

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

September 2008

Don't miss:

'The Great Community Workshop Series' ~ A Roadmap for Creating & Maintaining Vibrant Neighborhoods ~

Kick-off Thursday, October 23 ~ 7 – 9 p.m., City Hall Room 1E-108

Mobilizing, Organizing, and Sustaining Strong Neighborhoods is the theme for the first in a series of six free workshops sponsored by the Neighborhood Outreach Team. The evening begins at 7 p.m. with an informal “meet and mingle” and refreshments with Mayor Grant Degginger, Dr. Elton Gatewood, and local neighborhood leaders.

Keynote speaker Dr. Elton Gatewood will discuss how to organize, mobilize, and motivate. Learn how to recruit and involve members and sustain a successful community organization. Participants will engage in an interactive discussion that explores ways to involve residents by offering new ideas, innovative approaches, and creative solutions.

Dr. Gatewood is the coordinator for the Neighborhood Council Office in Tacoma. With over 30 years of experience in the neighborhood arena, Dr. Gatewood is considered a national expert on community involvement. He also serves as vice president of Neighborhoods USA (NUSA), one of the nation's largest grassroots organizations dealing with community issues. Dr. Gatewood will be joined by a panel of local neighborhood leaders who will share their neighborhood challenges and triumphs.

Future workshops in *The Great Community Workshop Series* are scheduled on Thursday evenings, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, and March 12. For a complete list of workshop topics or to RSVP for the Oct. 23 session, contact Julie Ellenhorn in Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.

Your thoughts needed on east Bellevue transportation issues

If you live or work in the Bel-Red, Overlake or east Bellevue area – this invitation is for you. The City wants to answer your questions and hear your ideas about proposed east Bellevue transportation solutions at the:



BROTS Community Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 17 ~ 5-7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall Council Chambers

The BROTS (Bellevue-Redmond-Overlake Transportation Study) agreement between the City of Bellevue and the City of Redmond addresses transportation consequences of land use changes within the area that overlaps both jurisdictions. As new transportation facilities are considered to accommodate projected growth in the Bel-Red and Overlake areas, resident input will help determine what the problems are, what the solutions are, and what related issues are important to community members. The city is seeking input on proposed transportation improvements from people who live and work throughout east Bellevue.

To learn more about the BROTS agreement and opportunities for involvement, see the website at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/brots.htm>, or contact Kevin McDonald, project manager, at 425-452-4558 or kmcdonald@bellevuewa.gov.

Tell the city what you think of concepts for Meydenbauer Bay

Drawing on resident input from workshops and Steering Committee discussions, the City's consultant team has developed three concepts for the new park at Meydenbauer Bay. Although each concept is based on a different theme – Environment and Education, Shoreline Destination, and Urban Edges – each is grounded in environmental stewardship and seeks to improve the site ecology.

The city wants your input about the three park concepts. You can view a project presentation (http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Parks/meydenbauer_presentation_7-30-08.pdf), which provides useful context. Then, you can view the concepts on the comment page (<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer-concepts-comment.htm>) and provide feedback about what you like best and least about each, and share any other comments or ideas you have about them. After you have entered comments in all of the boxes you want, click on “submit” and your input will go to the project managers.

The concepts will continue to be discussed and refined at upcoming Steering Committee meetings. An additional public workshop is anticipated in October. For more information about the project, upcoming meetings, and events, visit the project website at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer_project_intro.htm.

Get ready for the storm season

Before the first storm hits this fall, check out the new Extreme Weather Response button on the City's website at www.bellevuewa.gov. You'll be able to:



- Sign up for e-mail alerts and receive up-to-date information during extreme weather events.
- Learn how to prepare for floods, snow, rain, and wind storms.
- Print out emergency phone numbers and web addresses.
- Find out what to do with storm debris and missed garbage, recycling, or yard debris.

