



Community Newsletter - Fall/ Winter 2023

## Meet the City Council Candidates

Thursday, October 26th at 7:00pm

Woodridge Elementary School Gymnasium



Seven council members, elected at-large, serve staggered four-year terms. These council members, in turn, select a mayor and deputy mayor from among themselves. The council sets the general policies of the city, which are implemented by the city manager and staff.

This year's election is very important, as **60% of the Council will be elected in November**. The City Council's 2021-2023 Vision, which is already underway, set seven strategic target areas which can be found [here](#). These strategic target areas are set in 3-year increments. The candidates elected in November will not only develop a new set of priorities for our City in the short term, but they will also be in charge of finalizing Bellevue 2035 Strategic Vision that will have long-term impacts on our City and community. If you have specific questions for the council member candidates, please send them to [woodridgebellevue@gmail.com](mailto:woodridgebellevue@gmail.com)

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## Transportation Benefit District

The Bellevue City Council approved the formation of a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) during their July 17th meeting. A TBD is a legal taxing authority recognized by the State of Washington. According to city documents, the TBD would be used to fund the maintenance budget for streets and signals maintenance, which saw a revenue reduction of \$1.7 million in the 2021-2022 budget and \$1.8 million in the next budget. Opponents to the new tax have noted that most of the revenue under a proposed 0.1% sales tax increase would not be tied to any specific project. The current local sales tax rate is 3.6%. The council is also considering imposing a new \$20 vehicle license fee. In the past 10 months, the City has approved three City tax increases without voter approval. At the September 11th council meeting, the council voted 4-3 to direct staff to finalize the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) assumption ordinance for final adoption at a future meeting. No decisions on the TBD budget or how it would be funded were made at this meeting.

Learn more: <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/transportation/transportation-benefit-district>

## Bellevue City Council Performance Dashboard

Did you know there is a performance dashboard that tracks how well the current City Council is advancing the vision?

<https://performance.bellevuewa.gov/>

In 2014, the City Council adopted a [20-year vision](#) for Bellevue, with the following strategic target areas. To guide plan implementation, the Council identifies short-term priorities every 2-3 years. For each target area, the City evaluates the Council's performance via key indicators and track progress on the related priorities.

# Welcome to the neighborhood

So far in 2023, there have been **21 home sales / new neighbors** calling Woodridge home. Next time you see those moving trucks unloading, drop by and introduce yourself. And for those who are new to our community, please feel welcome to stop by any community events.



## Join the WCA Board

Serving on a community board is a rewarding experience and an opportunity for personal and professional growth.

The Woodridge Community Association is always looking for more volunteers to serve on the Board or join a Committee:

- ◆ Newsletter Committee
- ◆ Engagement & Events Committee
- ◆ Membership Committee

~ **Low time commitment** ~

We ask that you be able to commit to *only five hours a month.*

### Quarterly meetings

For more information email:  
[woodridgebellevue@gmail.com](mailto:woodridgebellevue@gmail.com)

***Elections to be held at the WCA Annual Meetings.***

***Each Board member serves a 2-year renewable term.***

## “History of the Hill” Documentary

Watch a documentary on the history of Woodridge and the surrounding area prepared by Eastside Heritage Center.

Visit [woodridgebellevue.com](http://woodridgebellevue.com) under Community Connection.

## A Message from the Board

*Dear Neighbors,*

Happy Fall Y'all! We're excited to be able to share our newsletter with the community digitally. This saves on printing costs and environmental resources. If you know of any neighbors who need assistance with accessing newsletters, please have them email us.

We're also excited to welcome Bellevue City Council Candidates to share their vision for the future of Bellevue. Please join us for this exciting event. If you have specific questions for the council member candidates, please send them to [woodridgebellevue@gmail.com](mailto:woodridgebellevue@gmail.com)

You can also bring it with you to the event!

Now on a personal note, I have been so honored to serve as the President of the Woodridge Community Association since Cesar's departure in. Unfortunately, my term as President will end in Fall 2024. I urge members of the community to step up and join the WCA Board so that the legacy of this great organization can continue to serve our community. Please reach out if you're interested in joining the Board.

*Sincerely,*

*Erin Kenway - President*



Ballots for board officers and members-at-large will be handed out at the October 26th event. If you would like to be considered as a member-at-large or join a committee, don't hesitate to contact us:  
[woodridgebellevue@gmail.com](mailto:woodridgebellevue@gmail.com)

## WCA Board

**President:** Erin Kenway  
**Vice President:** *vacant*  
**Secretary:** Kim Hild  
**Treasurer:** Marcelle Van Houten

### Members at Large:

Baker Rawlings Teck Chu  
Mina Peterson Claudia Lee  
Sandy Nicholls *vacant*



# 4th of July Recap

The Annual 4th of July Woodridge Celebration has turned into a very popular event. And why wouldn't it be?!... There's a 5K, bike parade, water stations, the mayor of Bellevue, food trucks, live music, epic park slip n' slide, neighbors, families, dogs, the Bellevue Police Department, the Bellevue Fire Department, classic cars and more!

This is serious neighborhood fun.

Special thanks to the Bellevue Police Department and the Bellevue Fire Department for coming out and celebrating with us. A special thanks to the mayor and the city Council for participating. Congratulations to Matthew Livingston for finishing first overall in the 5k!

