle Trails

Northeast 40th St Sidewalk: Construct a six-foot-wide sidewalk and planter strip where feasible on the north side of Northeast 40th Street between 140th and 145th avenues. Project will also include striped bike lanes, a crosswalk at 142nd Place and storm drainage improvements. Construction anticipated winter 2024.

Glen Kho, gkho@bellevuewa.gov

Citywide

ADA Upgrades: Upgrade ADA ramps at various locations around the city. Construction anticipated summer 2024.

Casiano Atienza, catienza@bellevuewa.gov and Chris Masek, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Water Main Replacement: Replacing asbestos-concrete water main through Medina and Lake Hills neighborhoods. Construction anticipated fall 2024.

Jim Stockwell, jstockwell@bellevuewa.gov

Pavement Preservation: Resurface streets – including grinding, fresh asphalt, new pavement markings, upgraded curb ramps and new sidewalks. Repaving typically occurs between April and October. A map of all 2024 resurfacing projects is available at BellevueWA.gov/pavement.

Isack Habte, ihabte@bellevuewa.gov

Commercial Water Meters: Replacing commercial water meters throughout the city (downtown and Factoria). Construction anticipated summer 2024.

Paige Young, pyoung@bellevuewa.gov

Cougar Mountain/Lakemont

Lakemont Crosswalk Improvements: Upgrade crosswalk at Lakemont Boulevard Southeast and Southeast 58th Street, with ramps and flashing beacons. Upgrade crosswalk at Southeast 46th Street and 167th Avenue Southeast, with flashing beacons and additional signage. Relocate and upgrade crosswalk at 164th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 46th Way to 164th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 46th Street with ramps, crosswalk markings and flashing beacons. Construction anticipated summer 2025.

Min Jie Kim, mjkim@bellevuewa.gov

Crossroads

164th Ave NE and NE 12th St Crosswalk Improvements:

Construct crosswalk on the south leg of the intersection of 164th Avenue Northeast and Northeast 12th Street, including ramps and flashing beacons. Construction anticipated summer 2024.

Tyler Lam, tiam@bellevuewa.gov

Crossroads Condos Water Main and Service Saddles

Replacement: Replace water main and service saddles in the residential neighborhood southwest of Northup Way and 161st Avenue Northeast. Construction anticipated spring 2025.

Jim Stockwell, jstockwell@bellevuewa.gov

Downtown

110th Ave NE and NE Second Pl Crosswalk Improvements:

Construct crosswalk on the north leg of the intersection of 110th Avenue Northeast and Northeast Second Place, with ramps and flashing beacons. Construction anticipated summer 2024.

Tyler Lam, tiam@bellevuewa.gov

Main Street Off-Street Trail – 108th to 112th Avenues

Southeast: Construct a multipurpose path with a planter on the south side of Main Street, including upgraded ramps and crosswalks, and new raised crosswalk at 110th Place Southeast. Construction anticipated fall 2024.

Sara Haile, shaile@bellevuewa.gov

Grand Connection I-405 Crossing: As part of the Grand Connection, construct a crossing for people walking and rolling over Interstate 405 on the south side of Northeast Sixth Street. Construction not yet funded.

Jun An, jan@bellevuewa.gov

South Downtown Overlay: Grind and overlay Main Street between 100th and 116th Avenues, Northeast Second Street between 108th and 112th avenues, 110th Avenue between Main and Northeast Second streets, and 112th Avenue Northeast between Main and Northeast Second streets. Update curb ramps to be ADA-compliant. Construction anticipated spring 2025.

Glen Kho, gkho@bellevuewa.gov

Main St – 101st to 103rd Ave Intersection Improvements:

Construct raised intersections at Main Street and 101st Avenue and Main St and 102nd Avenue. Construct new raised crosswalk with flashing beacons at Main Street and 103rd Avenue Northeast. Construction anticipated summer 2025

Sara Haile, shaile@bellevuewa.gov

Variety of city construction projects now in design, continued on page 10

Eastgate

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail—142nd Pl to 150th Ave SE: Construct next phase of the Mountains to Sound Greenway trail, with 12-foot paved pedestrian and bicycle trail from 142nd Place Southeast to 150th Avenue Southeast, including walls, storm improvements, grind and overlay. Construction anticipated summer 2025.
Chris Masek, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

150th Avenue SE (between SE 38th and Landerholm Circle): Add a new southbound general-purpose lane over I-90 with associated intersection improvements at Eastgate Way and SE 37th Street. Construction anticipated spring 2026.
Paul Krawczyk, pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov

Lake Hills

Bellevue College Multimodal Connection: Ten-foot-wide multi-use access path along enhanced two-way general purpose/transit lanes for improved transit service into the Bellevue College campus from Southeast 24th to 32nd streets. Preliminary design has been completed. Federal grant will be used for final design.
Paul Krawczyk, pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov

