

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

April 2007

School zones are getting safer

The City's Transportation Department has been working with a number of Bellevue School District Elementary Schools to improve traffic safety in school zones. Some of the improvements are already completed, and some are in progress.

- **Enatai Elementary** – Flashing beacons and *20 mph When Flashing* signing installed
- **New signs** – Upgrade of school zone signing applied so far to about 2/3 of the elementary school zones
- **Trips to School** – Program underway at six elementary schools to reduce traffic congestion during pick-up and drop-off times
- **Stevenson Elementary** – Improvement of pedestrian safety in front of Stevenson – installing flashing beacons on mast arms over NE 8th; also intersection and crosswalk improvement at NE 8th Street and 143rd Avenue NE funded by a federal Safe Routes To School Grant
- **Sunset Elementary** – Flashing beacons on overhead mast arms to be installed over West Lake Sammamish Parkway.



For more information on pedestrian safety or on any of these projects, please contact Rebecca Rodni, Neighborhood Services Project Manager, at 452-6160 or rrodni@bellevuewa.gov.

Interested in serving on a board or commission?

You could be using your talents and experience to explore important community issues and weigh in on decisions that affect the future of Bellevue and its neighborhoods. During the month of April, the city is seeking candidates for upcoming vacancies on several key boards and commissions.

Applications are invited for the:

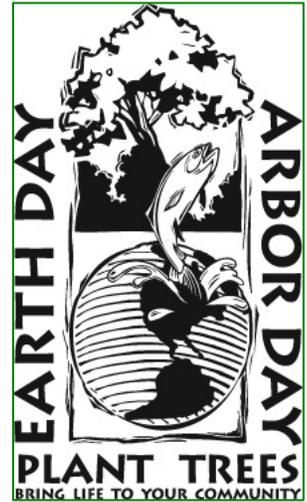
- **Planning Commission** – An advisory board responsible for review and update of the Comprehensive Plan, review of land use ordinances, regulations and potential annexations – meets Wednesday evenings.
- **Transportation Commission** – Advising the City Council on transportation plans, regulations, projects and funding – meeting on the second and fourth Thursday evenings.
- **Parks & Community Services Board** – Advising on the operation and expansion of parks and recreation programs and facilities – meeting on the second Tuesday evening.
- **Human Services Commission** – A commission responsible for developing and presenting human services issues for the City Council – meets on the first and third Tuesday evenings.
- **Environmental Services Commission** – Advising the City Council with regard to city water, sewer, storm and surface water and solid waste programs – meeting on the first Thursday evening.
- **Bellevue Regional Library Board** – An advisory body to the King County Library System – meets on the third Tuesday afternoon.

Interested persons may download application forms from the web site at www.bellevuewa.gov, call 452-6466 to have one faxed to you, or pick them up at City Hall, Crossroads Mini City Hall, Lake Hills Library or the Bellevue Regional Library.

Celebrate the earth on April 21

Saturday April 21 will find hundreds of Bellevue residents taking part in Earth Day/Arbor Day activities in their neighborhoods and across the community. Some will be cleaning up yards, planting trees, and manicuring common areas, while others will join in the City-hosted festivities at Lewis Creek Park.

From 8:30 a.m. to noon, an estimated 300 volunteers will participate in park enhancement projects at several Bellevue park sites including Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lewis Creek will host a variety of activities, including nature-oriented arts and crafts, live music by Brazilian guitarist Marco de Carvalho, environmental displays and information, and the planting of the official Arbor Day Tree.



As part of the Earth Day/Arbor Day observance, students are invited to create poster art that illustrates the importance of trees. Arbor Day art created by students from Eastgate and Phantom Lake schools will be displayed April 1-May 1 at the Bellevue Arts Museum, 510 Bellevue Way NE, and Whole Foods Market, 88 116th Ave. NE.

To volunteer for park enhancement projects, call 425-452-7225. For more information about Bellevue's Earth Day /Arbor Day celebrations, call Debbie Pettersson, Bellevue Park Ranger at 425-452-7106 or e-mail DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov.

Lake Hills church to host next tent city

A west Lake Hills church will host the next encampment of Tent City IV beginning May 16, if the congregation succeeds in obtaining the required city permit.

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection is seeking a Temporary Encampment Permit to accommodate homeless individuals at a "tent city" on church property at 15220 Main St. If approved, the permit would allow the encampment of up to 100 adults for a maximum of 60 days. Bellevue's permit requirements also impose conditions related to public health, safety, and screening from nearby residents. A public meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 2 at the church, and the public comment period ends April 5.