Thanks to an awesome team of volunteer neighbors who have been planning this event for months: *Jimmy Sarao, Greg Lang, Erin Kenway, Eric Axter, Anissa Olberg and Andrea Sirota.*

**Save the date for 2024!** Volunteers will be needed to continue this community tradition.

Another round of applause to co-hosts *Norwood Village Association, Norwood Swim Club, Woodridge Swim Club and Woodridge Community Association.* Thanks again to sponsors *Wes Jones and Teck Chu.*

Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available for next year. Reach out to [norwoodvillage@gmail.com](mailto:norwoodvillage@gmail.com) or [woodridgebellevue@gmail.com](mailto:woodridgebellevue@gmail.com)



Congratulations to Matthew Livingston for finishing 1st overall! Pictured here with Mayor Lynne Robinson



Donations toward community events can now be accepted via Venmo

## Free In-City Recycling Drop-off Center

You can drop off the following recycling items for free in Bellevue. These are things that don't go into the blue recycling bin, and are better left out of the landfills. This includes rigid plastics, scrap metal, styrofoam and more. You just drive down 127th, turn right at the bottom of the hill and turn left, go to the back of the parking lot.

(for residential and multifamily customers)

1600 127th Ave NE  
Bellevue, WA 98005

Hours: Monday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

### DROP-OFF FOR RECYCLING

Located at Republic Services Customer Care Center  
1600 127th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98005

<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p><b>Household Batteries:</b> Place rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries in separate, clear, sealed bags.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p><b>Used Cooking Oil:</b> Seal uncontaminated oil (no large solids) in clean, clear, screw-top, plastic jugs. Label jugs with name and address. Limit 3 gallons per drop off and 10 gallons per year.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p><b>Bicycles and Bike Parts</b></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p>Expired car seats currently can no longer be accepted for recycling.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p><b>Textiles:</b> Place clean, dry clothing and household textiles in clear plastic bags.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p><b>Fluorescent Tubes &amp; Bulbs:</b> Tubes: Wrap in paper and secure with tape. No longer than 4 ft. Bulbs: Bag in closed plastic bags. Limit 2 tubes/bulbs per visit, and 10 per year.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>All Regular Recycling:</b> See inside "Recycling" panel.</p> </div>	<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p><b>Hard-Cover Books</b></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p><b>Rigid Plastics:</b> All 5 gallon buckets, PVC pipes, laundry baskets, plastic lawn furniture, Big Wheels, coolers, and Nalgene bottles. Size limit: 2ft x 2ft x 2ft.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p><b>Scrap Metal:</b> All ferrous and non-ferrous scrap metal, including lids 3in or larger, that are free of wood, plastic, rubber, and other contaminants. Large items call to request pick-up; fees may apply.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p><b>Small Appliances (2ft x 2ft x 2ft or smaller and less than 60 pounds):</b> All microwave ovens, toaster ovens, irons, etc.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p><b>Small Electronics (2ft x 2ft x 2ft or smaller and less than 60 pounds):</b> Such as computer equipment, audio equipment, TVs, cell phones, and MP3 players.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <p><b>Small Propane Cylinders:</b> Cylinders must be empty - no tanks.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Molded Styrofoam:</b> No packing peanuts.</p> </div>
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www.RepublicBellevue.com      425-452-4762

## What is that Bird?

I hear it, but can't see it! Or I saw it, but don't know what it is? Woodridge is blessed with an abundance of bird species. There is a wonderful, free app, Merlin, by the Cornell Lab. I use it all the time, not only here on the hill, but when I travel. You can identify birds by their song, or by their coloring. And you can keep track of a life list on the App as well. <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>

## What is that Plant? Or Bug?

Another fun, free app is Seek. Use your camera to identify plants, animals, bugs and more.

Find it at [https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek\\_app](https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app)

## What is that Plane Flying Above?

You see a plane overhead. Where is it headed? What kind of plane is that? This is a fun, free app that you can use to see what is flying over Woodridge, where it is headed, and what kind of plane it is.

<https://www.flightradar24.com/apps>

Similarly, another fun app we enjoy is to find out when the International Space station is flying overhead. Check out [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.runar.issdetector&hl=en\\_US&gl=US&pli=1](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.runar.issdetector&hl=en_US&gl=US&pli=1)



## Partial Eclipse - Oct 14th

Washington will see about 81.2% of the sun blocked out, with a **partial eclipse starting at 8:09 a.m.** The annular eclipse will reach its max for Washington at 9:20 a.m. and last for several minutes before fading into a partial eclipse, lasting until 10:39 a.m.

Do not look directly at the eclipse as this can cause eye damage! View the Sun through eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer during the partial eclipse phases before and after totality.

## Share your Vision for the Future

Take a survey, register to receive updates on the planning process, invitations to participate, and apply to become a

Comprehensive Plan Ambassador.

Visit: [www.engagingbellevue.com/bellevue-2044](http://www.engagingbellevue.com/bellevue-2044)



## Bellhop: A New Way to Ride in Downtown Bellevue



Introducing **Bellhop**: the first free all-electric shuttle service in the Pacific Northwest. This unique pilot program will run through December 31 and plans to integrate eco-friendliness with an elevated, sustainable, and a seamless travel experience.

**How it works:** Simply download the **Circuit app**, hail a ride, and their driver will confirm they're on the way. Enjoy your free ride anywhere within our service area. Four-legged friends are welcome too as long as they sit on your lap or on the floor directly next to you.