156th Ave SE and Lake Hills Blvd Traffic Signal: Replace all-way stop at Lake Hills Boulevard and 156th Avenue Southeast with a new traffic signal, including ADA ramp upgrades and pavement overlay. Construction anticipated summer 2024.
Chris Masek, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Main St and 156th Ave SE Traffic Signal Upgrades: Replace traffic signal at 156th Avenue Southeast and Main Street to add left turn signals with flashing yellow arrows on each approach, as well as ADA ramp upgrades and pavement overlay. Construction anticipated summer 2024.
Chris Masek, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

Kelsey Creek Culvert at Lake Hills Blvd.: Replace deteriorating Kelsey Creek culverts at Lake Hills Boulevard including relocation of 1,500 linear feet of 12- to 16-inch sewer and 800 linear feet of water lines. Construction anticipated fall 2025.
Bob York, ryork@bellevuewa.gov

North Sammamish Storm Conveyance: Replace portion of 36-inch storm conveyance that moves stormwater from Lake Hills Blvd. to West Lake Sammamish Pkwy across Sunich property. In predesign phase. Construction anticipated spring 2025.
Vicky Epp, vepp@bellevuewa.gov

Sewer Line Replacement : Replace a portion of the aging sewer line near 158th Avenue Southeast and Southeast 14th Street. Construction anticipated summer 2024.
Vanaja Rajah, vrajah@bellevuewa.gov

Newport

SE 54th Pl and SE 52nd St Sidewalks: Construct sidewalk along the north side of Southeast 54th Place, where missing, west of 119th Avenue Southeast and the south side of Southeast 52nd Street between 117th and 119th avenues. Parking on both streets will be preserved to the greatest extent possible. Construction anticipated summer 2024.
Olivia Aikala, oaikala@bellevuewa.gov

South Ridge Sewer Pump Station: Rehabilitation of sewer pump station and installation of 1,200 feet of force main east of I-405. Construction anticipated fall 2024.
Jim Stockwell, jstockwell@bellevuewa.gov

Northeast Bellevue

NE 28th St Traffic Calming: Install roadway narrowing and traffic calming measures on Northeast 28th Street from 164th Avenue Northeast to Ardmore Park. Preliminary design.
Rohit Ammanamanchi, rammanamanchi@bellevuewa.gov

2800 block of Bel-Red Road Crosswalk Improvements: Construct crosswalk at the trail crossing at the 2800 block of Bel-Red Rd, install traffic signal and lighting and construct new curb ramps. Construction anticipated summer 2024.
Julia Qian, jqian@bellevuewa.gov

NE 24th St and 171st Ave NE Crosswalk Improvements: Construct new crosswalk, install new flashing beacons, ADA ramp upgrades and pavement overlay. Construction anticipated summer 2024.
Julia Qian, jqian@bellevuewa.gov

Northwest Bellevue

112th Ave NE - NE 12 St to NE 24 St Street Lighting: Upgrade existing street lighting to meet current standard on 112th Ave NE between NE 12th St and NE 24th St. Construction anticipated fall 2024.
Chris Masek, cmasek@bellevuewa.gov

NE Eighth St Crosswalk Improvements: Add rapid flashing beacons and upgrade marked crossings at Northeast Eighth Street and 95th and 98th avenues. May also include sidewalk extensions, sidewalk repairs, drainage improvements and reconstruction of curb ramps if required. Construction anticipated summer 2025.
Brittany Quan, bquan@bellevuewa.gov

Cedar Terrace Sewer Pump Station Replacement: Replacing pump station with gravity sewer main that redirects wastewater to downstream sewer system near Cedar Terrace Apartment complex adjacent to 115th Avenue Northeast. Construction anticipated summer 2024.
Vanaja Rajah, vrajah@bellevuewa.gov

Somerset

Coal Creek Parkway Corridor Safety Improvements: Install a combination of roadside and overhead radar signs in four locations between Southeast 60th Street and Factoria Boulevard to discourage speeding. Between Southeast 66th Street and Factoria Boulevard, update lane markings and crosswalks and provide additional separation between vehicles and people walking, biking and rolling. Construction anticipated summer 2024.
Benjamin Wright, bmwright@bellevuewa.gov

Coal Creek Parkway Rockery Replacements: Replace 400 feet of rockery on the east side of Coal Creek Parkway just north of Forest Drive with a retaining wall and new sidewalk. Two additional rockeries between Forest Drive and Factoria Boulevard may also be replaced with retaining walls based on design studies. Construction anticipated summer 2025.
Benjamin Wright, bmwright@bellevuewa.gov

West Bellevue

South Bellevue Station Neighborhood Improvements: Construct sidewalks, landscaped areas, resurfacing pavement and storm drainage on Southeast 34th Street and 112th and 113th avenues. Implement traffic calming features on 112th Avenue Southeast from Bellevue Way Southeast to Southeast 34th Street.
Tim Kariel (sidewalks), tkariel@bellevuewa.gov and John Murphy (traffic calming), jmurphy@bellevuewa.gov