Bellevue seeks input on "Walk and Roll" plan

There's still time to tell the city what you think about Bellevue's bicycle and walking facilities – and to identify improvements that would encourage you to make more use of bike-friendly and pedestrian-friendly paths, lanes or trails.

The city has posted two online surveys (one focused on walkways and one on bikeways) as a first step in gathering input to update its Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan, dubbed "Walk and Roll 2007." The two surveys are posted at www.bellevuewa.gov/pedbikeplan.htm until April 10. For more information, contact the project manager, Franz Loewenherz, at 425-452-4077 or FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov.

Neighborhood character, livability on agenda

The City Council will continue its discussion of three Neighborhood Livability issues – including neighborhood maintenance, neighborhood redevelopment impacts on residential character, and neighborhood sidewalk needs – during its April 16 study session. The issues were identified based on the number of concerns and comments from residents during the past couple of years.

To address the concerns, the City Council has directed that resources from Neighborhood Outreach and Code Compliance be directed to researching and proposing solutions. The April 16 meeting will be staff's second quarterly update to Council since the Neighborhood Livability Action Agenda was approved on Sept. 25. For more information, contact Cheryl Kuhn, ckuhn@bellevuewa.gov or 452-4089.

April 2007 meetings

(All meetings in City Hall unless otherwise noted)

- 4/2 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) (8:00 regular meeting, Council Chambers) Sound Transit East Link planning process; Supplemental CIP (Capital Investment Program); Great Streets element of Downtown mobility program (8:00 regular meeting, Council Chambers) Earth/Arbor Day proclamation; Consent Calendar; approval of application of 2R Development Group LLC (Rozenblat Townhouses); adoption of 2006 CPAs
- 4/2 Tent City public meeting** (6:30, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection) Meeting on application for temporary encampment application (See above for more information)
- 4/3 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, Conference Room 1E-112) Internet utility bill presentment and payment, Municipal NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Phase II Permit Issuance & Appeal, West Nile Virus
- 4/3 Human Services Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room 1E-113) Public hearing on Human Services Needs; update on CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding for 2008
- 4/3 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse) Courtesy hearing on the Hancock/Muren proposed rezone; discussion of potential redevelopment of the Kelsey Creek Center
- 4/4 Somerset Neighborhood Enhancement Workshop** (7:00, Somerset Elementary School gym, 14100 Somerset Blvd. SE) Opportunity to discuss local projects proposed for city funding through the Neighborhood Enhancement Program
- 4/5 Network on Aging** (8:30 a.m., Conference Room 120) Discussion of Older Americans Month, committee reports
- 4/5 Sound Transit East Link Workshop** (4:00-7:00, Highland Community Center) Opportunity to learn about proposed light rail routes and stations on the Eastside, and provide feedback on the project (RSVP requested: eastlink@soundtransit.org or 206-370-5516)
- 4/9 City Council** (6:00 extended study session) Eastside Arts Partnership funding recommendations; Parks CIP update; Economic Development program plan; King County Parks Task Force funding recommendations; state I-405 Nickel Project update
- 4/10 Parks & Community Services Board** (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined
- 4/11 Planning Commission** (7:00, Council Conference Room) Study session on Electrical Facilities/Utilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan, Wilburton/NE 8th Study, Meydenbauer Bay project
- 4/16 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Neighborhood Livability Action Agenda; supplemental CIP; Diversity presentation/Inclusive Communities (8:00 regular meeting, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar
- 4/17 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113 Council Conference Room) Briefing on immigrant and refugee issues; e.g., ESL, Cultural Navigator Pilot, demographics
- 4/18 Electrical Facilities Open House** (4:30-6:30) Informational Open House sponsored by Planning and Community Development Department for the Electrical Facilities Update to the Utilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan (for more information contact Paul Inghram, pingham@bellevuewa.gov or 452-4070, or Nicholas Matz, nmatz@bellevuewa.gov or 452-5371.)
- 4/23 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Regional issues
- 4/25 Bel-Red Steering Committee** (4:00, Council Conference Room) Consideration of preliminary preferred alternative
- 4/25 Planning Commission** (7:00, Council Conference Room) Public hearing on Wilburton/NE 8th Study; study session on Community Retail Design Guidelines
- 4/26 Transportation Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Tentative agenda: Sound Transit/RTID briefing; Northup Way CIP project overview; Neighborhood Sidewalks, continued; Transportation Improvement Plan, continued, Downtown projects briefing; Downtown Circulator briefing.

(Note: Agendas are subject to change. Please feel free to confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting.)