

# neighborhood news



October 2015

news for and about  
Bellevue neighborhoods

## NEP Coming to Eastgate and Factoria

### Kick-off Meeting and Open House

*Wednesday, Oct 21, 6:30-8pm*

*South Bellevue Community Center Community Room,  
14509 SE Newport Way*

We are pleased to announce that, after a brief hiatus, the popular Neighborhood Enhancement Program will relaunch this month, beginning with the Eastgate and Factoria neighborhoods! Originally initiated in 1988, this program provides residents the opportunity to identify small, city-funded, enhancement projects for their neighborhoods.

In August 2015, the City Council approved reinitiating the program with various changes from previous years, including:

Reaching all 14 neighborhood areas, consistent with the subarea boundaries of the Comprehensive Plan;

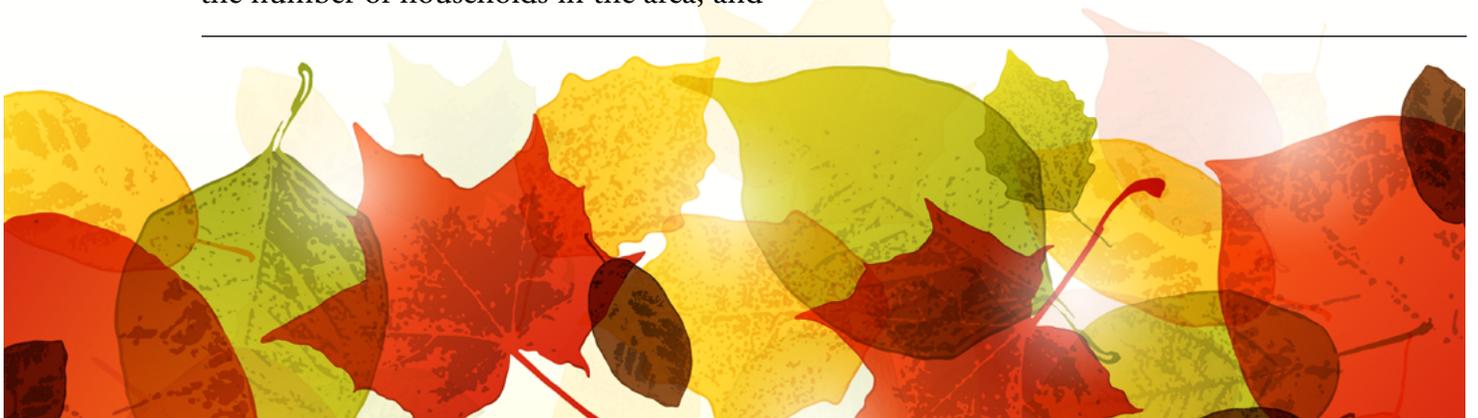
Serving two communities per year, over the course of seven years, per the Capital Improvement Project (2014-21) cycle;

Allocating \$5M for the program, distributed among each neighborhood area, according to the number of households in the area; and

Removing the \$150K cap per project, and making available the entire neighborhood area budget for projects.

Please join City of Bellevue staff, and your fellow Eastgate and Factoria neighbors, for a night of visioning and conversation at the program Kick-off meeting and Open House on October 21, 2015, at the South Bellevue Community Center Community Room (14509 SE Newport Way), from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Attendees can expect to learn about the program criteria, timeline, budget, and previous projects, as well as meet staff and connect with others interested in improving the Eastgate and Factoria neighborhoods.

Light refreshment will be provided, RSVP encouraged. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Emily Kish at 425-452-6836 or [Ekish@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Ekish@bellevuewa.gov)



## Bellevue Fire Department Open House

*Saturday, Oct. 3, 10am-4pm*

Please join the Bellevue Fire Department for our annual Open House in conjunction with National Fire Prevention month. We will once again have our stove top fire demonstration, Hands Only CPR, tours, Home Fire Escape trailer, fire hats for the kids and lots of photo opportunities for the entire family.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors can have free cookies and other refreshments, and ask firefighters questions. Children ages 7 to 15 can enter a drawing to ride to school in a fire engine. Fill out the form, then bring it to the open house to enter the drawing.