## Blood Donations Needed



Our blood banks often hit critically low levels around the holiday season. Please consider becoming a blood donor. Your gift of blood, time, or money saves lives. Learn more at [www.bloodworksnnw.org](http://www.bloodworksnnw.org)

Did you know that our *FUR*mily needs donors as well? You earn credit for their donations. For more information, contact: [bloodbank.wa@bluepearlvet.com](mailto:bloodbank.wa@bluepearlvet.com)

## Interested in Scouting?

Reach out to a local troop leader:

**Boy Scouts Troop 662:**  
Jim Joyce | [sm662troop@hotmail.com](mailto:sm662troop@hotmail.com)

**Cub Scouts Pack 634:**  
Erich Patten | [Pack634Bellevue@gmail.com](mailto:Pack634Bellevue@gmail.com)

**Girl Scouts:**  
Discover available troops or learn how to start your own, visit <https://mygs.girlscouts.org>



The Open Data site is open to everyone and is designed with ease - whether you know what you're looking for or you'd like to browse all available content. Available content consists of tabular data, maps, and applications such as dashboards that can be navigated to via several methods.

Visit: <https://data.bellevuewa.gov>

## Traffic Safety Requests

You can enter an online request for a variety of neighborhood safety measures. Relevant staff from the City of Bellevue will then follow up with you based on your request. Requests that can be made online include:

- ◆ **Neighborhood Sidewalk** - Request a sidewalk
- ◆ **Request an Action** - The Request for Action form is the best way for residents to share traffic safety concerns, such as excessive vehicle speeds, non-local traffic, parking and collisions.
- ◆ **Radar Dolly** - The portable radar unit has been effective in decreasing vehicle speeds in many areas of Bellevue. It can be borrowed for 2 weeks.
- ◆ **Stationary Radar Sign** - These units capture the speed of passing motorists and display it, encouraging speeding drivers to slow down.
- ◆ **Crossing Assessment** - Submit a request for Traffic Engineering staff to review streets for safe crossing opportunities.
- ◆ **"Park Smart" Yard Signs** - The city offers "Park Smart" yard signs to help educate the public about parking laws.
- ◆ **Traffic Safety Yard Signs** - To raise awareness of traffic safety in neighborhoods, the city offers colorful neighborhood yard signs with traffic safety messages

For more information and access these request forms visit <https://bellevuewa.gov/traffic-safety-forms>

## Property Tax Assessments Have Been Completed

The amount of property tax you pay depends on the cost of state and local government. About half of your property tax is determined by the levies you and your neighbors have approved for services such as schools, parks, water districts, emergency medical service and fire protection, among others.

If you have questions about how your property was valued, please contact the King County Assessor at 206-296-7300.



## Trick or Treat

Trick-or-Treating around the Woodridge neighborhood has been a beloved tradition for many generations. On **Tuesday, October 31st** the streets of Woodridge will be filled with children looking to fill their Halloween bags with candy! Below are some important reminders to keep you and your families safe, while enjoying this annual tradition...

**5:00pm until 8:30pm**

Most ghouls and goblins will be roaming the neighborhood during this time.

### Safety Reminders:

**Bring flashlights and/or wear glow-in-the-dark accessories** | Always walk on sidewalks or gravel paths | **On streets with no sidewalks, walk facing traffic** | Do not trample through people's front yards | **Use crosswalks and only cross the street at street corners** | Never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars | **Stay in groups** | **Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully** | **Slow down and be especially alert if you are driving.**

**Consider providing peanut-free treats, or toys, for children with allergies. Some people are afraid of dogs, consider leaving your furry friends home while trick-or-treating, and secure dogs when answering the door.**



## Share the Road



There are more and more adults and children walking and riding bicycles around our community. There have also been more and more reports of dangerous vehicle and bicyclist events. Join us in helping to keep everyone safe on the road - especially our neighbors. Remember, no one — no driver, cyclist, or pedestrian — has sole rights to the road. It's a shared space where we all have rights and responsibilities.

Slowly back out of driveways, paying special attention for pedestrians and cyclists

Trim back any hedges or landscaping that may block your line of sight while backing out of your driveway

Distracted driving can be deadly. Do not text, scroll, tweet, take selfies, apply makeup, or anything else while driving.



**DRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE**  
**WOODRIDGE ELEMENTARY PTSA**

For most schools across America, public education is not fully funded. While our award winning Woodridge Elementary is one of the best in the state, there are still gaps in funding. In fact, all of the schools in our district are facing declines in donations and funding. Woodridge Elementary needs your donation to ensure we continue to support the programs that drive our students' academic excellence. Donations go directly to supporting programs like educational and social emotional learning programs, school-wide activities, and safety supplies for students and staff.

**Learn more about the Drive and other upcoming events at:** [www.woodridgeptsa.org](http://www.woodridgeptsa.org)



# 'Tis Almost the Season

## Winter Events on the Eastside

### Bellevue Downtown Ice Rink

Make magical memories at the Eastside's largest seasonal ice skating experience located at Bellevue Downtown Park just south of Bellevue Square. The ice rink is home to many unique promotions, skate lessons and theme nights.

**November 18th - January 8th**

Plan your visit at [bellevueicerink.com](http://bellevueicerink.com)

### Garden d'Lights

Discover over half a million sparkling lights formed in the whimsical shapes of plants, birds, animals, and cascading waterfalls set amid the natural beauty of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. This dazzling holiday light show has been enchanting visitors for over 25 years.

**November 26th - December 31st**

**4:30pm - 9:30pm**

*Last entry at 9:00pm*

Plan your visit at [bellevuebotanical.org/garden-dlights](http://bellevuebotanical.org/garden-dlights)

### Snowflake Lane

Experience the wonder of falling snow, dazzling lights, festive music, toy drummers, and dancers in this complimentary nightly parade of holiday floats. Join the festivities on the sidewalks between Bellevue Square and Lincoln Square from NE 4th to NE 8th Streets every night at 7 pm.

Parking available in any of the Bellevue Collection parking garages.

