

# Neighborhood News

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News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

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## **Sound Transit invites you to discuss East Link routes in October meetings**

Residents are invited to join Sound Transit staff for a series of neighborhood workshops on light rail routing through Bellevue, beginning Monday, Oct. 12.

The workshops provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about the East Link light rail system and to provide feedback for the preliminary engineering phase of the project. Each workshop will focus on the preferred route and station location for a specific segment of the system.

The Overlake/Redmond segment is scheduled for discussion on Monday, Oct. 12, at the VFW Hall, 4330 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. The South Bellevue workshop is set for Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the Bellevue High School cafeteria, 10416 Wolverine Way; and the Bel-Red workshop is scheduled Thursday, Oct. 15, at Stevenson Elementary School, 14220 NE 8<sup>th</sup> St.

All workshops will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. A workshop for the Downtown Bellevue light rail segment will be scheduled at a later date. For more information, visit [www.soundtransit.org/eastlink](http://www.soundtransit.org/eastlink) or contact Katie Kuciemba at 206-398-5459 or [Katie.kuciemba@soundtransit.org](mailto:Katie.kuciemba@soundtransit.org).

## **Meet the Council candidates**

The nine candidates running for four vacant seats on the Bellevue City Council will speak during a free candidate forum on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Hyatt Regency's Evergreen Ballroom. Scheduled 7-8:30, the event is sponsored by the Bellevue Downtown Association and open to the public. Because of limited seating, guests are asked to register on line at <http://bellevuedowntown.org/events/councilforum.html>. The registration form includes space to list questions or topics you'd like the candidates to address.

## **Neighborhood cross-cultural conflicts on the rise**

Bellevue's Neighborhood Mediation program is seeing an increase in the number of disputes involving parties from different cultural backgrounds. In response, the program is increasing its volunteer training in the area of cross-cultural dispute resolution and stepping up outreach to Bellevue's diverse communities. Program managers hope to promote awareness of mediation services, and also, to learn more about the different dispute resolution customs that influence this multi-cultural city. If you are interested in participating in this effort please contact the mediation program at 425-452-4091.

### **'Naughty Neighbors' on stage at Crossroads**

On Oct. 16, Conflict Resolution Day, the Neighborhood Mediation Program will present a short play, "Naughty Neighbors," on the Crossroads Shopping Center stage. The play is about feuding neighbors and how they work out their differences through mediation. Come see either of two free performances, noon and 1:30 and learn about the mediation program.

## It's that time: Get ready for ice, snow, wind & rain

After a barrage of snow storms hit Bellevue in December 2008, the value of preparing for winter weather became ice clear. Again this year, Bellevue will hold open houses to help residents get ready for storm season. The first will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, on the first-floor concourse of City Hall, at 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. This event will broaden the focus from ice and snow to include information on how to deal with other extreme weather conditions such as high winds and heavy rain. In addition to representatives from various City of Bellevue departments, invited participants include AAA Washington, Puget Sound Energy, Bellevue School District, King County Metro and Allied Waste.



The second open house, staffed by City of Bellevue employees, is from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. It will target ice and snow concerns of residents in south Bellevue, where steep roads and higher elevations present particular challenges. For more information on preparing for, and coping with winter weather, visit the City of Bellevue website at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov> and click on the orange and blue “Extreme Weather Response” button on the right side of the page. You’ll find information on topics such as storm response measures, a snow response priorities map, emergency preparedness for homes, post-storm garbage and debris collection and power outages.



## A new giving opportunity: ‘Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry’

The month of Sept. 26-Oct. 24 has been proclaimed as “Eastside Month of Concern for the Hungry.” Requests for food at local food banks are still up almost 50 percent as compared to 18 months ago. Among the client households served, 44 percent said they had to choose between paying for food and paying for rent or mortgage.

Earlier this summer, 14 Bellevue neighborhoods collected more than 5,000 pounds of food for local food banks. You can continue to contribute through the new campaign. If you or your neighborhood would like help organizing a food drive, contact Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-5372.

