

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

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Home and neighborhood safety is focus of event

Make sure you know the fundamentals of home and neighborhood safety by attending the March 14 Neighborhood Safety and Security workshop at Lake Hills Elementary School, 14310 SE 12th St. Anyone is welcome to attend the 6:00 open house and the safety presentations beginning at 6:30.

Staff from the city's police department and emergency preparedness division will tell you how to:

- Keep your children safe while using the Internet;
- Reduce residential crime and protect yourself from identity theft;
- Get prepared for the next major storm, earthquake or other emergency;
- Create an emergency kit and a family safety plan;
- Improve pedestrian and traffic safety in your neighborhood; and
- Build connections in your neighborhood that will help you give and receive assistance in an emergency.

Spanish interpretation will be provided for this program. Other interpretation is available with 48 hours notice. For more information, contact Neighborhood Outreach, 452-6836.

Whether you walk or roll – City wants to hear from you

If you walk to work, bike to work, or just enjoy walking and bicycling for recreation, the City of Bellevue has some important questions to ask you about local facilities. If you don't walk or ride a bike, the City wants to know: would you walk or ride a bicycle more often if there were more bicycle and pedestrian-friendly paths, trails and other routes?



Your responses will help the city develop the Walk and Roll 2007 Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan. The city is initiating the plan to promote walking and biking as a safe, healthy, and attractive alternative to driving. The plan will identify walkway and bikeway needs, examine improvements, and prioritize ways to make improvements and secure funding.

The city has posted two on-line surveys (one focused on walkways and one on bikeways) as a first step in working with residents, local businesses, schools, government agencies, elected officials and community groups. The two surveys are posted at www.bellevuewa.gov/pedbikeplan from March 6 until April 10, and take just a few minutes to complete. For more information, contact the project manager, Franz Loewenherz, at 425-452-4077 or FLoewenherz@bellevuewa.gov.



New calling guide available

The 2007 updated edition of the popular calling guide, *Bellevue by the Numbers*, is now available. Copies may be ordered from Neighborhood Outreach, 452-6836. The pocket-sized community directory is also available in a Spanish version, *Los telefonos de Bellevue*.

Here's service in 10 languages – and more

The Mini City Hall at Crossroads provides a wide range of services, information and referral to the residents of Bellevue's most diverse neighborhood. Community volunteers and partnerships augment regular staffing to offer office hours in 10 languages, including English, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Hindi, Bengali and Urdu. In addition to personal customer service in these languages, both the Mini City Hall and the Service First center at the downtown City Hall are able to serve customers via a two-way telephone interpretation service. To learn more about interpretation for city services, contact Mini City Hall at 452-2800 or Service First at 452-6800.

March 2007 meetings

(All meetings in City Hall unless otherwise noted)

- 3/1 Network on Aging** (8:30 a.m., Conference room 1E-120) Video and discussion on the Kirkland Senior Council; reports on the Human Services Needs Update and Walk and Roll – the 2007 Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan Update
- 3/1 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Bel Red Corridor update
- 3/5 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Year-end Budget Monitoring Report; New City Hall Finance Plan; Long-range Capital and Operations Planning (8:00 regular meeting, Council Chambers) Report on Planning Commission hearing on Factoria Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA); Consent Calendar; public hearing on Meydenbauer Moratorium; limited public hearing on appeal of Hearing Examiner decision on Planned Unit Development and Preliminary Plat for Enclave at Fox Glen
- 3/6 Human Services Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Briefing on transportation issues and Easy Rider Collaborative; update on state legislative issues
- 3/6 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30 p.m., Lake Hills Clubhouse) Hearings on City Council Ordinances amending the Land Use Code to correct inadvertent errors and remove outdated references, to effectuate the 500-foot mailing radius for permit notice requirements, and to create a Master Development Plan process for phased development of large sites with multiple buildings
- 3/7 Planning Commission** (7:00, Council Conference Room) Study session on Wilburton/NE 8th Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA), if needed
- 3/8 Transportation Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined
- 3/12 City Council** (6:00 extended study session) Planning Commission recommendation on Factoria LUCA; Information Technology quarterly report
- 3/13 Parks & Community Services Board** (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be announced
- 3/14 Planning Commission** (7:00, Council Conference Room) Study session on Electrical Facilities Update to the Utilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan, and Community Retail Guidelines
- 3/19 City Council** (6:00 study session) Utilities Element briefing (8:00 regular session) Consent Calendar; adoption of Factoria LUCA
- 3/20 Human Services Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Panel on Mental Health/Substance Abuse and Domestic/Sexual Violence
- 3/22 Transportation Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined
- 3/26 City Council** (6:00 extended study session) Regional issues
- 3/28 Planning Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Study session on Electrical Facilities update to the Utilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan, and Community Retail Guidelines

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 activities to enhance neighborhood quality, contact Cheryl Kuhn, 452-4089, or your Neighborhood Liaison.