**Nightly at 7 pm**

November 24th - December 24th

*Note: Bellevue Way will briefly **close nightly** between NE 4th St and NE 8th St for this experience.*



## Proper Winter Maintenance

**Trees** - As our days grow shorter and leaves begin to turn, it's time to think about preparing our yards for the upcoming seasons. Strong winds are very common here on the hill. These winds regularly cause tree branches to brake off and cause damage. Homeowners are responsible for the damage caused by trees originating on your property - yes, even if the wind caused those branches to break off. Fall is a great time to check your trees for weak branches. Thinning reduces density of the tree branches. This not only increases light penetration, but also increase air movement through the canopy and reduces weight. Thinning tree canopy decreases the chances of strong winds and snow breaking branches - the most common cause of power outages on the hill. Trimming trees with branches over sidewalks can also keeps our community safe! Snow, ice, and strong winds can make those branches dangerous for pedestrians of all ages.

**Snow** - Snow is also becoming a regular occurrence up on the hill. During a snowstorm, City of Bellevue crews work around the clock to plow streets. Designated priority streets are cleared first to accommodate fire, medical and police response, transit, school buses and commuter traffic. It is every property owner's responsibility to clear sidewalks adjacent to their property of snow - it is the law.

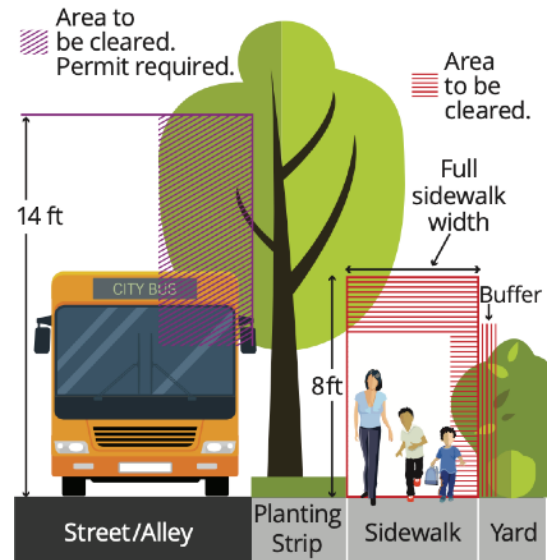
**Freeze** - When temperatures dip below freezing, it is important to insulate outdoor faucets, outdoor pipes, as well as pipes in unheated garages and crawl spaces, with insulating material.

## You are Responsible for Keeping Sidewalks Clear

See *Bellevue City Code 14.06, et al.*

Where trees, plants, shrubs, vegetation or parts thereof overhang any sidewalk or street, or public right-of-way, it is the duty of the owner of the property to trim, destroy or remove such overhang. Refusal to comply may result in various penalty imposed by the City of Bellevue, including fines and other remedies. Our winters can turn a weak branch into a dangerous hazard for pedestrians, vehicles, and other homes.

Violators may be reported to  
[codecompliance@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:codecompliance@bellevuewa.gov) | 425-452-2047



... it's also the law

It's unsanitary, gross, disrespectful, and illegal to not clean up after your pet. Failing to clean up after your pet, especially when it snows, can cause serious health risks to our environment. When snow water melts, it takes the feces with it and pollutes our streams.

## Asking Nicely Should be Enough

*Please Comply with CC&Rs*

Compliance with Covenants is the legal obligation of each homeowner.

Also known as CC&Rs, covenants are automatically renewed legal contracts disclosed to you in your title documents prior to closing on the purchase of your home. You have agreed to abide by these covenants, or contract terms, simply by purchasing your home.

If your neighbor(s) demand compliance of you, please respect these requests. Where there are both Bellevue and CC&R regulations, *both* regulations must be satisfied. If there is a question over which regulation must be followed, **the most restrictive regulation governs**. Failure to comply may result in expensive legal fees and other legal remedies should your neighbor(s) decide to pursue enforcement for noncompliance.

Contrary to rumors, the CC&Rs are still valid today. Some provisions within the CC&Rs have been voided by law (e.g. restrictions on roofing materials), but this does not void the remainder restrictions and does not negate your obligation to abide by the covenants.

Failure to enforce CC&R violators does put their validity at risk! It isn't being unneighborly - it is actually your responsibility as a homeowner to insist on compliance. And if asking nicely doesn't work, it is your right to file a civil lawsuit against them.

Find your division's CC&Rs on [woodridgebellevue.com](http://woodridgebellevue.com)

The **Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center** is a free and confidential dispute resolution center available to people who work or live in Bellevue.

Contact [BCRC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:BCRC@bellevuewa.gov) | 425-452-4091





## Help Reduce Congestion

When students and families walk, bike or carpool to class, everyone wins. Kids learn healthy habits early, plus fewer cars at drop-off and pickup locations alleviate roadway congestion for all travelers. Keep reading to learn how easy it is to adopt a safe and sustainable school commute. Bellevue SchoolPool, a collaboration between City of Bellevue, King County Metro and Bellevue School District, is a program that encourages families and students to explore sustainable transportation options for their commute to and from school in order to alleviate congestion at drop-off and pickup times and zones around schools. Please consider setting up a network on [Rideshare Online](#), or contact Bellevue School Pool at [BellevueSchoolPool@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:BellevueSchoolPool@bellevuewa.gov)

## Bike Safe



While there is no state law requiring helmet use, cyclists of all ages **must wear a helmet as required by law** in the City of Bellevue.

When riding on the road, a cyclist has all the rights and responsibilities of a vehicle driver. Bicyclists who violate traffic laws may be ticketed.

Please remind cyclists, especially children, to stop at all intersections and look both ways before crossing. Any collision between a cyclist and a vehicle can be deadly.