The “Share What You Can” campaign is a community-wide effort including Redmond, Kirkland, Sammamish, Issaquah, Bellevue, Newcastle and Mercer Island. Individuals and neighborhoods can donate food at the following Bellevue locations:

- Bellevue Aquatic Center, 301 143rd Ave. NE
- Bellevue Botanical Gardens, 12001 Main St.
- Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE
- Bellevue Golf Course, 5500 140th Ave. NE
- Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St.
- Emergency Feeding Program Eastside - St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 148th Ave. SE
- Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
- Hopelink – Bellevue, 14812 Main St.
- Lewis Creek Park Visitors Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE
- Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE
- Mini City Hall, 15600 NE 8th St.
- Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St.
- North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave. NE
- South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
- World Impact Network Renewal Food Bank, 2015 Richards Rd.

## Street closures announced for NE 8<sup>th</sup>, 124<sup>th</sup> NE

West Bellevue residents will experience a little pain for long-term gain when a section of NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street closes for 30 days, starting this month. The closure – between 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE and Lake Washington Boulevard – will allow crews to replace water pipes beneath the roadway at the same time that new sidewalks are being installed. Exact timing of the closure is contingent on weather. For more information, contact Marina Arakelyan, 425-452-4632 or [marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov).

Workers also will close a busy section of 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE near Northup Way for two weeks in October. Local access to 124<sup>th</sup> NE will be from Bel Red Road; there will be no through traffic from Northup Way while crews improve access to SR 520 at the 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE ramp. The work is part of the \$3.6 million Northup Way Corridor project which will include not only roadway revisions but also new curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm drainage improvements and landscaping. For more information, contact Chris Masek, 425-452-4619 or [cmasek@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cmasek@bellevuewa.gov).

## October 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.)*

**10/1 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-112) Conservation and outreach events and volunteer opportunities, Shoreline Master Program update, Capital Investment Program (CIP) summer construction recap, mid-biennium budget update [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm)

**10/5 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Tree preservation, Transportation Development Review Code update (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Management brief on budget award, Consent Calendar, application of T-Mobile for a Conditional Use Permit, continued discussion and action on vacation of a portion of SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Line of Credit [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**10/6 Human Services Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Mid-biennium review of Human Services General Fund contracts [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**10/6 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) Courtesy public hearings on Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Capital Facilities Element and Transportation Element, and the Rezone Application for Kelsey Creek Shopping Center [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm)

**10/6 Arts Commission** (4:00, 1E-109) Discussion on Parks & Community Services Open Space System Plan's cultural resources section, preview of the coming season at the Bellevue Arts Museum [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm)

**10/8 Bellevue Network on Aging** (8:30 a.m., 1E-120) Special needs transportation presentation by Hopelink, Parks and Recreation Plan [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm)

**10/8 Transportation Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Update on CIP budget, grants update, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Evaluation and Transition Plan development [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm)

**10/12 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Sound Transit briefing on East Link B, C, and D segments including station location and alignment within Spring District; limited public comment period on Initiative 1033 [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**10/12 Sound Transit Workshop for Overlake/Redmond** (5-7:30, VFW Hall, VFW Hall, 4330 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE) See related article

**10/13 Parks & Community Services Board** (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm)

**10/14 Planning Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**10/14 Sound Transit Workshop for South Bellevue**, (5-7:30, Bellevue High School, 10416 Wolverine Way) See related article

**10/15 Sound Transit Workshop for Bel-Red** (5-7:30, Stevenson Elementary, 14220 NE 8<sup>th</sup> St.) See related article

**EAST MEETS WEST** – On Oct. 17, 2-4 p.m., an event to unveil a statue of Mahatma Gandhi will be held at the Downtown Library. Oct 17 is an Indian national holiday called Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. The statue is a close replica of the ones in Washington DC and at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in Atlanta. The statue is a gift of the Government of India to the people of the Bellevue community.

**10/19 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) CIP budget discussion, Puget Sound Regional Council's Transportation 2040 Plan/Pricing/Tolling discussion (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](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**10/20 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-120) Mid-biennium review of Human Services General Fund contracts [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**10/26 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Regional issues, West Lake Sammamish Parkway – Phase 1 [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**10/28 Planning Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program, public hearing for 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) Capital Facilities Element and Figure TR.2  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**10/28 Extreme Weather Workshop** (4-7 p.m., City Hall Concourse) Find out how to deal with ice and snow and learn about the City's response to extreme weather (see related article)

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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.