



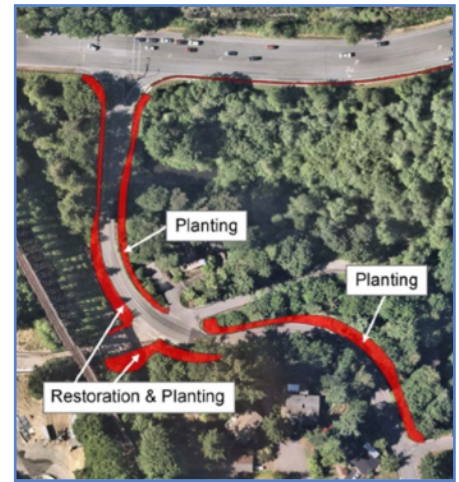
WOODRIDGE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Community Newsletter - Spring/ Summer 2024

SE 8th Entrance Beautification

Starting this Summer and continuing into the Fall, you'll begin seeing some improvements to our SE 8th entrance to the neighborhood. This is one of the capital projects funding from the Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) and will provide new landscaping along 121st Ave SE between SE 8th St and SE 10th SE, with emphasis around the Woodridge Entrance sign. The plantings will replace aging, dead and dying plants, fill in missing locations, and replant in areas impacted by construction. The existing irrigation system will have minor updates to include water conserving technologies. **Project Manager:** [Laura McKee](mailto:lmckee@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4108, lmckee@bellevuewa.gov

To learn about the status of the other NEP projects, including the replacement of one capital project that is no longer viable, please see page 10.



Eastrail Update

Within the next few months King County Parks will begin construction to transform the historic Wilburton Trestle into a stunning elevated trail that can be enjoyed by commuters, cyclists, runners and pedestrians. King County Parks is aiming to open the trestle in late 2025. The trestle along with the new WSDOT bridge over I-405 just to the south will open at the same time. When complete, there will be continuous trail from 118th Ave. SE near the Mercer Slough Educational Center north through the Wilburton neighborhood and all the way through Kirkland to Woodinville's winery district.

The new trail across the Wilburton Trestle will include the addition of several viewing platforms to take in the sights and view Kelsey Creek which runs under the structure. Questions about the project can be sent to Eastrail@kingcounty.gov

Over the past several years, there has been interest from Woodridge residents in access to Eastrail within the neighborhood. The City of Bellevue has purchased a property on SE 11th St. with the intent to provide a neighborhood trail connection to Eastrail. The city is working on the process to allow public use of this property through a covenant amendment within Woodridge Division No. 3. In the coming weeks, residents in Woodridge Division No. 3 will receive additional information on this process. Longer term, City of Bellevue Parks will be engaging with the community as a plan is created for the property.

Please stay tuned for further information about this exciting opportunity to connect to Eastrail and beyond. Inquiries about the SE 11th St. property can be directed to Kim Bui, Bellevue Parks & Community Services, kbui@bellevuewa.gov



Welcome to the neighborhood

Since our last newsletter, there are **18 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.



Serve your Community

The Woodridge Community Association is always looking for volunteers to serve on the Board, join a Committee, or help with an Event.

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

~ **Low time commitment** ~

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

For more information email:
woodridgebellevue@gmail.com

Does your student need volunteer hours?

Reach out to the Woodridge Community Association to learn about opportunities that can earn them volunteer hours!

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

Spring is in the air ~ the birds are chirping and the blueberry bushes in our yard are budding! That means it is also time to celebrate extra daylight hours.

As we continue to adapt to a digital newsletter format, I encourage you to check in with your neighbors and make sure that they are able to check the website for the newsletter. We have signs out around the neighborhood, but word of mouth is encouraged! If you know of any neighbors who may need a physical copy, please don't hesitate to let us know.

The WCA has been blessed to see a resurgence of residents who are passionate about Woodridge and serving as a community volunteer. At the Fall community meeting, where we also welcomed City Council election candidates, the WCA Board expanded to include four new members! I'd like to celebrate Deanne Hayes, Claudia Lee, Jon Girsch, and Bill Kreckling for their time and commitment to this community coalition. Thank you.

It really does take a village to keep Woodridge feeling so connected. Our community is sacred and the annual community 4th of July event is becoming legendary (*rumor has it that our local firefighters beg to be assigned to our neighborhood so they can go down the slip and slide!*)

The joy on the faces of each and every child as they gleefully present their bikes and wagons for the parade is truly marvelous. As we continue to provide the financial support for this event, along with Norwood Village and both Swim Clubs, we urge community members to also provide donations to support the event. Each year, it costs the organizations approximately \$4,000 to put on that one event. We'd love to have more events in the future, but that all depends on the generosity of our residents. Please turn to page 12 for the QR code to donate now!!!