Vehicle drivers are encouraged to double-check for cyclists at intersections, especially at peak times (right before and after school) when there are more cyclists on the road in Woodridge.



## Review Parking Laws

Congestion around Woodridge Elementary has increased with the consolidation of elementary schools. Homeowners near the elementary school are seeing an increase in traffic and parking violations. Please respect the parking laws.

Parking violations can be reported to Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services at 425-452-6457 or BPD's non-emergency line at 425-577-5656.

### PARK SMART • A Guide to Parking Laws



**NO PARKING within 5 feet** from a driveway (RCW 46.61.570)



**NO PARKING within 20 feet** from a crosswalk (RCW 46.61.570)



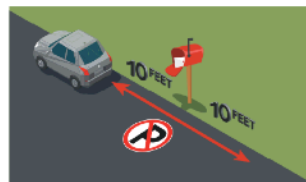
**NO PARKING more than 12 inches** from the curb (RCW 46.61.575)



**NO PARKING over a white painted edge line** or into the travel portion of a roadway or bike lane (BCC 11.23.025) (✓ is the correct way to park)



**NO PARKING within 15 feet** from a fire hydrant (RCW 46.61.570)



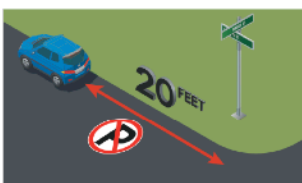
**NO PARKING within 10 feet** in either direction of a mail box from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on delivery days (BCC 11.23.028)



**NO PARKING on the sidewalk** whether fully or partially (RCW 46.61.570)



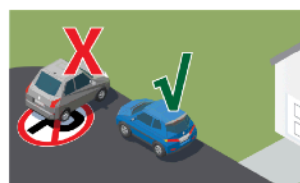
**NO PARKING facing the opposite direction** of the flow of traffic (RCW 46.61.575) (✓ is the correct way to park)



**NO PARKING within 20 feet** from the corner (RCW 46.61.570)



**NO PARKING within 30 feet** from a stop sign (RCW 46.61.570)



**Vehicles must be parked** with the right-hand wheels parallel to the curb or edge of roadway. (RCW 46.61.575) (✓ is the correct way to park)

**NO PARKING a vehicle for more than 24 hours** on either side of a public street within the same block. Vehicles must move to a different block every 24 hours. (BCC 11.23.020)

**NO PARKING in a fire lane** (BCC 23.11.503)  
**Vehicles parked on a street with an expired registration** of more than 45 days may be towed at the owner's expense. (RCW 46.55.113)

**NO PARKING with a "For Sale" sign** in the vehicle (WAC 308-330-436)

**NO PARKING when "No Parking Anytime" or "Time-Limit" restrictions** are present



## Home Repair Assistance

The City of Bellevue Home Repair Program provides low- to moderate-income Bellevue homeowners with 0% interest home loans and grants for repairs related to health and safety issues, including:

- Faulty plumbing
- Unsafe electrical wiring
- Poor heating
- Roof and gutter repairs
- Fencing and decking repair
- Siding repair and exterior painting
- Earthquake retrofitting

For more information on the types of loans and grants available, and to see if you're eligible, please visit: <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks-community-services/human-services/home-repair-assistance>

Or contact:

Donna Adair  
Home Repair Loan Specialist  
Email: [dadair@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:dadair@bellevuewa.gov)  
Phone: 425-452-4069  
TDD: 425-452-5262



The Salmon SEEson program shares the best stream and river locations in King County where people can see salmon as they return from the ocean in late summer and fall. Some locations are self-guided, while others feature volunteer naturalists to guide visitors in seeing salmon and learning about their lifecycle, efforts to protect them, and restoring habitat.

Salmon are an important cultural, economic, and environmental resource for our region, especially to indigenous people. Local governments, Tribes and community groups around King County and Puget Sound are working to recover salmon populations by protecting and restoring habitat; managing polluted and untreated stormwater runoff from streets and other hard surfaces; and educating people about what they can do to help protect salmon.

Use the link to the map below to find viewing locations, and when you go, please remember to [recreate responsibly!](#)

[https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/779f2239705a42fba71f198d958da479/?data\\_id=dataSource\\_2-Salmon\\_viewing\\_sites\\_8034:7](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/779f2239705a42fba71f198d958da479/?data_id=dataSource_2-Salmon_viewing_sites_8034:7)



## History is Not Forgotten

Have you ever wondered what your house looked like when it was first built? Were there trees on your property or your neighbor's? The Puget Sound Archives, located in Bellevue City Hall, has photo records of every house in King County when they were first built. You can look up properties by address or parcel number. Almost all houses in Woodridge and Norwood Village are in the Archives. You can photograph the record with your phone, or you can order a print from them.

Contact the Puget Sound Archives department at 425-564-3940 or [PSBranchArchives@sos.wa.gov](mailto:PSBranchArchives@sos.wa.gov)



## Pet License Info

Besides being the law, a pet license offers many benefits including:

- The first time your pet is found, King County will attempt to skip the shelter and bring your pet home
- Licensed pets have a longer stray hold at the shelter
- The Vacation Pet Alert program allows you to provide contact information for your pets Care while you are away from home
- Pet license fees help thousands of homeless animals in King County find new families each year and pay for services such as spay/neuter programs

You can buy a license online via [Regional Animal Services of King County](#). Or visit one of following Bellevue walk-in locations.

- City Hall, 450 110th Ave. NE
- Mini City Hall, 15600 NE Eighth St.
- Petco, 3540 Factoria Blvd. SE (replacement tags not available here)
- All QFCs

**Note:** Owners who fail to license their pets will face fines -- \$125 for a spayed or neutered pet; \$250 for an unaltered pet.



