

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

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New blog opens a path to traffic safety services

Is traffic safety a concern in your neighborhood?

Do you want to know how the City addresses your concerns?

Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services (NTSS) can help you with the introduction of the new blog, Streets are for Everyone (SAFE) – a blog committed to keeping you and your community in the loop. Whether you have questions about speeding, cut-through traffic concerns or parking issues or you want to encourage walking and biking, SAFE is where you go to connect with Bellevue city staff.

Help us help you make your streets a safer place to drive while improving livability in your neighborhood! Bookmark, follow us, and join the discussion today at <http://bellevuentss.wordpress.com>. Contact NTSS at (425) 452-4560 if you have any questions.

July – a month of big celebrations

July is celebration month in Bellevue – with big and small events scheduled throughout the community in neighborhoods, parks, community centers and shopping areas. Events run the gamut of interests – from Tuesday night free movies in the Downtown Park to a Bastille Day dance at the North Bellevue Community Center on July 10 to the huge Bellevue Arts Fair July 27-29. Below is a sampling of major July events. For information about other events see the web site



<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/cobcalendar/>.

- * *July 4 – Bellevue Family Fourth* Bellevue offers the Eastside's biggest fireworks show, with plenty of family fun beforehand. The day's activities get underway at 2 p.m. with the opening of the Family Fun Zone and Food Court in the Downtown Park. Stage entertainment begins at 3:55 and fireworks start at 10:05. Other highlights include a Globemaster Flyover from Joint Base Lewis McChord, jugglers, face art, and bungee trampoline and bounces for children. Food is available for purchase.
- * *July 13 - Bellwether 2012: regeneration* The popular alternate-years sculpture exhibit opens with a 6-8 p.m. event at City Hall. Many of the exhibit artists will be on hand for the event, which features music, refreshments and a preview of the 45 artworks distributed among City Hall, the Downtown Park and four other locations along the Art Walk Route.
- * *July 13-14 – Community Gathering at Orchard Gardens* One of Bellevue's many creative and interesting community events gets underway in Factoria with a 6:30 p.m. international potluck dinner on Friday, July 13. Everyone is invited to bring something from your tradition and to share a meal at the orchard gardens and



gathering place on the property of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4315 129th Pl. SE. The fun continues on Saturday, July 14, from 9:30 to 2:00 with crafts, music, painting, story telling, quilt tying and planting. Pizza-by-the-slice, salad, baked goods and beverages will be available at a modest fee to support local student events. Alternatively, attendees are welcome to bring their own picnic lunch. The event is free, and canned food donations are requested.

* **July 26 – Welcome to Bellevue!** Residents from the newly annexed South Bellevue neighborhoods of Eastgate, Tamara Hills and Horizon View will be the guests of honor when the City hosts a gala Welcome to Bellevue celebration July 26 at the South Bellevue Community Center. Scheduled from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., the event will include information about City services, along with free classes and activities for kids and adults, entertainment, food, crafts, prizes, and a great opportunity to enjoy a pleasant summer evening with friends and neighbors. City Council Members and City staff will be on hand to welcome new residents, get better acquainted and answer any questions residents may have about the City of Bellevue.

For more information, contact Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-6836 or NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov.

Help feed Bellevue kids and families this summer

More than 20 percent of students in the Bellevue School District were entitled to free or reduced-price lunches during the 2011-12 school year. With the end of the school year, the loss of school-based nutritious food can add to the struggle of lower income families.

Fortunately, there are many ways to help. Across the city, neighborhoods are staging food drives in conjunction with block parties, picnics, and celebrations. When you're planning your annual backyard barbeque, remember to invite your neighbors and guests to beef up the local food bank.



July 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.)

7/2 City Council (6:00 study session) Police and Fire Department budget presentation; initiation of Bellevue Transit Master Plan. (8:00 Regular Session, Council Chambers) Proclamation of July as Parks and Recreation Month; introduction of Liepaja and Kladno exchange students; management brief on SR 520 tolling diversion onto City streets; consent calendar; public hearing on interim control regulation of medical marijuana; consideration of requested street vacation of a portion of 95th Avenue Ave NE between NE 1 and NE 5 Streets http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/3 Arts Commission (4:00, 1E-109) Recommendations for 2012 funding programs, hearing and recommendation regarding Bridle Trails public art design proposal, commission goals for 2012-13 http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

7/3 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Hearing on Ordinance 6058 related to interim controls on siting Medical Marijuana Gardens in Bellevue http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

7/4 Independence Day – All City offices closed

7/9 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Land Use work program; review of Bel-Red development activity; Utilities and Transportation Department budget presentations http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

Nix on neighborhood fireworks

All private fireworks are illegal in Bellevue. Attend the largest display of fireworks on the Eastside: July 4 at 10:05 in the Downtown Park.

7/10 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

7/11 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

7/12 Environmental Services Commission Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Tour – Meet at Bellevue City Hall Service First desk at 5:30. Transportation will be provided for the Commission and staff only. Maps will be available to the public at the ServiceFirst desk. (This meeting will take the place of the July 5 meeting.) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/environ_serv_comm.htm

7/12 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Capital Investment Program (CIP) priority; Neighborhood Sidewalk Priority Plan; Downtown Transportation Plan update; memo on SR 520 traffic relocation http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

7/16 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Development Services, Planning & Community Development, and Parks & Community Services Department budget presentations (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Transportation Commission transmittal of Transportation Facilities Plan; Consent Agenda; public hearing on annexation of Hilltop neighborhood; art funding recommendations; Bellevue Transit Master Plan http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/19 Growing Transit Communities – East Corridor Task Force (3:00, 1E-112) Regional planning effort led by Puget Sound Regional Council with participation from the City of Bellevue <http://psrc.org/about/advisory/gtc-committees/corridor-task-forces/east-corridor-task-force/>

7/23 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Second budget public hearing; King Conservation District and Flood Control District revenue issues; Land Use Code amendments related to East Link; threshold review for Comprehensive Plan Amendments; False Alarm Program http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

7/24 Human Services Commission (6:00, 1E-113) Public hearing regarding Human Services funding recommendations http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

7/25 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

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.