Special events are planned at the following fire stations:

Stove top fire display (Stations 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9): View how to properly extinguish a kitchen fire during a live demonstration involving real fuel and fire.

Child safety trailer (Station 3): Walk through a trailer home, learn about basic home safety and see if you can navigate your way out when it fills up with smoke. (Don't worry, the smoke machines use peanut oil and generate non-toxic smoke.)

- *Station 1 — 766 Bellevue Way SE (Downtown/West Bellevue)*
- *Station 2 — 2802 148 Ave. SE (Eastgate/Lake Hills/W. Lake Sammamish)*
- *Station 3 — 16100 NE Eighth St. (Crossroads/Northeast Bellevue)*
- *Station 4 — 4216 Factoria Blvd. SE (Factoria/Somerset)*
- *Station 5 — 9621 NE 24 St. (Northwest Bellevue)*
- *Station 6 — 1850 132 Ave. NE (Bridle Trails/Wilburton)*
- *Station 7 — 11900 SE Eighth St. (Wilburton/Woodridge)*
- *Station 8 — 5701 Lakemont Blvd. SE (Eastgate/Cougar Mountain)*
- *Station 9 — 12412 Newcastle Way (Newcastle/Newport Hills)*



Please join our family and share this wonderful day with the Bellevue Fire Department.



## Choosing To Lead

### Political Empowerment, Leadership, and Networking

Thursday, Oct. 8, 5:30-7:30pm

Crossroads Community Center,  
16000 NE 10 St.

Are you interested in moving beyond the passionate water cooler conversation and



turning your convictions into political action? Have you ever wondered what it takes to throw your hat into a political race? Do you have political aspirations and need information on where to begin? Political issues

are ever present and can dominate the media landscape, be the subject of robust family dinner conversations, and can move people to act. Understanding how to maneuver the political landscape can be fraught with opportunities and challenges. What better way to learn than to connect with those that have successfully navigated the political arena.

Please come join us for an evening with current and former political leaders to discuss what it takes to become civically engaged in politics.

Explore how diverse representation in government can make a positive difference in the communities they serve and hear experienced political leaders share what worked and didn't work for them. This program is moderated by former House Representative Velma Veloria and Alice Tang Coil, co-founders of the Political Empowerment Initiative.

For more information or to request accommodations, please contact Mark Manuel at 425-452-7886 or [mmanuel@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mmanuel@bellevuewa.gov)



## Low Impact Development Project Workshops

Oct. 6, 6:30-8:30 pm, Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE

Oct. 15, 6:30-8:30pm  
Cherry Crest Elementary, 12400 NE 32 St.

Bellevue is exploring changes to how stormwater from new development and redevelopment is handled. Come learn about the issues and give your input to help shape future code and regulations at two upcoming workshops held this month.

As Bellevue continues to grow and develop, new stormwater control tools are being developed. One of these tools is Low Impact Development (LID). Specifically, Bellevue is exploring LID Principles, which focus on conserving natural features on a site and, where feasible, collecting and allowing stormwater to soak into the ground rather than runoff into piped systems. This is achieved by reducing impervious surfaces and reducing the loss of vegetation, especially native vegetation. LID is being used now and the City is looking for ways to further integrate additional LID tools into new development and redevelopment projects.

The City is currently reviewing its development codes to determine if there are additional LID tools the City could incorporate into its development codes to further address stormwater runoff. Because this work will likely impact how development and redevelopment occurs in Bellevue, the city is looking for your input. Come learn about Low Impact Development and provide your input on how the

City could reduce impervious surfaces, reduce vegetation loss, and reduce stormwater flows.

For more information and to share your input, attend one of three public workshops or provide comments on the City's webpage at: <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/low-impact-development.htm>.

