

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

November 2008

Big houses, vacant houses back on Council agenda

Again this month, the City Council will consider whether to pursue regulations to reduce the impacts of large new houses, vacant houses, and lengthy construction projects in residential areas.

Resuming their discussion of Neighborhood Character on Monday, Nov. 24, Council members will review staff and Planning Commission recommendations to:

- Establish development standards for houses exceeding a certain height and/or size-in-proportion-to-lot-size threshold, in order to protect the privacy and daylight access of neighboring homes;
- Require backyard placement, or sound screening, of mechanical equipment at new or remodeled homes;
- Revise remodeling construction hours to end at 8:00 p.m.;
- Reduce building permit lifespan from three to two years; and
- Establish maintenance standards for vacant houses and abandoned construction sites.



The Nov. 24 Council meeting gets underway at 6 p.m. in the Council Conference Room. For more information, contact Neighborhood Outreach at 452-6836 or see the website, <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-character.htm>.

Second 'Great Community' Workshop focuses on communication

The Importance of Communication in Your Neighborhood is the theme for the second Great Community Workshop, scheduled Thursday, Nov. 13, 7-9 p.m. at Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-108. Sherry Grindeland, journalist, community activist and current Media Relations Coordinator of Evergreen Healthcare, will facilitate an interactive discussion on basic communications techniques that get people involved and successfully spread the word.



The evening begins with a 15-minute informal "meet and mingle" with refreshments. Ms. Grindeland's presentation will get underway at 7:15. Three neighborhood leaders – Joe Rosmann of Surrey Downs, Gina Milano of Wilburton and Eric Dawes of Horizon Heights – will round out the program with a panel discussion of neighborhood websites, on-line forums, newsletters and other helpful communications tools.

More than 30 neighborhood leaders participated in the Oct. 23 workshop on *Mobilizing, Organizing and Sustaining Strong Neighborhoods*. Future workshops are scheduled for Thursday evenings, Dec. 11, 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 <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/great-community-workshops.htm>

NE 10th Street bridge girder work to close I-405 lanes at night

Construction workers for the state Department of Transportation will take a major step toward completing the new NE 10th Street Bridge over Interstate 405 when steel girders are hoisted into place later this month. The

project will require closing both southbound and northbound I-405, but not at the same time. Area ramp and lane closures also will be needed.

The work is scheduled to take place from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. on 12 weekday nights starting Nov. 10 and ending Nov. 25. Detours onto city streets will be needed during the construction. Exact information on times, dates and detour routes will be posted prior to the closures.

For more information visit the project web page at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/i405/NE10thStreet>. When finished by the fall of 2009, the new bridge will provide a direct connection between downtown Bellevue and the city's growing hospital district, and relieve congestion on busy NE Eighth Street.



'Home Sweet Home' – how to stay home and stay healthy

City Hall will host a resource fair Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for senior citizens who want to stay healthy and stay in their own homes. "Home Sweet Home" is the theme for the event, featuring booths staffed by more than 40 vendors, and a variety of workshops focusing on senior health and lifestyle. For more information, contact Senior Care at 425-688-5800.

November 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.)

11/3 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Status report on cultural arts funding earmarks for KidsQuest, Bellevue Arts Museum and Performing Arts Center Eastside; discussion of the Operating Budget (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Management briefs regarding Energy Star Award and the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) 20th Anniversary Celebration; Consent Calendar

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

11/5 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse) Update on the Lake Hills Shopping Center redevelopment project presented by Oscar Del Moro of Cosmos Development

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

11/5 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Community Trade and Economic Development (CTED) short course http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

11/6 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-112) Budget review public hearing and rate recommendation http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

11/6 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30 a.m., 1E-120) 2008 Work plan updates, Legislative Conference report, presentation on identity theft, discussion on December meeting/celebration, East King County Aging Providers Coalition Report, Nominating Committee Report http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

11/10 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Capital budget discussion, long range capital project discussion with Downtown Circulator and Rapid Ride Program updates, and Bel-Red Subarea Plan http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

11/11 Veterans' Day (Observed) All city offices closed

11/12 Youth Link Board (6:00, 1E-121) Agenda to be determined

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/youth_link_board.htm

11/13 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Capital Investment Program (CIP)/Transportation Facility Plan (TFP) non-motorized project list wrap-up, Transportation Management Program (TMP) recommendations to revise TMP code, Sharrow Demonstration Project update

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

11/13 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, 1E-112) Agenda to be determined

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

11/13 The Great Community Workshop Series—A Roadmap for Creating & Maintaining Vibrant Neighborhoods (7:00, 1E-108) The second of six monthly community workshops sponsored by the City of Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Team. Topic: The Importance of Communication in Your Neighborhood <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/great-community-workshops.htm>

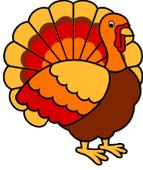
11/17 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Budget discussions on utilities rates and operating/capital plans, Development Services rates (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, third public hearing on 2009-2010 Operating Budget and 2009-2015 CIP

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

11/18 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

11/19 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Ped-Bike Plan update, 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPA) public hearing http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm



11/24 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Regional issues, budget discussion, Neighborhood Character Phase Two recommendations of the Planning

Commission http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

11/27 Thanksgiving Day – all city offices closed

11/28 Day After Thanksgiving – Crossroads Mini City Hall open 10-6, other city offices closed

Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Office offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, call 452-6836.