

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

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Flash: Don't be on this camera



The city is in the process of replacing existing school speed zone signs with flashing beacons near Bellevue elementary schools. The beacons flash prior to school start times and following school dismissal times in an effort to heighten motorist's attention to the 20 mph school zone. (Note that these times include kindergarten dismissal times at midday and early dismissal times on Wednesdays.)

The city's school zone photo enforcement program uses automated camera technology to photograph the license plates of vehicles exceeding the 20 mph speed limit. The police department issues citations by mail for infractions.

The 20 mph speed limit applies to the designated zones near all 16 Bellevue elementary schools. Flashing beacons are installed at five of the 16 schools – Stevenson, Lake Hills, Newport Hills, Sherwood Forest and Enatai – and others will be added to the list as funding becomes available. For a schedule of the flashing times at each school, see: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Transportation/school_flashing_sign_schedule.pdf.

Find the perfect volunteer opportunity

If you're looking for a meaningful way to share your time and talents, here's the place to be. On Saturday, Nov. 7, the city will host a Volunteer Job Fair from noon to 2 p.m. at Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. The event will feature information about volunteer opportunities with the City of Bellevue and with organizations throughout the community. To learn more about volunteering in Bellevue, see the web site at: <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/volunteer.htm>.

Web portal offers assistance

The City's new Customer Assistance Web Portal makes it easier to ask questions, find information, and request services.



As part of the commitment to streamline access to services and information, the portal allows citizens to search for information, report issues, request services, and ask questions all in one place and without needing to know who to contact or which agency or department is responsible. From the home page of the City's website, just click on the green button. Then enter a subject keyword in the search field (example: Street Maintenance).

What would you like to see in future parks?

In about five minutes, you can tell Bellevue Parks & Community Services how you currently use parks and what you would like to see more of in future parks. This survey is part of a process to update the Parks & Open Space System Plan. The goals and objectives of this plan will guide new park development over the next 10 years. This is a great opportunity to let your voice be heard. Visit the [Parks Blog](#) to access the survey or click on the link below to get started. [Click Here to Take the Survey Now](#)





'City in a Park' photographers and poets wanted

Parks are timeless treasures of our community. They preserve our history, both natural and human.

They are places of play, relaxation, renewal, and beauty.

Their worth is immeasurable and benefits long-lasting.

Tell the city what inspires you when you visit a Bellevue park. Send your greatest photo and /or poem inspired by Bellevue's beautiful park system. Selected work will be published in the 2010 Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan. Additional non-commercial opportunities may include other city publications and exhibits.

The selection panel will include art professionals and representatives from the City of Bellevue. Art work can be from any season and is due Feb 1, 2010. Click on http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_homepage.htm for entry forms and guidelines.

Express Toll Lanes on I-405 and SR 167?

The Washington State Department of Transportation is considering the installation of a two-lane express toll lane system alongside existing toll-free general purpose lanes on I-405. And the state wants to know what you think.

The express toll lanes would connect with SR 167 HOT lanes, creating a 50+ mile "expressway within a freeway" from Puyallup to Lynnwood. The purpose of the proposed system is to give commuters a choice for a reliable, fast trip every day. WSDOT has scheduled two open houses to hear local residents' comments on the Eastside Corridor Tolling Study. The events will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., Nov. 3 at Kent- Meridian High School, 10020 SE 256th St., and Nov. 5 at Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave. Residents can get more information and submit comments on line at on the [Eastside Corridor Tolling Web site](#). Comments will be included in a final study report to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature in January.

Nothing but rain should go down this drain ~ Puget Sound Starts Here

When it rains, stormwater washes over yards and streets, collecting pesticides, fertilizers, oil, pet waste and other pollutants. It all flows into storm drains and ends up in the city's streams, lakes and wetlands. To help get the word out about ways to keep these waterways clean for recreation and as habitat for salmon and other wildlife, Bellevue has joined more than 300 local organizations in a regional campaign. Called Puget Sound Starts Here, the campaign offers these tips to prevent water pollution:

1. Use fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides sparingly or just use compost.
2. Take the car to a commercial car wash. At a commercial car wash, some of the water is recycled, and dirty water goes to the sewer system where it is treated.
3. Fix car oil leaks. Motor oil doesn't dissolve in water and sticks around for a long time.
4. Scoop pet poop, bag it and throw it in the garbage. Pet waste is raw sewage that contains bacteria that can wash into streams and lakes, making water unsafe for drinking or swimming.
5. Nothing but rain goes down the storm drain. Even biodegradable soap pollutes water.



For more tips and information on reducing stormwater pollution, visit www.pugetsoundstartshere.org. For information on joining Bellevue's Stream Team, visit http://www.bellevuewa.gov/stream_team.htm.

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.)

11/2 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Management Brief regarding Howard Hanson Dam, Memorandum responding to citizen request (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, limited public hearing on appeal of Kemper Development Conditional Use Permit for Helistop

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

11/3 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Parks & Open Space System Plan presentation, Human Services levy presentation http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

11/3 Arts Commission (4:00, 1E-109) http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

11/4 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program

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

11/4 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Club House, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Public hearing on the T-Mobile Conditional Use Application for 15 149th Ave., presentations on tree preservation and tree canopy, and update on Parks and Open Space System Plan http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

11/5 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-112) Weather preparedness update, Coal Creek Culvert Project update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/environ_serv_comm.htm

11/5 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Transportation Demand Management (TDM) menu options discussion, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan discussion

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

11/5 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30 a.m., 1E-120) Aging in Place - Housing Presentation, committee reports

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

11/9 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Mid-biennium budget discussion

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

11/10 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined

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

11/11 Veterans' Day - All city offices closed

11/16 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Mid-biennium budget discussion (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, mid-biennium budget public hearing, Utility-owned property surplus public hearing http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

11/17 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-120) Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians, and Allies for Dignity (B-GLAD) presentation, final review of Human Services Needs Update

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

11/18 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program

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

11/19 Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Workshop for Woodridge (7:00, Woodridge Elementary School, 12619 SE 20th Pl.) Opportunity to review and comment on projects proposed for NEP funding

<http://www.cityofbellevue.org/nep.htm>

11/23 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Mid-biennium budget discussion, regional issues http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

11/26 Thanksgiving Day – all city offices closed

11/27 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.