## Eastside Rail Corridor Open House

*Monday, Oct. 12, 6-8:00pm*

*Central Segment (I-90 in Bellevue to 108 Ave NE in Kirkland)*

### *Cherry Crest Elementary*

The Eastside Rail Corridor is part of a 42-mile rail line formerly owned by the BNSF Railway Company. King County and several cities and public agencies have come together to preserve and plan for the future of this important multi-use corridor, which extends from Renton to Snohomish. The team is busy developing trail alignment alternatives and is seeking additional feedback and input from the community this October.

King County is completing a Trail Master Plan to develop a new regional trail in the corridor between Renton and Woodinville, passing through Renton, Bellevue, Kirkland, Woodinville and portions of unincorporated King County.

Join us at an open houses or via the online digital open house to learn about options and provide feedback on your segment of the Eastside Rail Corridor Regional Trail.

### *Online Open House:*

*Visit [www.kingcounty.gov/erc](http://www.kingcounty.gov/erc) to participate*

*Opens: Oct. 12, 2015 at 8am*

*Closes: Nov. 12, 2015 at midnight*

Learn more at [www.kingcounty.com/erc](http://www.kingcounty.com/erc)

Email: [ERCtrail@kingcounty.gov](mailto:ERCtrail@kingcounty.gov)



## Affordable Housing Forum

*Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6:30-8pm*

*City Hall, Room 1E-108*

Join the Downtown Bellevue Residents Association (DBRA) for an educational forum that explores the past, present and future of affordable housing in Bellevue. Learn with a panel of experts from DASH, King County Housing Authority, Imagine Housing, Sophia Way and the YMCA. Kicking off the evening will be Dan Stroh, Director of Planning for the City of Bellevue.

The forum is open to the public and is the first in a series of informational meetings and educational forums addressing affordable housing and gathering input from neighborhood residents.

For more information, contact [dwights30@comcast.net](mailto:dwrights30@comcast.net).



## Ways to Survive the "Really Big One"

*Monday, Oct. 12, 7pm, Lake Hills Library,  
15590 Lake Hills Blvd*

*Wednesday, Oct. 21, 7pm, Newport Way  
Library, 14250 SE Newport Way*

*Thursday, Oct. 22, 7pm, Bellevue  
Downtown Library, 1111 110 Ave NE*

Feeling antsy about the New Yorker article?  
Wondering how you can protect yourself and  
your family from a catastrophic earthquake?  
We can help!



Join the Bellevue Office of  
Emergency Management and  
members of the Bellevue Citizen  
Corps Council to learn more about  
the science of earthquakes and what  
you can do to prepare for them.

Admission for these classes is free. All  
members of the Bellevue community are  
invited. During class, you will:

- Get a primer on the science behind earthquakes.
- Learn about the basics of individual and family preparedness for earthquakes and other hazards.
- Take charge of organizing your neighborhood through the state-run "Map Your Neighborhood" program.

Reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities is available; please contact the library location prior to the event if you require accommodation. For more information on this program, please contact Sophia Le at 425-452-6935 or [oempublished@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:oempublished@bellevuewa.gov).

## Newport Hills Public Artwork Opening Celebration

*Oct. 17, 11am-1pm,  
119 Ave SE and SE 58 St*

Come join the Newport Hills community and the artist in celebrating the official opening of its new public artwork: Rain Catchers by artist Bruce Myers! This celebration will feature a special ribbon-cutting ceremony, and of course, there will be cake and refreshments! All are welcome at this fun event.



Listening to the community, artist Bruce Myers drew inspiration from nature in the creation of this artwork. Artfully integrated with two bus shelters and the landscaping along 119, this artwork explores themes

of renewal and nature. If weather is not cooperating, the celebration will take place in the Newport Hills Community Church.

For more information about the event and the artwork please visit: [www.bellevuewa.gov/nh-lh\\_publicart.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nh-lh_publicart.htm) or contact Scott MacDonald, Arts Program Coordinator at [smacdonald@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:smacdonald@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4852.



## Fall Recycling Event

*Oct. 17, 9am-3pm*

*Bellevue Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE*

Now's the time to declutter before winter comes! Everything you drop off will be recycled at Bellevue's Annual Fall Recycling Event this month.

