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Help Families in Need This Holiday Season

The holiday season is fast approaching. For families who can't afford toys, food or other essentials for their children and loved ones, the holiday can be particularly difficult. If you want to lend a hand to those in need, here are some opportunities:



Bellevue Firefighters Community Support Foundation Toy and Food Drive

November 1 - December 9 • All nine Bellevue fire stations

New, unwrapped toys will be handed out at the Crossroads Youth Holiday Party on Dec. 15. Non-perishable canned and prepackaged food will go to Hopelink, which operates food banks in Bellevue.

Toy ideas include:

- for infants: plush animals and toys along with gift cards with which parents can purchase needed items;

- for children ages 3-10: new books, games, sports equipment such as soccer balls and basketballs, arts and crafts kits, cars/trucks, dolls and plush animals; and
- for teens: gift cards to restaurants, malls, clothing and music stores.

For more information about the Youth Holiday Party celebration or donations needed, please contact Vicki Drake; Community Services Supervisor, Crossroads Community Center at 425-452-4874.



Bellevue Youth Link 11th annual Kids Care Coat Drive

*Kids
Care
Coat
Drive*



*November 1 - January 11
Bellevue City Hall, Crossroads Mini
City Hall, all community
centers and all Bellevue
public schools.*

As temperatures drop, staying warm can be challenging for some families – 19 percent of Bellevue school children qualify for free and reduced lunches. Your donations of coats will make a difference for kids in need.

Coats will be distributed to Bellevue families in need on Monday, Jan. 11, 5-7 p.m., at Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St., while supplies last.

Last year, the Kids Care Coat Drive collected and distributed over 3,500 coats for Bellevue families in need, and the need may be even greater this year. The coat drive, a project of the Bellevue Youth Council, is supported by local businesses including Bel-Red Self Storage, which provides storage, and Bellevue Home Depot, which supplies donation boxes.

Bellevue Youth Link is a partnership of the City of Bellevue and Bellevue Public Schools that provides teens with opportunities to have an active voice and make a positive difference in the community.

Volunteers are also needed to help sort and distribute the donations. For information about other donation locations or volunteering, contact Patrick Alina, Youth Link program coordinator (palina@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5254). To learn more about the coat distribution event, contact Vicki Drake, Community Services supervisor (vdrake@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4874).



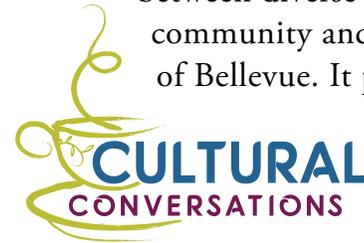
Save the Date for Cultural Conversations



December 8, 1-2:30 pm

*Crossroads Community Center,
16000 NE 10th Street*

Cultural Conversations is a women's group that was launched in 2010 as a partnership between diverse women in the community and the City of Bellevue. It provides an



opportunity for women to enhance knowledge and

understanding of different cultural practices and world views. Save the date for our next meeting December 8, as we move into the winter season and a new year which in many cultures is a time for reflection, renewal and celebration of holiday rituals.

The most recent Cultural Conversations have included the following, "Cultural Journeying: An invitation to connect community and expand awareness" and "Discovering pathways of common experience to create connections". These topics were chosen to set the stage for cultural understanding by addressing the questions, "What do I wish you would ask me?" and "What I want to ask you".

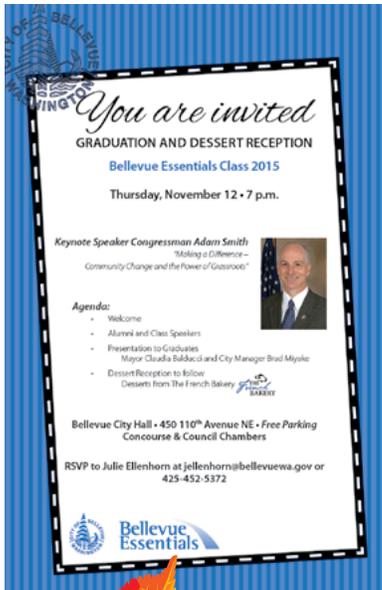
The event is free, refreshments are served and women of all ages, faiths and cultures are welcome to attend. Stay tuned for more information about our February 3 Forum which will be held in the evening at City Hall. To fully participate in the sharing, attendees are encouraged to make arrangements for childcare. For more information on this event or future Cultural Conversations programs, please contact Carol Ross at 425-452-7917 or cross@bellevuewa.gov; or Barb Tuininga 425-452-2800 or btuininga@bellevuewa.gov.