Enjoy the warmer days. I can't wait to see our sidewalks fill with our walkers, joggers, and runners... Jimmy makes a great 5K course.

Erin Kenway

Mission Statement:

The Woodridge Community Association (WCA) is a non-profit, volunteer coalition of neighborhood residents who strive to maintain the quality of life, safety, and appearance of Woodridge by educating, discussing, and addressing issues that may impact the neighborhood.

Every resident in Woodridge is automatically a member of the WCA. But in lieu of asking for membership dues, we will instead rely on the generous donations from the community.

See page 12 for ways you can contribute to community events!

Woodridge Community Association Board Members

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

Members at Large:

Baker Rawlings
Mina Peterson
Sandy Nicholls
Jon Girsch
Deanne Hayes
Claudia Lee
Bill Kreckling
Teck Chu

Contact us anytime:

woodridgebellevue@gmail.com

www.woodridgebellevue.com

We Can Stop Inviting Thieves into Woodridge

Thieves love an easy target...

Mail thieves, in particular, love when you make their criminal activity easy (and fast). Thieves target clusters of non-locking mailboxes. Just like you would lock your home and your car, please convert to a locking mailbox. Thieves will continue to target our community as long as neighbors make us an easy target.

Bellevue is currently seeing a spike in auto thefts and car prowls. DON'T leave an open invitation for thieves by leaving valuables in your car. Park in well lit areas. Lock your vehicle and ensure that your alarm system is on.

Report all suspicious activity to 911.

BPD encourages residents to report ALL crime or suspicious behavior

Scam Alert!

Overall, crime in Bellevue is down 6% from last year!

Non-English speaking and elderly residents are often taken advantage of by thieves with phone scams. The newest phone scam that Bellevue Police Department is learning about involves a caller who calls to offer to buy their time share from them. They then ask the scam victim to wire money to Mexico. The transaction sounds *very* legitimate and some crime victims are surprised at how convincing these callers are. Avoid these types of scams and extreme caution online. Do not give out personal information, do not wire money, and do not buy gift cards for any one that you do not personally know.

Let's Talk About Getting Locking Mailboxes

This community is really tired of the mailbox thefts. There seems to be a lot of social media posts complaining about the thefts with the blame directed at the thieves or the police. Homeowners also bear responsibility for securing their mail, just like they would their home or their car.

Luckily, the WCA has done some research for you - with pictures and pricing! There are two options for securing your mail: **CBUs** or a **Mail Manager**. *The cheap locking mailboxes that can be bought at places like Home Depot are very easy for thieves to break into.*

CBU's

- 8-unit:** \$1,970.00 plus tax ~ **approx. \$246 per household**
 - 8 resident doors, 2 parcel lockers, 1 outgoing mail slot.
- 12-unit:** \$2,040.00 plus tax ~ **approx. \$170 per household**
 - 12 resident doors, 1 parcel locker, 1 outgoing mail slot.
- 13-unit:** \$2,110.00 plus tax ~ **approx. \$170 per household**
 - 13 oversized resident doors, 1 parcel locker, 1 outgoing mail slot.
- 16-unit:** \$2,145.00 plus tax ~ **approx. \$134 per household**
 - 16 resident doors, 2 parcel lockers, 1 outgoing mail slot.

Installation options (includes coordinating with USPS):

- Onto sidewalk or existing concrete: \$350.00 per box.
- Onto new concrete pad poured by Lock Box NW: \$1,200.00
- Disposal of old mailboxes/stand: \$100.00-\$200.00 depending on size/build.

Freight charges range from \$250.00 to \$350.00 for single boxes.

No freight for orders of 5 or more at once.

Mail Manager

Mailbox: **\$145.00 plus tax**

Installation onto existing mailbox stand: \$95.00 plus tax.

If boxes would not all fit onto stand, there will be an additional cost to add a shelf of some sort to end(s).

CBU's



Mail Manager



Do you want to have a CBU installed, but need help approaching your neighbor? Do you need financial assistance to convert to a secure mailbox? The WCA may be able to help. Please contact us.