Neighborhood Character issues get another look by Planning Commission

Regulatory changes designed to alleviate the negative impacts of neighborhood redevelopment are getting a second look by the Planning Commission in a pair of September meetings. On Wednesday, Sept. 10, and again on Sept. 24 (if necessary), the Commission will refine an earlier recommendation to the City Council concerning three major impacts of redevelopment: loss of trees and greenscape; loss of sunlight and privacy due to incompatible size and scale of housing; and impacts of construction.

The Planning Commission's initial recommendations were reviewed by the City Council on July 14 and sent back to the Commission for additional information. The Commission's initial recommendations included:

- Higher tree preservation requirements for new subdivisions;
- Standards for new homes over a certain size, aimed at protecting neighbors' access to light and privacy;
- Maintenance standards for vacant homes and abandoned building sites;
- Changes in construction hours for remodels and additions.

Commission meetings on Sept. 10 and 24 are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room. For more information about the Neighborhood Character project, contact Cheryl Kuhn, 452-4089, or Steph Hewitt, 452-2564, or e-mail NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov. For a complete list of proposed regulatory changes, see the website at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-character.htm>

September 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.)

9/2 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Light Rail Best Practices, threshold review of 2008 annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment work program (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Transportation Commission recommended 2009-2020 Transportation Facilities Plan Roadway and Intersection project list, Arts Commission report, Shoreline Master Program update, Council appointments to Commissions, Consent Calendar, motion to amend public hearing date for street vacation

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

9/2 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse) Agenda to be determined

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

9/4 Human Services Commission (6:00, Council Conference Room) Second review of Goals #3, #4, and #5 Human Services funding applications http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

9/4 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30 a.m., 1E-120) Nominating Committee report, Eastside Human Services Forum discussion regarding older adults' group, Committee reports

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

9/4 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-112) Weather preparedness update, Asset Management Program update and analysis of failure and claims, Comprehensive Wastewater Plan update and review of wastewater general policies, Bel-Red Corridor Project implementation update

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

9/8 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Environmental Services Initiative (ESI) Municipal Action Plan http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

9/9 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined

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

9/10 Planning Commission (7:00, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program update, Neighborhood Character study session http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

9/10 Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Workshop for Crossroads (7:00, Crossroads Community Center) Information about the NEP process and how to request projects for the Crossroads neighborhood

<http://www.bellevuewa/nep.htm>

9/10 Youth Link Board (6:00, 1E-120) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa/youth_link_board.htm

9/11 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Bellevue-Redmond-Overlake Transportation Study (BROTS) update, NE 15th/16th Street Project update, Ped-Bike Comprehensive Plan Amendment, West Lake Sammamish Parkway Project update

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

9/15 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Light Rail Best Practices (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, public hearing on Jentry-Graber annexation, adoption of Surrey Downs Park Master Plan, adoption of 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments work program

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

9/16 Human Services Commission (6:00, Council Conference Room) Develop preliminary 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding recommendations and contingency plan, begin preliminary funding recommendations for 2009-2010 General Fund http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

9/17 Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) Workshop for West Lake Hills (7:00, Lake Hills Elementary School Library) Opportunity to review and comment on projects proposed for NEP funding

<http://www.bellevuewa/nep.htm>

9/18 Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan Steering Committee (5:00, Council Conference Room) Refinement of park alternatives http://www.bellevuewa.gov/meydenbauer_project_intro.htm

9/20 Planning Commission (1:00 – 4:00, Newport Shores Yacht Club at 81 Skagit Key) Shoreline Master Program update and boat tour http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

9/22 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Light Rail Best Practices, regional issues, Planning Commission Bel-Red Plan recommendations http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

9/23 Human Services Commission (6:00, Council Conference Room) Complete preliminary funding recommendations for 2009-2010 General Fund http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

9/24 Planning Commission (7:00, Council Conference Room) Ped-Bike Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendments briefing, 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments study session, Neighborhood Character study session
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

9/25 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Capital Investment Program (CIP) and Transportation Facility Plan (TFP) non-motorized project list, Transportation Management Program (TMP) update, Ped-Bike Comprehensive Plan Amendment http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.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.