Meet the next group of Community Leaders

Bellevue Essentials Graduation

Thursday, November 12, 7pm

City Hall Concourse, 450 110th Ave NE



Bellevue Essentials, a civic engagement program now in its third season, will welcome over 30 new graduates to its ranks. The community is invited to meet the class this month at a graduation ceremony. The evening will include a keynote address by Congressman Adam Smith, “Community Change and the Power of Grass Roots”.

Alumni and class representatives will speak

about the Bellevue Essentials experience and certificates will be presented to graduates by Mayor Balducci and City Manager Miyake. The ceremony will be followed by a dessert reception in the Concourse, provided by The French Bakery.

The event is open to the public and is a good opportunity to learn more about the Bellevue Essentials program. Bellevue Essentials is the City’s nine-week introductory program to civic engagement. It highlights the structures and inner workings of city government in many arenas. Topics include demographics, public process, city planning, economic development, human services, utilities, environmental stewardship, finance and transportation, intergovernmental relations, public safety and more. The next class will commence in September, 2016, with applications available in May, 2016.

For more information or to RSVP for the event, please contact Julie Ellenhorn at jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5372.

NEP Now Accepting Project Ideas for Eastgate/Factoria

Deadline: November 30

The City has dedicated more than \$290,000 to enhance Eastgate/Factoria and we need you to tell us how to spend it.

Embrace your creativity and capture your dreams!

The Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) is officially underway

in the Eastgate/
Factoria Neighborhood

Area! Thank you to everyone who attended the kick-off meeting on October 21. We received many wonderful project ideas and had the opportunity to meet several new faces. Now that you know everything there is to know about the program, it’s time to start submitting your ideas for neighborhood enhancements!

Residents of the Eastgate/Factoria Neighborhood Area should have received a Project Idea Form in the mail on October 23. If you didn’t receive a form in the mail and would like to submit an idea, or, if you did but want to submit another idea, we’d love to hear from you. Please formally submit your project ideas online, via the website (<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep-project-submission.htm>), or visit an NEP Project Idea Drop-Box, located at both the Newport Way Library and the South Bellevue Community Center. In order for your project idea to be considered for the NEP, you must submit an official Project Idea Form. Eastgate/Factoria Project Idea Forms are due November 30.

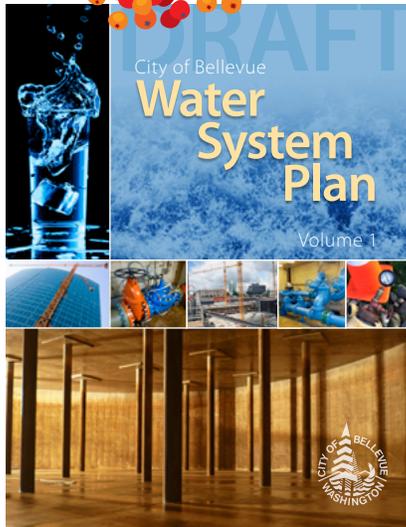
For more information on NEP, please visit <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep.htm> or contact Emily Kish at 425-452-4186 or Ekish@bellevuewa.gov.



Comment on Bellevue's Draft Water System Plan

Thursday, November 19, 5:30-6:30pm

Bellevue City Hall Room 1E-113, 450 110th Ave NE



The City invites Bellevue residents to an open house this month to give input on the Draft Water System Plan. This plan describes how the City is planning to meet water needs for the next 20 years.

Public comment is critical to ensure that the Plan recommendations and future decisions are consistent with community expectations.

The Draft Water System Plan, the result of months of policy review and evaluation of the water distribution system, provides a road map for management and operation of the system. The Plan

describes the water system's current and long-term needs, policies and financing, which influence long-term water billing rates. Open house attendees can learn about significant

changes in how people use water over the years, how the City is forward-thinking about renewing our aging infrastructure, Bellevue's legacy groundwater wells, and what Bellevue is doing to protect water in case of an earthquake or water supply emergency.

The Draft Water System Plan is available online at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/water-system-plan.htm>. Printed copies of the Plan will also be available to check out for a limited time from the Service First desk at City Hall. Interested parties may submit written comments during or following the open house, or may speak during oral communications at the beginning or end of the Environmental Services Commission meeting, which starts at 6:30pm right after the open house. The public will have until December 18 to submit comments. Comments may also be submitted via email to Doug Lane, Utilities Senior Engineer at dlane@bellevuewa.gov or by mail to Doug Lane, Utilities Engineering, City Hall 5W, PO Box 90012, Bellevue, WA 98009-9012.