# Young Entrepreneurs of Woodridge

*Support Woodridge's high school and college students*

## **Child care & Dog walking Services**

13.5 years old | CPR certified | Kids 5yr+  
Free evenings, weekends, and most weeks this summer  
Babysitting \$12/hr | Dog walking \$10/hr  
**Contact Janie Tennant** via Jill at 206-856-6055

## **Child Care Services**

14 years old | 3+ yrs experience | CPR certified  
Free most weekends and after 3pm on weekdays  
**Contact Sydney Sirota** [sydneysirota@icloud.com](mailto:sydneysirota@icloud.com)

## **Landscaping | Yard Work**

**Contact Dylan Olberg**  
425-546-4578

## **Power Washing**

**Contact Cohen Heller**  
425-532-2610 | [cohenheller@gmail.com](mailto:cohenheller@gmail.com)  
Pressure washing available for all driveways, patios,  
walkways, etc. except brick. \$0.35 per square foot

## **Tutoring | Child Care Power Washing | Lawn Mowing**

**Contact Athary & Ram Koganti**  
425-625-3937 | [kogantiram1@gmail.com](mailto:kogantiram1@gmail.com)

## **Tutoring**

### **CW Academy**

The premier e-learning institute.  
From the comfort of your home, get to know the world of  
STEM, Career, and Arts education through LiveOnline  
courses taught by trained high school students. Most CW  
Academy tutors are located right here in Woodridge!

**Courses are all free-of-cost**

[www.cwglobal.org](http://www.cwglobal.org)  
[cwacademybellevue@gmail.com](mailto:cwacademybellevue@gmail.com)

## **Child care | Pet Sitting | Tutoring**

14 years old | CPR certified | Elementary Tutoring  
**Contact Katelyn Wong**  
via Jenn Wong (mom) 425-919-7839

## **Child Care | Pet Care | Plant Care | etc.**

**Contact Ellie Albert**

<https://joeyalbertus1.wixsite.com/my-site>

## **Child Care Services**

**Contact Hayden Stober**  
via Jessica Stober (mom) 206-276-7104  
\$12hr, \$15hr for more than one child

## **Child care | Pet Sitting | Tutoring**

5+ yrs experience | Services available:  
Child care, dog walking, pet sitting, tutoring, Korean  
teaching, homework help  
**Contact Emma Kim**  
425-542-3790 | [ohyesemma@gmail.com](mailto:ohyesemma@gmail.com)

## **Pet Care Services**

Responsible pet sitter and dog walker  
**Contact Blakely James**  
425-623-2492



## **Youth Ride Transit for Free!**

Remember that riders 18 and younger can take  
transit for free thanks to Move Ahead Washington,  
a statewide transportation funding package. Visit  
[FreeYouthTransitPass.com](http://FreeYouthTransitPass.com) for the latest  
information.

# Woodridge Community Association Donation Form

The Woodridge Community Association is a volunteer group of residents who strive to maintain the sense of community, quality of life, safety, and appearance of Woodridge through community activities, local government project education, community outreach, and neighborhood beautification projects.

In lieu of membership dues or fees, we ask residents to make a donation to support future events and projects.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**venmo**



Donations toward community events can now be accepted via Venmo

Please make checks payable to Woodridge Community Association.

Return this form with payment to: WCA c/o Erin Kenway 1861 123rd Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98005

## Locking Mailboxes Prevent Theft

There are always thieves who will target the mail. Non-locking mailboxes, especially when many are clustered together, attract thieves and are an easy opportunity. There are steps you can take to provide greater protection. Below are two options for Woodridge residents to consider.



Prevent crimes of opportunity and lock your mailbox

### Cluster Mailboxes

This unit is a centralized unit of individually locked compartments for the delivery and collection of mail referred to as a Cluster Box Unit (CBU) Cluster Box units or “community mailboxes” offer the greatest amount of fuel savings and carbon emission reductions because carriers can deliver mail to multiple customers during a single stop with less truck idle time. Increasing the use of centralized delivery for new and existing customers is highly encouraged and helps The Postal Service™ create “greener” neighborhoods across the country.

According to The United States Postal Service® regulations, the customer has to ensure that the mailbox is installed per their guidelines and accessible to the postal carrier to facilitate mail delivery.

*Note: The United States Postal Service® does not sell or provide personal mailboxes.*

### Locked Mailboxes

If you would like to obtain a locked mailbox for your residence you may purchase one at a local store:

Epoch Design  
17617 NE 65th Street, Suite 2  
Redmond, WA 98052-4979  
[epochbydesign.com](http://epochbydesign.com)

Models: Mail Boss 752x (Locking) | Mail Boss 753x (Locking) | Mail Boss-7104 (Locking) | Mail Manager 750x (Locking) Package Master 720x

You may also purchase one online from a United States Postal Service® approved manufacturer.

*Note: A mailbox with a lock must have a slot that is large enough to accommodate your daily mail volume. The Postal Service™ neither opens a locked box nor accepts a key for this purpose.*

Please report all mail theft to Bellevue PD as well as USPS:  
<https://faq.usps.com/s/article/Mail-Theft>





## Proposed Rate Increases - Request for Public Comment

On May 25, 2023, PSE filed a request with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to adjust natural gas rates (Docket UG-230393). The purpose of the request is to establish a new natural gas tariff schedule, Schedule 141LNG – Liquefied Natural Gas Rate Adjustment, which will allow PSE to recover the costs incurred for the development, construction, and operation of the Tacoma LNG Facility through a new tariff schedule.

