



# ENHANCE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

*Neighborhood groups are often looking for ways to help neighbors meet and connect beyond the traditional neighborhood meeting. Bring your neighbors together to participate in a learning community! Educational Workshops are now available on request (day or evening) for neighborhood meetings and gatherings. Programs can be customized in length and content for your neighborhood group. Bookings are limited and a minimum two week notice is requested to ensure staff availability.*

## **Topics:**

### **BUILDING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

This workshop is made-to-order for your neighborhood association. Whether you are just starting out, are long established and need re-vitalization and re-organization, or just need some assistance with governance, mentoring leaders or increasing membership and involvement, Neighborhood Outreach staff will work with your group to tailor a training(s) to meet your specific needs. We can help you recharge and determine next steps to ensure your neighborhood association is strong.

### **THE CHANGING FACE OF BELLEVUE**

Diversity is growing in Bellevue, with the 2010 census measuring 41% minority population in Bellevue. Grab some popcorn and view the City of Bellevue's 8 minute video "The Diversity Advantage" with your neighbors, followed by small group discussions on diversity in your own neighborhood. What are the challenges and opportunities that being a diverse community present? How can neighbors effectively communicate and learn from each other in a multi-cultural world? How can neighbors overcome language and cultural barriers? What can we learn about the messages we send and how can we understand cultural cues and norms?

**45-60 minutes, ideal for groups of 10+**

## FORMING OUR FUTURE

Learn interesting facts about the Bellevue community, environment, and the local economy-- then add your group's ideas to help shape Bellevue's future. A discussion guide containing questions about your vision for the future of Bellevue can be staff- or self-guided. Comments received before fall 2014 will be included in the City's Comprehensive Plan update.

**45-60 minutes, 10 to 15 participants**

## ADDRESSING NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS

Are you annoyed by cars speeding down your block? Have you ever wanted to put up a "Children at Play" sign to tell drivers that your neighborhood is filled with young children playing in their yards? Traffic and parking issues on residential streets can greatly affect your sense of community and personal well-being. Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services works with residents to help protect and preserve neighborhood livability by utilizing education, enforcement, and engineering. These efforts help to minimize cut-through traffic, discourage excessive vehicle speeds, encourage safe walking and biking practices, and reduce overflow parking. Learn how you and your neighbors can become actively engaged in this process and look at the available tools for addressing your concerns.

**30 minutes, minimum 10 participants**

## LIFE OF A TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN (CIP) PROJECT

Have you ever wondered how those roadway projects become reality? Join the journey of the "Life of a Transportation Project"— from idea to actual construction, with all stops in between. For example, building a sidewalk is more than just concrete. Residents will learn about the many codes, standards, public outreach, and other technical aspects that all transportation projects must comply with a before a project breaks ground.

**60 minutes, minimum 10 participants**

## HANDLING A DIFFICULT CONVERSATION WITH NEIGHBORS

Got a conflict with your neighbor? Need some coaching to communicate with your neighbor about trees, views, parking, noise, fences? Interested in approaching your neighbor to find a mutually agreeable solution before a problem escalates? Do you need to feel heard by your neighbor and want an opportunity for skill building? The Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation program provides these services and has a high success rate of bringing neighbors to resolution. In this participatory workshop you will learn tools to improve your people skills and enhance your neighbor to neighbor relationships.

**60-120 minutes Minimum 10 participants**

## RESOLVING GROUP CONFLICTS (BEFORE THEY DIVIDE YOUR COMMUNITY)

Some neighborhood disputes affect many households -- what to do about properties that aren't maintained or whether to revive a dormant homeowner's association. When neighborhood factions form, these controversies can divide formerly happy communities. But they don't have to...your neighborhood can address these controversies so that everyone has input and the decision is seen as fair. A positive process can strengthen your community. Improve your skills: get the right people to the table; insure negotiators have the necessary information and that everyone stays informed; identify mutual gains and use consensus decision making; and, if necessary, get Board approval for the decision.

**60 minutes, minimum 10 participants**

## ACTIONS FOR A GREENER FUTURE

We've all heard about the impacts of climate change at regional, national, and global scales. But what can we do here in Bellevue -- in our homes and neighborhoods - to mitigate the impacts? Join your neighbors for a workshop to learn what the city is doing to reduce greenhouse emissions, discuss what activities your neighborhood can participate in, and detail your community vision of a greener future.

Workshop highlights include cutting edge practices adopted by the city that save money while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, products and practices for your daily routine that can help your household save money and reduce your impact, community resources such as rain gardens, electric vehicle infrastructure, P-patches, and recycling options that contribute to a smaller community footprint and greener neighborhoods.

**60 minutes, minimum 10 participants**

## WAYS TO SURVIVE: HOW TO GET PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

When disasters strike in other parts of the world, it's natural to start thinking, "What if?" We can't control what emergencies might come our way, but we CAN control how we respond to them. During this presentation, we will discuss the hazards and risks that affect Bellevue, how to build kits and make plans for your home and workplace, ways to get involved with your neighbors and hear an overview of emergency response team functions.

**45-60 minutes, minimum 20 participants**

**For more information or to reserve a program speaker  
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