If you haven't been able to find a second life for the following items, please make sure they are safely secured when you are transporting them to the event with tarps, rope, straps, netting or other means. Only cars, passenger vans and pickups are allowed to drop off items. No flatbed or dump trucks are allowed. We reserve the right to refuse oversized, commercial or contaminated loads. Here is a list of what's accepted:

- Appliances and scrap metal (\$15 cash only fee for refrigerators and freezers, and \$5 fee for water heaters with insulation coating)
- Batteries (car, truck, marine and motorcycle)
- Cardboard
- Child car seats
- Clean scrap wood (untreated and unpainted)
- Clothing and reusable household goods for donation (no furniture)
- Electronic equipment
- Mattresses and box springs (\$10 cash only fee per item)
- Porcelain toilets and sinks (\$10 cash only fee per item)
- Propane tanks (\$5 cash only fee for residential tanks only)
- Rigid plastics (such as buckets, children's toys, coolers, laundry baskets, plastic lawn furniture, PVC pipes, and sports bottles)
- Secure shredding of confidential materials (limit 5 file-sized boxes no larger than 15 inches long, 10 inches wide, and 12 inches high)
- Styrofoam blocks and packing peanuts (white blocks and packing peanuts of any color).
- Tires (limit six, cash only fees for the following: \$1.50 for each tire on a rim, \$5 for each large truck tire, and \$15 for each truck tire on a rim.)



## Cultural Conversations

**“What is it that you really want to know?” – Engaging others in a diverse community**

**Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1-2:30pm, Crossroads Community Center**



This month’s meeting will continue with the original questions that started Cultural Conversations “What do I want to know about you?” and “What do I wish you would ask me?”. Five years later, the questions being asked within the group reflect the differing perspective both of those who are new and those who have participated in the group for several years. Cultural Conversations is a place where the group culture allows for the sharing that creates connection. What can we learn about creating similar space at home in our neighborhoods and in the larger community? How observant are we of communication cues that may have roots in culture? What of our experience and beliefs do we unconsciously bring to our interactions that may help or hurt the connection?

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. At its next gathering, the group will explore how we might respectfully engage members in our diverse community in a way that facilitates a two-way conversation.

The event is free, refreshments are served and women of all ages, faiths and cultures are welcome to attend. 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](mailto:cross@bellevuewa.gov); or Barb Tuininga 425-452-2800 or [btuininga@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:btuininga@bellevuewa.gov).

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## Telephone Conciliation Training

**Wednesday, Nov. 4, 5-9pm | Friday, Nov. 6, 9am-5pm | Saturday, Nov. 7, 9am-5pm**



The Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation Program is committed to utilizing volunteers to resolve conflicts in our community. The program is now seeking volunteers to provide telephone intake and conflict coaching services. Both the training and volunteering are a pre-requisite to becoming a future mediator with the program.

There is no charge for the training. Attendance at all sessions is required. Upon completion, those attendees who are selected are expected to volunteer in the mediation office in three hour, weekly shifts during business hours.

Telephone intake volunteers assist callers in understanding their issues, exploring

options and developing strategies for problem resolution. Training includes conflict theory, communication skills building, conflict styles, database usage and procedural tools.

Qualifications for volunteering: You must live, work or go to school in Bellevue to be eligible. Desired qualities include: good communication skills, a positive attitude, the ability to empower people to resolve problems, and the ability to respect confidentiality and remain impartial.

To apply for this training, contact [mediation\\_info@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mediation_info@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-4091.

Application deadline is October 23. Interviews will follow.

Please check our website [www.bellevuewa.gov/mediation.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/mediation.htm) for further information about the Mediation Program and its services.

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## Free Vehicle Leak Check Sheet

Have you ever glanced at your car and noticed a trail of liquid oozing onto the surrounding pavement? Did you know that this fluid will flow to a nearby storm drain, where it will be deposited without treatment into a local stream, lake or wetland?



By contacting Bellevue Stream Team, you can now receive a FREE Vehicle Leak Check Sheet as part of Puget Sound's "Don't Drip and Drive" campaign.