The UTC has the authority to approve rates which may be higher or lower than PSE’s request. The UTC is examining the proposed rates, which were originally proposed to go into effect on July 1, 2023. On June 8, 2023, the UTC issued Order 01 Complaint and Order Suspending Tariff Revisions, and PSE’s request is pending UTC review.

### PSE has requested the following:

- Schedule 141LNG Liquefied Natural Gas Rate Adjustment: An overall increase in natural gas rates of 3.45% to collect the costs incurred for the construction and development of the Tacoma Liquefied Natural Gas Facility.
- Schedule 141D Distribution Pipeline Provisional Recovery Adjustment: Overall no change in natural gas rates to collect costs incurred for the construction of four miles of distribution pipe. One transportation rate schedule will see a rate increase of 85.05% while sales rate schedules will see a rate decrease of 0.08%.
- Schedule 141N Rates Not Subject to Refund Rate Adjustment: An overall increase in natural gas rates of 0.08% for the recovery of costs approved during a multiyear rate plan that are not subject to refund.

### Public hearing date and time:

You may comment on PSE's requested rate adjustment at a virtual public hearing to be held by the UTC at the date and time listed below.

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 6 p.m.**

You can participate via Zoom, meeting information can be found at [www.utc.wa.gov/230393](http://www.utc.wa.gov/230393). Or join by phone by calling 1-253-215-8782 and entering meeting ID number 867 8437 7255 and passcode 570072.

If you plan to participate, please call 1-888-333-9882 at least one day before the hearing so you can be signed in. Not calling in advance will not preclude you from calling the day of the hearing.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate at the hearing, please contact the WUTC at 1-888-333-9882. The WUTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities.

#### Other ways to comment on the proposed rates:

In your comments, please reference Docket UG-230393.

#### UTC

Send written comments to the UTC by one of the following:

Online: [www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment](http://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment)

Email: [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov)

Phone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

U.S. mail: UTC P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504

#### Public Counsel:

Residential and small business customers are represented in this case by the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Office of the Attorney General.

Email: [utility@atg.wa.gov](mailto:utility@atg.wa.gov)

To contact PSE about the requested rate adjustment:

Email: [customer@pse.com](mailto:customer@pse.com)

U.S. mail: Puget Sound Energy, Customer Care, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue WA 98009-9734

Natural gas service for the average residential customer (using 64 therms of natural gas per month)	Current Bill	Proposed Bill
Basic Charge	\$12.50	\$12.50
Energy – All therms	\$82.87	\$86.21
<b>Total bill at 64 therms per month</b>	<b>\$95.37</b>	<b>98.71</b>
<b>Overall Average Bill Impact</b>		<b>\$3.34 increase</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		<b>3.50% increase</b>

## Crimes of Opportunity

The Bellevue Police Department's online accountability and transparency website is a great resource to see where and what crimes are being reported. There has been a sharp increase in mail theft in our community and this has a lot to do with the ease of access to mail from unlocked mailboxes. Unfortunately, the majority of theft crimes reported below are mail theft. Please consider getting a quality locking mailbox (*not all locking mailboxes are the same!*) to help reduce thief's interest in Woodridge.



Statistics above are for the West Sector in Bellevue.

For more information on crime statistics and trends in Bellevue, visit Bellevue Police Department's Accountability and Transparency website [bpd-data.bellevuewa.gov](http://bpd-data.bellevuewa.gov)

## Safety Reminders

Fall has arrived and with it, daylight savings time will end. With darkness falling earlier, all those activities previously done in daylight will now occur in darkness. In the winter, evenings at 5 p.m., will be as dark as if it is 9 p.m.

Ensure that porch lights are functioning and that motion lights are coming on during hours of darkness. It's also a good time of year to mark your calendar as a reminder to update your alarm company with current contact information.

**It is a good habit to always lock your doors to your house, even when you are home.** If you are leaving for work and it is dark outside, have your keys in your hand rather than digging for them in your purse or backpack and park in well-lit areas. Pay attention and don't be distracted by looking down at your cell phone or listening to music.

## Report Crimes Online

The Bellevue Police Department's online crime reporting system allows you to submit a police report immediately and print a copy of the report for free.

Please confirm the following to find out if reporting a crime online is right for you:

- This is not an emergency
- This incident occurred within the Bellevue city limits
- There are NO known suspects
- This did not occur on a state freeway

You can access the online crime reporting system using the **MyBellevue** app, or visit:

<https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/police/report-and-prevent-crime/report-crime-online>

## Woodridge BPD Sector Captain

Captain Kevin Masseth  
Bellevue Police Department  
Patrol – West Sector (Woodridge)  
[KMassetth@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KMassetth@bellevuewa.gov) | 425-452-7907

## See Something? Report it!

Crime statistics are only as valuable as the information received from the community.

*Reporting is key to maintaining accurate data and improve patrol zones*

This reporting data is used to determine where and when to focus patrols and maintain adequate staffing of our police.

**If it is an emergency, always call 911**

## Domestic Violence Victim Assistance

24-Hr Crisis Line | 866-427-4747

**Washington State Domestic Violence Hotline**  
24-Hr Crisis Line | 1-800-562-6025

**LifeWire Program**  
24-Hr Crisis Line | 425-746-1940 | 1-800-827-8840

**Resource Guide:**  
[https://bellevuewa.gov/sites/default/files/media/pdf\\_document/DV\\_booklet.pdf](https://bellevuewa.gov/sites/default/files/media/pdf_document/DV_booklet.pdf)

# PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST MAIL THEFT IN BELLEVUE



## CRIME PREVENTION: BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Each year, Americans trust the U.S. Postal Service with billions of letters and packages, and the vast majority of those arrive safely at their intended destinations. But there are always thieves who will target the mail. Mail theft puts your personal information at risk for trading on online black-market sites or through direct use by criminals who have it in hand. Here are a few prevention tips to avoid just this.

