

Neighborhood News



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Third 'Great Community' Workshop:

How to plan, organize and complete your neighborhood projects

The "How To" of *Neighborhood Projects* is the topic for Bellevue's third Great Community Workshop Thursday, Dec. 11, 7-9 p.m. at Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-108. The evening begins with a 15-minute informal "meet and mingle" with refreshments. The presentation will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Patricia Knight and Ron Matthew, coordinators of the Neighborhood Match and Neighborhood Enhancement programs, will share their expertise on how to get tangible projects done in your neighborhood. What qualifies for matching funds? How does Neighborhood Enhancement work? When does NEP come to your neighborhood?

Your questions on the navigation of both large and small projects through the City system will be answered in this practical "How To" workshop. Neighborhood leaders Vicky Minzel and Kathy Mead of Westwood Highlands will present concrete examples of what works. Join in an audience brainstorming session on project ideas and find out how they fit into the system.

Future workshops are scheduled for Thursday evenings, Jan. 8, Feb. 5 and March 12. An RSVP is preferred for each workshop but last minute attendees are welcome. To RSVP or for more information, contact Julie Ellenhorn at 452-5372 or see <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/great-community-workshops.htm>.

Neighbors, students, City join hands to save salmon

On an autumn Sunday, Nov. 9, a group of community volunteers completed a salmon restoration project at a 1.5-acre location of Hidden Creek in the 12700 block of NE 8th St. Since this summer, community members have worked this small site to make a big difference for local salmon habitat.



Over the summer, volunteers and staff removed illegal dumping and cleared invasive plants. They also planted nearly 5,000 trees, shrubs and ground covers to protect mature trees and provide stream buffers.

The project is a partnership of the City of Bellevue's Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) and Parks & Community Services. Residents in the Wilburton Neighborhood Enhancement Area requested it as a proposed NEP improvement and then voted for it as their highest priority project. Supplemental funding in the form of a King County Wildlife Grant made the project possible. Volunteers included students from Bellevue Christian High School and neighbors from the adjacent Hidden Creek Condominium Association.

Regional jail location to be discussed

Six sites have been identified as potential locations for the a new regional jail to serve 23 local cities including Bellevue and Seattle. Under discussion are three potential sites in Seattle, as well as one in Bellevue (555 116th Ave. NE), one in Shoreline and one in unincorporated King County. Cities are studying the alternatives and preparing to select a preferred site in 2010.

The North/East Cities Municipal Jail planning group has scheduled a series of December meetings to provide information and hear public feedback about four of the potential sites. On Monday, Dec. 15, the group will host a public forum focusing on Bellevue's potential site. The forum will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. in Rooms 404-405 of Meydenbauer Center, 11100 NE 6th St. A scoping meeting for the site is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Jan. 15, also at Meydenbauer Center. For more information, see <http://www.necmunicipaljail.org/>.

Wilburton next in line for Enhancement

Residents of the Wilburton NEP area will receive NEP newsletters and Customer Action Request cards before the first of December. The deadline for project requests is Dec. 19. After projects are reviewed for eligibility as proposed NEP projects, they will be presented at a workshop in April, date and location to be announced.

December 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.)

12/1 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Update on Downtown Circulator and Rapid Ride programs, Neighborhood Livability Action Agenda update on Neighborhood Fitness Element and Planning Commission recommendations on the Neighborhood Character Program Phase Two (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Recognition of Presidential Volunteer Award Recipients, Consent Calendar, rezone application of Children's Hospital, approval of merger between Residence East and Alpha Supported Living Services, adoption of 2009-2010 Operating Budget and 2009-2015 Capital Investment Program Plan and related legislation http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

12/2 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

12/4 Public hearing on Meydenbauer Townhomes (7:00, Council Chambers) Land use approval for proposed Planned Unit Development to include 22 units on .81 acre at 312 101st Ave. SE

12/8 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Federal legislative agenda, Sound Transit East Link Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) update, Multifamily tax exemption, A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) Spring Housing Trust Fund recommendations (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers)

Management briefs on Bellevue Golf Course and Emergency Preparedness Award, Consent Calendar http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

12/2 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Debrief 2009-2010 human services funding process, reserve fund request http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

12/4 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-112) 2010 work plan discussion http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

12/10 Youth Link Board (6:00, 1E-120) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/youth_link_board.htm

12/10 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Human services needs update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

12/11 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

12/15 Public forum on regional jail (6-9 p.m., Meydenbauer Center Rm. 404) Opportunity to get information, comment on potential sites for regional jail (See related article)

12/16 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Annual Parks & Community Services Board and Human Services Commission Appreciation Dinner http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

12/25 Christmas Day – all city offices closed