Bellevue's Stream Team Program Administrator Laurie Devereaux highlighted a few reasons why this campaign offers real value to the average driver in the community.

"Dripping fluids cause environmental and safety issues, as well as affecting vehicle longevity and reliability," said Devereaux. "Oil leaks are the most common of all vehicle leaks. The colorful oil sheens in stormwater runoff contribute to surface and groundwater pollution."

Devereaux continued, "If the repair is within your budget, get it fixed immediately. This will prolong the life of your vehicle, protecting your investment as well as our waterways. If you are unable to repair the leak right away, place cardboard, drip pans or newspaper under your car while it is parked until you can get it fixed."

Using a Vehicle Leak Check Sheet is easy, even for car novices. Simply place a provided white sheet of paper under your car, and use the given identifier sheet to determine which fluid, if any, is leaking.

Become a part of the solution and request a Leak Sheet by emailing [streamteam@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:streamteam@bellevuewa.gov) or calling 425-452-5200

## Green Clean at Home: Free Workshops

*Thursday, Oct. 8, 7-8pm, Newport Way Library 14250 SE Newport Way*

*Thursday, Oct. 15, 7-8pm, Bellevue Downtown Library, 1111 110 Ave. NE*

*Tuesday, Oct. 20, 6:30-7:30pm, North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148 Ave. NE*

*Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7-8pm, Lake Hills King County Library, 15590 Lake Hills Blvd.*

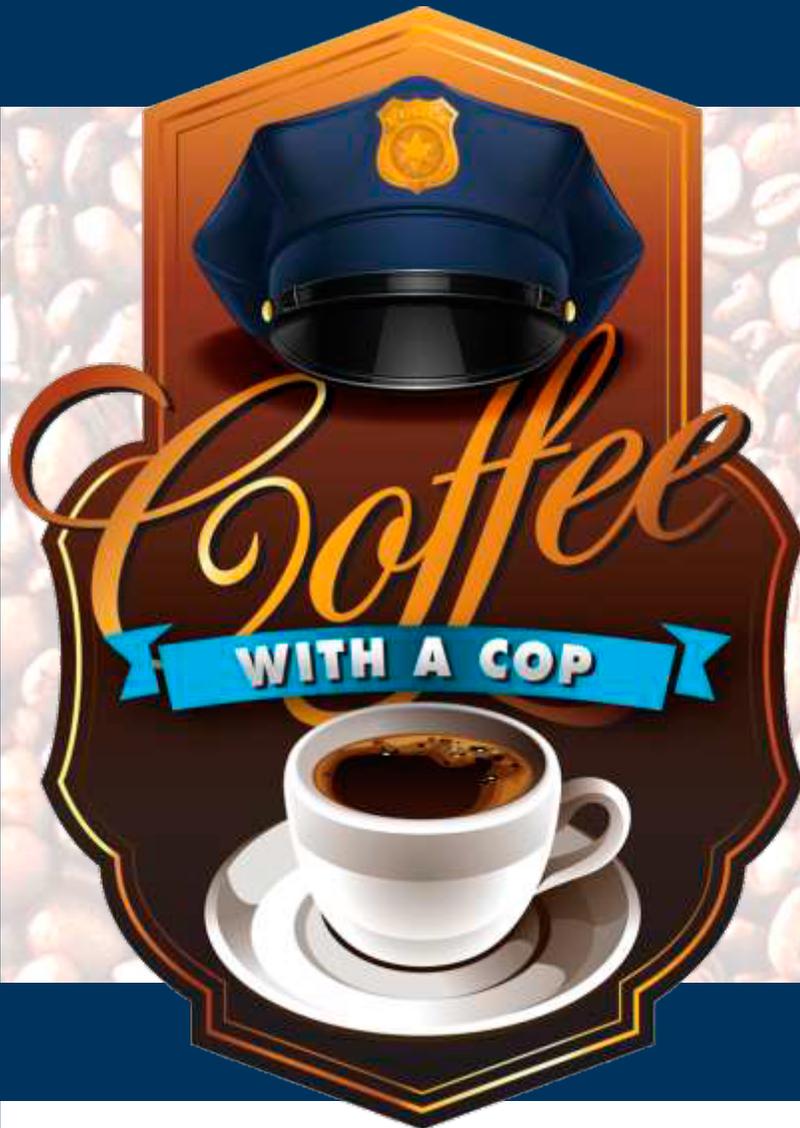
The City of Bellevue is pleased to offer people who live or work in Bellevue, four special green clean workshops this fall. All events are free!