Eastgate/Lakemont Community Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 6-8pm

South Bellevue Community Center,
14509 SE Newport Way

The Bellevue Police Department invites South Bellevue residents to join us for a discussion about recent burglaries in the area and to hear what the Police are doing to combat crime this month.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, hear real statistics and learn what they can do to better protect themselves and help make our communities safer. Council members are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Detective Amanda Jensen at AJensen@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6915.



Affordable Care Act Health (ACA) Insurance Enrollment Event

Saturday, November 21, 10am – 3pm

Crossroads Shopping Center, 15600 NE 8th St, Bellevue

The Open Enrollment period for purchasing discount health insurance begins this month.

The City of Bellevue Mini City Hall is partnering with Public Health to hold an enrollment event to help residents who need help to sign up or get their questions answered about the ACA. Interpreters for different languages will be available during the event. Participants need to bring income documentation, social security number and tax filing status to sign up that day.

People who can't come to the event will have other opportunities to get help.

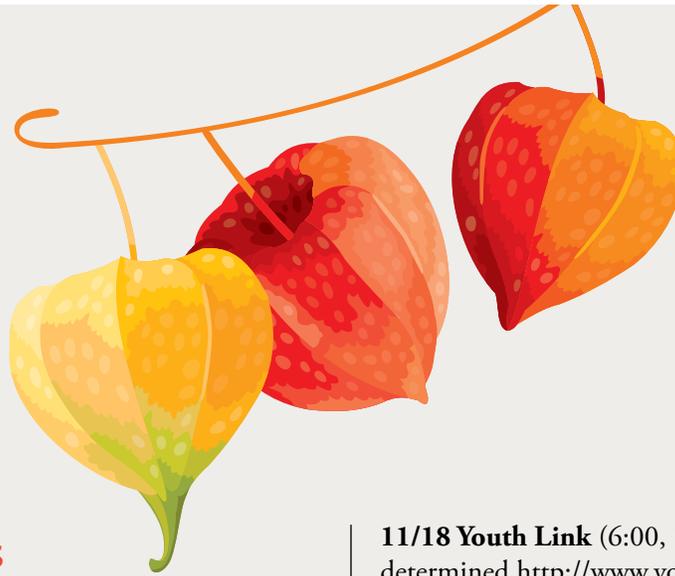
Public Health holds hours at Mini City Hall every Monday 10am-1pm and bi-lingual (Russian, Spanish, Indian dialects) certified navigators from the International Community Health Services (ICHS) are also available to assist 10:30am -3pm every Tuesday.

The first two years of enrollment, since Washington Healthplanfinder launched



under the Affordable Care Act in 2013, have enabled thousands of Washington residents to gain insurance coverage – allowing many people to see a doctor for the first time in years and protecting them from financial hardship due to medical bills. In King County, the number of uninsured adults declined by nearly 40 percent during the first year of enrollment alone. People will have until January 31, 2016 to enroll. For more information about the enrollment event, please contact Barb Tuininga at 425-452-2800 or email btuininga@bellevuewa.gov.





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.)

11/3 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Spiritwood Ordinance Update and Discussion, memo to City Council regarding necessary expenses
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

11/3 Arts Commission (4:30, 1E-109) Allocations Committee recommendations for 2016, committee recommendations on a gift of art offered to the City, and an introduction to the concept of a Grand Connection linking various areas of Bellevue, and other Commission business
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

11/4 Eastgate/Lakemont Community Meeting (6:00, South Bellevue Community Center) Discussion about recent burglaries in the South Bellevue area and to hear what the Police are doing to combat crime. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, hear real statistics and learn what they can do to better protect themselves and help make their communities safer.

11/5 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30a.m., 1E-121) Angela Miyamoto of Aging & Disability Services speaking on Community Living Connections
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

11/9 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Fire Safety Training Center) Joint Council/Planning Commission Work Session on Amenity Incentive System
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

11/10 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, 1E-113) Park Plan Update
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

11/18 Youth Link (6:00, 1E-118) Agenda to be determined <http://www.youthlink.com/>

11/16 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Operations & Maintenance Satellite Facility (OMSF) Code Amendment Initiation Discussion, Mid-Biennium Budget Updates (Operating) (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

11/17 Library Commission (5:00 Bellevue Library Room 3, 1111 110th Ave NE) Library Advisory Board role and responsibilities & review King County Library System (KCLS) 2016 Budget proposal
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm

11/17 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Needs Update Final Draft
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

11/18 Planning Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Eastgate Land Use Code, Downtown Livability/Land Use Code
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

11/23 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Regional Issues, Transportation Impact Fees, East Main Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Station Area Planning Update, Mid-Biennium Budget Public Hearing
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.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 425-452-6836.

