

# Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

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## Apply now for Neighborhood Partnerships funding

Applications are being accepted for matching grants from Bellevue's Neighborhood Partnerships program – a new and expanded version of the popular Neighborhood Match.

Three types of matching grants are now available for residents willing to spend time and a little bit of money on ideas to improve safety, appearance and livability of their neighborhoods:

◆ **Grants for physical improvements** – Up to \$5,000 in matching funds is available for small neighborhood improvements – landscaping, neighborhood entries, community mailbox stands, etc. The neighborhood match can be provided in cash or in volunteer labor.

◆ **Grants for neighborhood fitness/clean-up projects** – Matching funds are available to defray the expense of neighborhood efforts to de-clutter, spruce up, and improve overall appearance of the community. Clean-up packages can include community garage sales, charity drives, junk collection and associated activities – including celebrations of success!

◆ **Mini Grants for neighborhood organizing** – Neighbors seeking to organize or revitalize their neighborhood association can apply for matching funds up to \$250 to help with mailing, promotion, etc.

Neighborhood Outreach staff are available to provide advice and assistance with all grant-funded projects. The total of matching funds available has doubled this year – from \$50,000 to \$100,000. But interested neighborhood groups should not delay; the deadline for initial applications is April 15.

For more information, or to receive application materials, call Neighborhood Outreach at 425-452-6836, e-mail [NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov) or see the web site at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-outreach-intro.htm>.



Above, Horizon Crest neighbors show off their improved entry. Below, Ivanhoe neighbors work to spruce things up.



## Comment on new street design

The City of Bellevue will hold an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, on the proposed NE 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Street project in the Bel-Red area. The new street is being designed for a variety of transportation users, including motorists, light rail passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Attendees can learn about, and comment upon, a roadway design that would accommodate future growth in the area, and would integrate with the planned East Link light rail route. Two light rail stations are proposed along NE 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Street – at 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and at 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, with a Park & Ride proposed at the 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue station. The open house will take place in the first floor concourse of City Hall. For more information

contact Rick Logwood, Project Manager, 425-452-6858 or [rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:rlogwood@bellevuewa.gov). Additional information is available on the project web page at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-15th-street-construction.htm>

## Water main work closes lanes

Bellevue Utilities Department is replacing water main and large commercial meters on SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from 101<sup>st</sup> to 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE in preparation for a major King County sewer project. During the work, on-street parking will not be allowed on NE 3<sup>rd</sup> and only local one-way eastbound traffic will be permitted. At times during the 4-5-week city project, residents will be notified of temporary driveway blockages and water service interruptions. Work hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, contact Rick Pedersen, 425-452-6977 or [rpedersen@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:rpedersen@bellevuewa.gov).

**Save the Date:** Wednesday, April 6, is the first part of the two-part Bellevue Neighborhoods Forum. Come hear a nationally recognized speaker, join your neighbors in a stimulating follow-up discussion, and enjoy refreshments and networking. The Neighborhoods Forum Part One is scheduled for 7 p.m. at City Hall. Watch this publication for details, or call Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-6836.

## February 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.)*

- 2/1 Arts Commission** (4:00, 1E-109) Report from 4Culture about “Gnome,” a new art installation; review of Funding Guidelines for 2011; overview of “Enhanced Rights of Way and Urban Boulevards” project; discussion of non-monetary ways of supporting local arts groups [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm)
- 2/1 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Regular meeting to review current Community Council Rules and Procedures [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm)
- 2/1 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Presentation on the Cultural Diversity Plan update, update on the Census [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)
- 2/2 Open House meeting on NE 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Street design** (5-7 p.m., Concourse) See article above for details
- 2/3 Bellevue Network on Aging** (8:30-10:30 a.m., 1E-112) Eastside Time Bank Program update, Committee reports, other Boards/Commissions reports, staff reports. [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm)
- 2/3 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-112) Storm Comp Plan – Policies [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/environ\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/environ_serv_comm.htm)
- 2/3 Eastgate/I-90 Citizen Advisory Committee** (5:30, 1E-108) <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/eastgate-corridor.htm>
- 2/7 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Continued discussion of Hearing Examiner’s Findings, Conclusions and Recommendation regarding proposed Wilburton Local Improvement District (LID); update on alternative considerations for NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street Extension (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA), Performing Arts Uses LUCA, Nonconforming Lot Building Heights LUCA [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)
- 2/8 Parks & Community Services Board** (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm)
- 2/9 Planning Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program Update [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)
- 2/14 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) East Link B7 Concept update
- 2/15 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Agenda to be determined
- 2/21 President’s Day Holiday** – All city offices closed
- 2/22 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) 2011 Arts Funding Guidelines, 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Street project (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, continued discussion of Helistop Conditional Use Permit [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)
- 2/23 Planning Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program Update, Accessory Dwelling Unit code amendment [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)
- 2/28 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Regional issues [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)