

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

May 2008

SPRING FORWARD EXPO *Projects affecting your future*

THURSDAY, MAY 15

4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

City Hall Concourse
450 110th Ave. NE

Spring Forward Expo is your opportunity to learn more about downtown construction,

the Bel-Red corridor project, possible light rail, I-405 widening, the pedestrian and bicycle transportation plan, new parks, larger neighborhood projects and much more.

Staff will be on hand at the *Spring Forward Expo* to share information on more than 40 projects happening in Bellevue right now. Come check out the plans and illustrations for these important projects, talk one-on-one with city staff, ask questions and provide the City with your comments. Refreshments and free parking will be provided.

Questions? Contact Tresa Berg, Transportation Department Public Involvement Manager, 425-452-4638 or tberg@bellevuewa.gov.

Next steps for Neighborhood Character Phase Two

The City is exploring ways to address the impacts of infill and redevelopment on neighborhood character in two phases. In December 2007, based on several months of research and public discussion, the City adopted Phase One regulatory changes, and is considering more changes in Phase Two, to address neighborhood concerns about:

- Loss of trees and greenscape;
- Loss of privacy and sunlight due to out-of-scale development; and,
- Impacts of construction activity.

Phase Two research and outreach efforts are continuing through May. Staff is *tentatively* scheduled to discuss Phase Two intervention options with the Planning Commission on Wednesday, May 14, during the Commission's regular meeting, which starts at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

For up-to-date meeting information, please call Neighborhood Outreach (425) 452-6836 or check the Neighborhood Character website (<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-character.htm>).

Your comments and questions are welcome. Please call (425) 452-6836 or e-mail Neighborhood Outreach (NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov) any time.



New approach for Neighborhood Enhancement

Starting with West Lake Hills on May 15, Bellevue's popular Neighborhood Enhancement Program will take a slight detour on its path to building citizen-selected neighborhood improvement projects. Much of the process will remain the same: residents will receive a newsletter inviting them to propose projects for NEP funding; requests that are eligible for funding will be discussed in a project workshop, residents will vote for favorites, and the City will build the neighborhood's top priorities.

The detour will occur early in the process – shortly after the initial mailing. To stimulate more project ideas and more public discussion, NEP will hold a preliminary workshop. The purpose is to provide information that will help residents identify potential NEP projects, and to give residents a chance to talk with neighbors about their ideas for local improvements.

Marking its 20th anniversary in 2008, NEP is designed to involve residents in the identification and selection of small capital projects that they believe will enhance the livability, aesthetics or safety of their neighborhoods. Through NEP, each neighborhood has an opportunity – every three years – to select projects for City funding. As a result of NEP, numerous projects including sidewalks, trails, new playground equipment, parks improvements, landscaping, and streetlights have been constructed throughout the city.

The introductory workshop for West Lake Hills is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at Lake Hills Elementary School. For more information, contact Ron Matthew at rmatthew@bellevuewa.gov or 452-4075, or check the web site to view the NEP schedule for your area.

Spring cleaning helps beautify neighborhoods

Following unprecedented April snow flurries, May is sure to bring some welcome sunshine along with the urge to dig in the garden and clean out the garage. On June 7, both Woodridge and Newport Hills residents will gather to do some spring cleaning in their neighborhoods.

In Woodridge, neighbors will clean up winter storm debris that has cluttered their entrance the past several months. The Newport Hills community will host a neighborhood garage sale and "get rid of junk" event, followed by a community celebration. Whether it is individuals beautifying their homes and landscaping or neighborhood residents working as a team to improve neighborhood fitness, it's a great time of year to get outside and tackle those projects.



May meetings

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

5/1 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30 a.m., 1E-120) Discussion on elder abuse and neglect, Kirkland Senior Council meeting report, Bellevue Network on Aging marketing, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Scam Power Point presentation http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

5/1 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-112) Conservation & Outreach Events & Volunteer Opportunities; Light Rail Best Practices Committee Draft Report; Bel-Red Corridor Project implementation; Utility Capital Investment Program (CIP) update for 2009-2015 – potential changes to existing projects and new project proposals http://www.bellevuewa.gov/envIRON_serv_comm.htm

5/5 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Overview and discussion of key financial policies and issues; update on development of a successor agreement to the existing Bellevue-Redmond-Overlake Transportation Study (BROTS) Agreement (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Proclaiming May as National Older Americans Month, City Manager's Report on Bellevue Network on Aging, reappointments to the Bellevue Convention Center Authority, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement on Auditing Standards, Consent Calendar, limited public hearing on the Hearing Examiner decision concerning the application of D.R.Horton http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

5/6 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse) Department report related to Bel-Red planning efforts and potential changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Code
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

5/6 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Public hearing on human services needs and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

5/6 Light Rail Best Practices Committee (6:30, 1E-108) Committee review and discussion on the draft best practices report http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/light_rail_best_practices_info.htm

5/7 Cole Property Public Meeting (5:00, 1E-108) Discussion of proposed Planned Unit Development consisting of 17 single family homes on 5.54-acres site at 6114 164th Ave. SE

5/8 St. Louise Parish School Public Meeting (6:00, 1E-118) Opportunity to comment on proposed Administrative Conditional Use Permit for a phased master plan for a church and private school – to include a new school building and revised parking

5/8 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) public hearing; Concurrency Model Platform Update; Light Rail Best Practices Draft Report; TFP and CIP project lists
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

5/12 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Arts program funding and performance measures, Bel-Red update, Operating Budget overview and survey results, Electric Reliability, continued discussion on Hearing Examiner's Recommendation concerning the application of Dennis Johnson, Freemantle Development Group (Enclave at Fox Glen) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

5/13 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

5/14 Youth Link Board (6:00, 1E-120) Youth Link Community Leadership Awards
http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/youth_link_board.htm

5/14 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Public hearing on 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, hearing on Light Rail Best Practices Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Neighborhood Character Phase Two discussion (tentative) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

5/19 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) CIP budget overview, Sound Transit NE 15th routing discussion, update on project list in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, Coal Creek Rezone (Hearing Examiner's report) (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, first public hearing on the 2009-2010 budget and 2009-2015 CIP http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

5/20 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

5/20 Light Rail Best Practices Committee (6:30, 1E-112) Committee review and discussion on the draft best practices report http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/light_rail_best_practices_info.htm

5/22 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) TFP and CIP update, Impact Fees
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

5/26 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) status report on I-405 corridor, update on Light Rail Best Practices Committee, regional issues, public hearing on sale of eCityGov intellectual property
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

5/28 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Bel-Red public hearing, Comprehensive Plan-related code amendments http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

5/29 Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan Steering Committee (5:00, 1E-108) Resumption of planning for the new waterfront park at Meydenbauer Bay (NOTE: meeting is tentative, please check the project website as the date nears) www.bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer_project_intro.htm



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