West Lake Sammamish

170th Pl Pressure Improvements: Installing 1,800 feet of 8- and 4-inch water main and pressure-reducing valve stations to address low water pressure and fire flow to the residents along 170th Place east of Weowna Park. Construction anticipated 2024.
Jim Stockwell, jstockwell@bellevuewa.gov

Wilburton

Lake Hills Connector and SE Eighth St. Improvements: Widen Lake Hills Connector, adding second northbound left-turn lane along at Southeast Eighth Street intersection to relieve traffic congestion and delays. Construction anticipated summer 2025.
Sara Haile, shaile@bellevuewa.gov



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Workshops and Lectures

Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.



Flowers and Fruit: Beginner Acrylic Painting

Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Create Your Own Lush Jungles and Deserts

Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.

Seven Sins of Garden Design

Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m.

Great Understory Trees for Pacific Northwest Gardens

Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.

Details, registration and additional offerings, including webinars, at BellevueBotanical.org/events

"Play Lab"

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre

Friday, March 15, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 16, 2 and 7 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th St.

BYT's first playwriting lab showcase for audiences 13+ will feature plays written by BYT's teen playwrights.

Free, with \$5 suggested donation

425-452-7155 or BellevueWA.gov/byt



Puget Sound Dahlia Association Tuber Sale

March 22 and 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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12001 Main St.

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March 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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NorthwestPerennialAlliance.org

"Storybook Series"

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre

Friday, March 29, 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 30, 2 and 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 6, 2 and 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 7, 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre
16051 NE 10th St.

BYT's first play for the very young (ages 2-7), an interactive theater experience featuring two popular tales: "Rapunzel" and "The Frog Prince," plus pre-show activities, dances and a sing-along.



\$12 per ticket | \$8 live streaming links

425-452-7155 or BellevueWA.gov/byt

Northwestern Chapter of the N. American Rock Garden Society Annual Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden
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nargsnw.org

Experience Bellevue

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m.-noon

City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE

Visit with City Councilmembers, several tours of Bellevue.

Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

BelRed and Wilburton walking tours

Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m.-noon

City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE

City Hall tours, activities with Police, Fire and Transportation.

Free with registration

neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov

Kelsey Creek Sheep Shearing

Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm
410 130th Pl. SE

Shearing, spinning demos, children's activities, tractor-pulled wagon rides and food.

Free admission.

Costs vary for food and activities.

425-452-7688 or

kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov



"The Phantom Tollbooth"

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre

Friday, April 19, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 20, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 21, 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 27, 2 and 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 28, 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre
16051 NE 10th St.

\$12 per ticket. No live streaming.

425-452-7155 or BellevueWA.gov/byt



"The Tempest"

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre

Friday, May 3, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, 2 and 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre
16051 NE 10th St.

\$12 per ticket | \$8 live streaming links

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Northwest Perennial Alliance Plant Sale

Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.

Featuring unique landscape plants from small nurseries and specialty growers.

Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, May 18, 3 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden
12001 Main St.

Garden Party Community Concert featuring chamber, small group and solo performances from students.

BYSO.org/concerts

"Once on This Island Jr."

Presented by Bellevue Youth Theatre

Friday, May 17, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 18, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 19, 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 25, 2 and 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 26, 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre
16051 NE 10th St.


\$12 per ticket | \$8 live streaming links

425-452-7155 or BellevueWA.gov/byt



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More Keep Bellevue Beautiful cleanups this spring

By SARINA MILLER
 Keep Bellevue Beautiful Coordinator

After six community cleanups last year that resulted in the collection of 196 bags of litter from Bellevue rights of way, the Keep Bellevue Beautiful campaign continues in 2024 with cleanups this spring at Newport, Wilburton and Eastgate.



Coming this summer, the related Adopt-a-Street program will launch, allowing individuals and neighborhood groups and businesses to work together to keep Bellevue streets clean.

Volunteers are key to the Keep Bellevue Beautiful campaign, as 320 people generously contributed a combined total of 640 hours in 2023. Their efforts keeping our streets and streams clean are much appreciated!

In the spring, the following cleanups are:

- **Newport Neighborhood Area Signature Street Event:** Saturday, March 16, 9-10 a.m., beginning at Newport Swim and Tennis Club, 5464 119th Ave. SE
- **Earth Day Cleanup Event in Wilburton Neighborhood Area:** Saturday, April 20, 9-10 a.m., beginning at Bellevue School District transportation office, 12025 NE Fifth St.
- **Eastgate Neighborhood Area Signature Street Event:** Saturday, May 11, 9-10 a.m., beginning at Redeemer Church, 15005 SE 38th St.

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