- **CHECK YOUR MAIL DAILY:** Make a daily routine out of collecting your mail—even if you aren't necessarily expecting something. Keep in mind: even a simple utility bill is valuable to an identity thief. The more time you leave your mailbox full, the longer a scammer has to grab it. Be proactive and consider alternative delivery methods when placing online orders. Consider having packages delivered to a different location if you know you will not be home. You could also request packages to be delivered to a trusted neighbor.
- **RETHINK WHAT YOU ARE MAILING:** Never send cash or gift cards, as they are next to impossible to reclaim and are particularly sought after. Checks are also a target, as they can be washed and reused by scammers or sought after for the account numbers printed at the bottom.



- **PLAN FOR BEING AWAY:** If you will be away for more than a couple of days, designate someone you trust to pick up your mail or contact the Post Office to arrange for a vacation hold, where your mail will be held at the post office until you personally pick it up when you return. Likewise, if you're going to be away at work all day when you're expecting a package delivery, consider asking a trustworthy neighbor to take it to their house until you return home.
- **GO PAPERLESS WHEN POSSIBLE:** This will decrease the amount of sensitive information being sent to you via mail. If your bank, credit card company, utility company, etc. offer electronic copies of your statements or bills rather than mailing them to you, do yourself a favor and take them up on the offer.



- **DON'T LEAVE OUTGOING MAIL IN YOUR MAILBOX:** Deposit mail in a mail slot in the post office building, at a Postal Service mailbox, or hand it to your letter carrier. This way, you can be certain that your sensitive items are not vulnerably sitting in a mailbox awaiting collection. Items sitting in a residential mailbox with the red flag up are especially attractive to mail thieves.
- **SECURE YOUR MAILBOX:** A secure mailbox or mail slot, well-lit surroundings, and a visible home surveillance system can create a triple threat against any unexpected guests who may be after your mail. Should lighting or a surveillance system be impossible due to your mailbox's rural placement, consider upgrading your mailbox to include a locking mechanism; your mail carrier simply slides your mail into the slot.
- **KNOW WHAT YOU ARE EXPECTING:** The Post Office offers Informed Delivery, which allows you to digitally preview incoming mail through scanned images of the exterior address side of letter-sized mail. Visit the USPS Informed Delivery website to sign up for the program free of charge. If you are expecting to receive checks or sensitive information regularly, consider getting a post office box.

- **OPT-OUT OF JUNK MAIL:** Pre-approved credit card applications lie at the heart of the intricate relationship between mail theft and identity theft. Call toll-free 1-888-5-OPT-OUT (1-888-567-8688) or visit [optoutprescreen.com](http://optoutprescreen.com), and you can choose not to receive unsolicited offers for new credit cards and insurance.
- **REPORT MAIL THEFT IMMEDIATELY:** Remember, mail theft is a federal offense, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. If you believe you were a victim of mail theft, report the incident to both local law enforcement and the Post Office.
  - ◇ [BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/police/report-and-prevent-crime](http://BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/police/report-and-prevent-crime)
  - ◇ [usps.gov/report/](http://usps.gov/report/)



### Sign up for informed delivery with the USPS

Receive a preview of your day's USPS® mail and packages with Informed Delivery® notifications:

- Get Daily Digest emails that preview your mail and packages scheduled to arrive soon.
- See images of your incoming letter-sized mail
- Track and manage your packages in one convenient place.

[usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm](http://usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm)

## Bellevue Police Department

For emergencies, call 911

Police non-emergencies 425-577-5656

## Crime Prevention

[CrimePrevention@BellevueWA.gov](mailto:CrimePrevention@BellevueWA.gov)

425-452-6915

BPD-22-7171



For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-4864 (voice) or email [rdaly@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:rdaly@bellevuewa.gov). For complaints regarding accommodations, contact City of Bellevue ADA/Title VI Administrator at 425-452-6168 (voice) or email [ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov). If you are deaf or hard of hearing dial 711. All meetings are wheelchair accessible.



# Draft Vision Statement

## Open Houses: October 9-25, 2023



## Setting a vision for the future of Bellevue!

The city is updating its Comprehensive Plan to make sure that people who live, work, and play in Bellevue...



Can find housing that meets their needs.



Enjoy parks, nature, and recreation opportunities.



Have access to jobs and economic opportunity.



Can get around using all kinds of transportation options.



And so much more!

Over the past 18 months the planning team has heard from over 5000 people about what they want to see. Now it's time to share that work with **you!**

Throughout the month of October community members can visit one of our open houses to learn more and provide feedback.

**Monday-Friday, Oct. 9-25 | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

City Hall - 15600 NE 8th St, Bellevue, WA 98008

**Saturday, Oct. 14 | 2-6 p.m.**

Crossroads Mall (outside Mini City Hall)  
15600 NE 8th St, Bellevue, WA 98008

**Thursday, Oct. 19 | 4:30-8 p.m.**

City Hall - 15600 NE 8th St, Bellevue, WA 98008

These are all drop-in events. People may come at any time and stay for as long as they want. Anyone who cares about the future of Bellevue is welcome to attend.



**To learn more visit:**

[engagingbellevue.com/bellevue-2044-draft-vision-statement-events](https://engagingbellevue.com/bellevue-2044-draft-vision-statement-events)

