

## Schedule:

Classes are held on Thursday evenings at City Hall. Dinner and networking begin at 5:30pm with class beginning promptly at 6pm. Class ends at 8:30 or 9pm. There is one Saturday session on September 27 from 8am to 1pm, which meets at Crossroads Community Center and will include neighborhood and park tours.

For graduation, attendance is required at a minimum of 80% of class sessions.

<b>September 18</b>	Bellevue Demographics and Trends
<b>September 25</b>	Public Process/Boards and Commissions
<b>September 27</b>	Exploring Parks, Arts and Neighborhoods
<b>October 2</b>	Economic Development Human Services
<b>October 9</b>	Planning & Community Development Development Services
<b>October 16</b>	Utilities Environmental Stewardship
<b>October 23</b>	Finance and Budget Transportation and Traffic
<b>October 30</b>	Protecting Our Community/Fire and Police
<b>November 6</b>	Graduation

# Bellevue Essentials

Your Onramp to Civic Leadership



*An 8 week introduction to civic engagement in Bellevue*

*Bellevue Essentials will introduce you to the behind the scenes work done at the City and will help you understand how local government works. You'll learn how the City is responsive to community concerns, how policy is made and how to effect change. When citizens take an interest and take on leadership roles, they help to positively shape the vision for Bellevue.*



--Mayor Claudia Balducci



## What is Bellevue Essentials?

Bellevue Essentials provides an entry point for emerging community leaders, especially those who are new to public service. The program features 8 weekly evening sessions and a Saturday tour day. Participants will be exposed to the structure and inner workings of City government in many arenas. As part of a diverse learning community, class members will create relationships and will build familiarity with government process and decision making. Upon completion, participants will really know the “nuts and bolts” of Bellevue.

## What will participants learn?

Sessions are led by key City staff and Board, Commission and Council leadership. A variety of learning tools, including speakers, panels, interactive exercises and site visits are used to create an interesting and dynamic program. Participants will have opportunities to meet with current neighborhood leaders, decision makers, elected officials and community leaders.

## Who can apply?

Bellevue Essentials is open to anyone who lives or works in Bellevue. No prior leadership experience is necessary, and attendance is required at a minimum of 80% of the class sessions. To apply, fill out and return the simple one page application. Please answer both essay questions and attach no more than one additional page.

Applications are due by July 15 and participants will be notified of acceptance by August 5, 2014.

Class size is limited to 30 participants who will be selected with the goal of creating a class makeup that is broadly representative of Bellevue’s neighborhoods and its diverse population. Applicants who are Bellevue residents will receive priority.

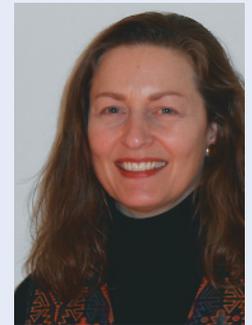
## Questions?

Contact program coordinator, Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach, City of Bellevue, 425-452-5372 or [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov) with questions or to receive a simple one page application.

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*“This experience transformed me from being an observer to being a participant.”*

– Judy Faast



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*“I’m inspired. I want to be part of a larger community and continue my civic engagement.”*

– Natalie Davis - Eltahir



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*“The Bellevue Essentials experience helped me explore a different facet of leadership. It made me realize how accessible city government is and how our contributions to the city as residents are vital.”*

– Kevin Chen