These fun, hands-on classes cover information on avoiding toxic cleaners and resources for making your own green cleaners. Attendees will receive a free green cleaning kit to take home. Adults and children over 7 are welcome to attend.

Please contact us at [recycle@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:recycle@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-6932 to register. Registration is required. Spaces are limited to 20 people per session.





**October 1, 2015**  
**6:00pm-8:00pm**

**Starbucks**  
**Kelsey Creek**  
**180 148<sup>th</sup> Ave SE**  
**Bellevue, WA 98007**

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE  
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND  
CONVERSATION!**

**No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!**

Questions?  
Detective Amanda Jensen  
[CrimePrevention@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:CrimePrevention@bellevuewa.gov)

**BELLEVUE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**



## 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 Bellevue Network on Aging** (8:30-10:30a.m., 1E-121)  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm)

**10/5 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Update on Wasatch Suprblock and Connector Road, Smart Cities (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Management Brief on PCD/DSD Work Plan, Management Brief on proposed amendment to KC Countywide Planning Policies, Consent Calendar, Old Bellevue Parking LUCA – A3  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**10/6 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.)  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm)

**10/6 Arts Commission** (4:30, 1E-109) Agenda items will include a panel on visual arts service organizations on the Eastside and update on City Hall Plaza construction plans.  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm)

**10/6 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113)  
Topic: Eastside Pathways Update  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**10/7 East Link Permitting CAC** (3:30-5:30p.m., 1E-113) Topic: Continued discussion of CAC's Draft Advisory Document on Central Bellevue Segment Design and Mitigation Permit.  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

**10/8 Transportation Commission** (6:30, 1E-113)  
Topics: Transportation Facilities Plan (briefing, discussion); Parks & Open Space System Plan (briefing, discussion); Eastside Rail Corridor (briefing, discussion)  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm)

**10/8 Special Events Committee** (8:30 -10:30a.m. City Hall, 1E-118)  
[http://bellevuewa.gov/special\\_events\\_committee.htm](http://bellevuewa.gov/special_events_committee.htm)

**10/12 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Review Olympic Pipeline Franchise Agreement, Diversity Program Quarterly Update, Bellevue School District/How Funding for Schools Works  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**10/13 Parks & Community Services Board** (6:00, 1E-113)  
Topic – Parks & Open Space System Plan Update  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm)

**10/14 Planning Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Topics: Eastgate Land Use Code; Downtown Livability/Land Use Code  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**10/15 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113)  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm)

**10/17 Newport Hills/Lake Heights Public Art Dedication** (11:00 am to 1pm, 119th Ave. SE and SE 58th; rain location: Newport Hills Community Church)  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nh-lh\\_publicart.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nh-lh_publicart.htm)

**10/19 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) REDI Fund Revolving Loan for TOD/Affordable Housing Land Acquisition, TENTATIVE CAC – East Main Update (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**10/20 Library Commission** (5:00 p.m. Newport Way Library 14250 S.E. Newport Way Bellevue, WA 98006)  
Guest: Jennifer Robertson, Bellevue City Council member and Bellevue Library Board Liaison  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm)

**10/20 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-113)  
Topic: Update on ESL Program and Funding Changes  
[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, East Link Monthly Update, Economic Development Quarterly Update, NPDES Update  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**10/27 East Main CAC** (4:00-6:00 1E-113) Topic: Continuation of discussion on draft vision statements and follow-up on transportation items.  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-station-areas.htm>

**10/28 Planning Commission** (6:30, 1E-113) Topic: Downtown Livability/Land Use Code  
[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.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.