

# Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

December 2010

## City holiday schedules announced

City Hall and most city facilities will be closed Friday through Sunday for both the Christmas weekend (Dec. 24-26) and the New Year weekend (Dec. 31-Jan. 2). But other locations will continue to operate for at least part of the holiday weekends.



- ❖ **Mini City Hall at Crossroads** will be open Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and New Years Eve, Dec. 31, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ❖ **South Bellevue Community Center** will be open for drop-in users (but no classes will be held) on both Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ❖ **Crossroads Community Center** will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31.

## Comment on new East Link light rail document

Public comment will be accepted through Jan. 10, 2011, on Sound Transit's most recent document exploring the environmental impacts of the East Link light rail connection between Seattle and Overlake. Issued on Nov. 12, the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) evaluates new alternatives and project refinements developed since publication of the 2008 Draft EIS.



Comments on the SDEIS can be submitted by mail, by e-mail, or at the public hearing scheduled for 5 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 30** at Bellevue City Hall. Send e-mail comments to [eastlink.sdeis@soundtransit.org](mailto:eastlink.sdeis@soundtransit.org) or write to: East Link SDEIS, Sound Transit, Union Station, 401 South Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104. The hearing is part of an open house from 4 to 7 p.m., with information about the project and the SDEIS.

Comments on the SDEIS and the Draft EIS will be addressed in the East Link Final EIS, anticipated to be published in spring, 2011. The FEIS, along with public comment and other information, will guide the Sound Transit Board's decisions on East Link routing, station locations and other project elements. A copy of the environmental review is available at <http://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-Home/East-Link-Project.xml#DEIS>.

## Winter is looking harsh – so get prepared

Now is the time to prepare for a potentially harsh winter, due to La Nina weather patterns. Click on the Extreme Weather Button on the City's website at [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov) for tips on how to prepare for rain and snow storms and other emergencies. Sign up for email alerts so you'll know when the page is updated during extreme weather.



If your neighborhood association would like a presentation or more information on winter weather response operations, please call Utilities Operations & Maintenance at 425-452-7840. That number is also the 24-hour emergency response number to report flooding, hazardous roads, damaged stop or yield signs, or water and sewer emergencies. Report power outages by calling Puget Sound Energy at 1-888-225-5773. Check on local school closures at [www.schoolreport.org](http://www.schoolreport.org).

## Speak up about bridge tolls

With tolling due to start this spring on the SR 520 bridge, a number of meetings are being scheduled to receive public comment. The Bellevue meeting is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Most details of the tolling plan have been worked out, but a final decision on toll rates is scheduled to be made later this year by the Washington State Transportation Commission. The public can comment at the public hearings, or by emailing the Commission at [transe@wstc.wa.gov](mailto:transe@wstc.wa.gov). Current plans call for tolls to be charged electronically to motorists traveling both directions on SR520. Tolls will either be deducted from the motorist's pre-paid Good to Go Pass or they will be billed by mail to the owner of the vehicle. Good to Go passes and other information about tolling are available online at [www.GoodToGo520.org](http://www.GoodToGo520.org) and will later be available at mobile and permanent service centers.

## Dog lovers to meet about off-leash area

Expansion of the off-leash area at Robinswood Park is the topic of a 7 p.m. community meeting Tuesday, Dec. 7, at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. The meeting is follow-up to an earlier discussion covering a range of off-leash possibilities.



The City has been studying the off-leash issue in response to requests from local dog owners. More information about the study is available at [http://bellevuewa.gov/robinswood\\_park\\_off-leash\\_study.htm](http://bellevuewa.gov/robinswood_park_off-leash_study.htm) or by contacting Brian Krause at 425-452-6992.

## November-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.)*

**11/29 City Council** Special Meeting (6:00, Council Conference Room) Legislative status report; continued discussion of the proposed 2011-12 operating budget and 2011-17 capital budget

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/Agendas/CityCouncilAgendaExtendedStudySession11-29-10.pdf>

**11/30 East Link Light Rail** Open House and Public Hearing (4-7 p.m., City Hall) Opportunity to comment on Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (see related article for details)

**12/1 Planning Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Public hearings on Land Use Code Amendments: to allow electric vehicle infrastructure in all appropriate zones; to allow modification of design standards for certain uses outside the Civic Center Design District; to allow use of the variance process to modify height restrictions on lots failing to meet the 70 percent minimum lot size

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**12/2 Bellevue Network on Aging** (8:30 a.m., 1E-112) Retreat topic discussion, End of the Year Celebration/Potluck [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm)

**12/2 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-112) Asset Management/Failures & Claims, Storm & Surface Water Comprehensive Plan [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm)

**12/6 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) East Link Light Rail B7/C9T to NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Portal Concept Design Report, consideration of Hearing Examiner's Findings, Conclusions and Recommendation regarding proposed Wilburton LID (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Special recognition of President's Volunteer Service Awards, Consent Calendar, adoption of 2010 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, approval of B7/C9T consulting contract, Operating and Capital Investment Budget adoption ordinances, including property tax ordinance, Condemnation Ordinance for 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**12/7 Arts Commission** (4:00, NOTE ONE-TIME CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION: Pacific Northwest Ballet's Francia Russell Center, 13440 NE 16th St.) Briefing on an art element being developed for Bel Red Street Design Guidelines; regular Commission business. Please check Arts Commission web page for updated agenda on Monday, Dec. 4) [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm)

**12/7 Human Services Commission** (6:00, Crossroads Community Center) Recognition potluck for Human Services Commission and Park Board [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.ht](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.ht)

**12/7 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) Courtesy hearings on Land Use Code Amendments related to height restrictions for lots failing to meet 70 percent of minimum lot size, and electric vehicle infrastructure in all appropriate land use zones; Conditional Use Application by Verizon Wireless to install 90-foot wood pole at 15555 SE 16<sup>th</sup> St.  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm)

**12/7 SR520 Bridge Rate Setting Public Meeting** (6:30, Council Chambers) See related article above

**12/8 Planning Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program update

**12/9 Transportation Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) 130<sup>th</sup> Station Area Planning; Bel-Red Design Standards; 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Walkway/Bikeway project; and CIP Update  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm)

**12/13 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Draft East Link Comment Letter to Sound Transit on Supplemental DEIS, Kirkland Park-n-Ride, regional issues (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Findings, Conclusions and Recommendation regarding proposed Wilburton LID, Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan adoption  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**12/24 Christmas Eve** – City Hall closed

**12/31 New Year's Eve** – City Hall closed

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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.



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Holidays!