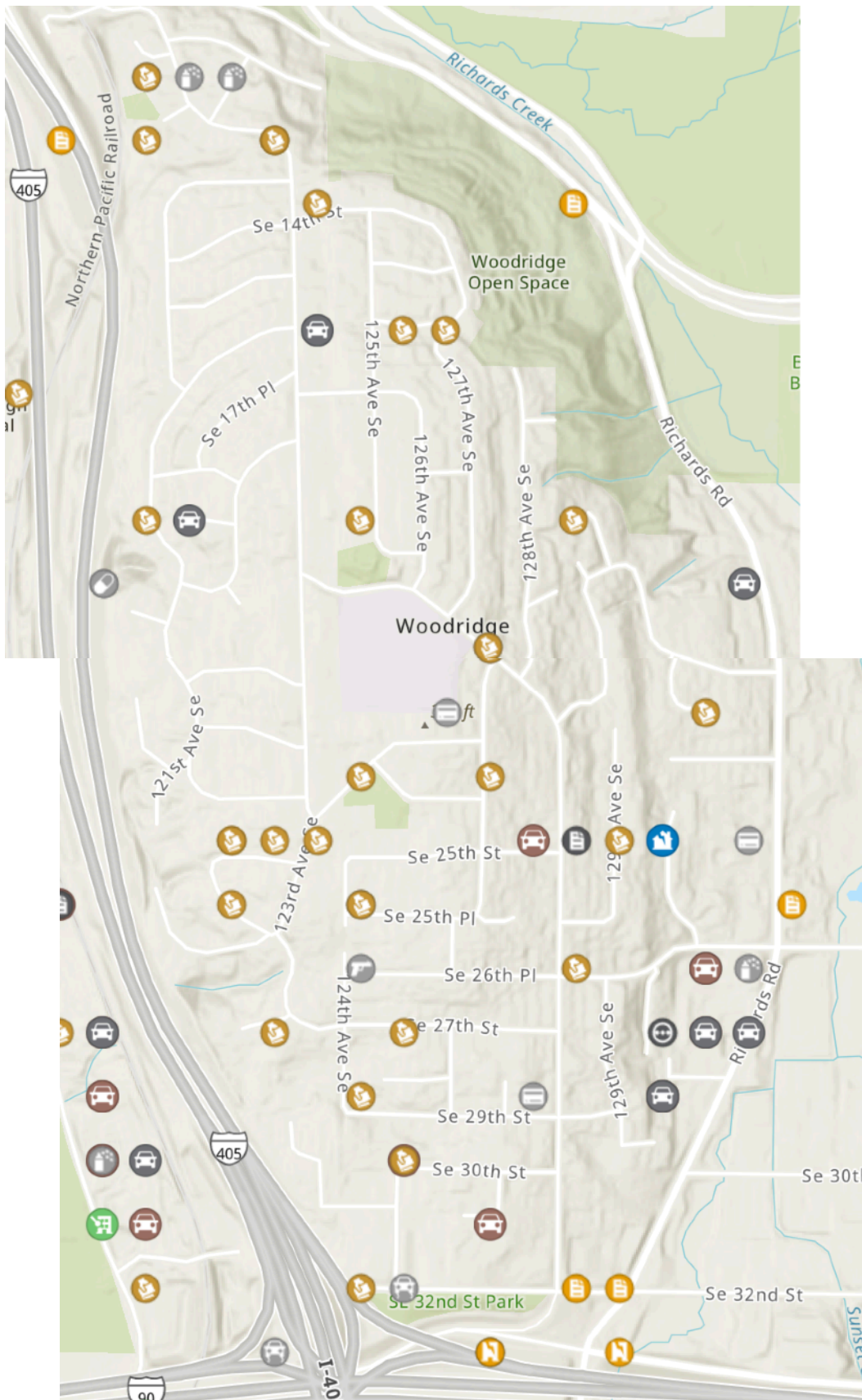
Lock Box Northwest LLC

206-271-4814

david@lockboxnw.com

lockboxnw.com

What Crimes are *Actually* Being Reported?



Offenses

- Assault
- Homicide
- Robbery, Commercial
- Robbery, Residential
- Firearms
- Weapons (not firearms)
- Arson
- Residential Burglary
- Commercial Burglary
- Burglary Tools
- Theft
- MV Theft
- Possession of Stolen Property
- MV Prowl
- Warrant
- Trespass
- License/Registration
- Traffic
- Speed Violations
- Equipment Violations
- DUI
- Disorderly Conduct
- Vandalism/Property Destruction
- Forgery/Counterfeit
- Fraud
- ID Theft
- Bribery
- Extortion
- Threats/Intimidation
- Harassment
- School Offenses
- Sex Offenses
- Prostitution
- Public Morals (Offenses against)
- Stalking
- Drug/Alcohol Related
- Liquor Laws
- Alcohol

This is a map representing all crimes reported in our neighborhood over the last year. The most common crimes reported in our neighborhood is mail theft and car prowls. Do your part lock your vehicles (with no valuables inside), and secure your mail with a locking mailbox or work with your neighbors to convert to CBU's. Dark streets with less vehicle traffic are most vulnerable to mail theft and car prowls For more information on crime statistics and trends in Bellevue, visit Bellevue Police Department's Accountability and Transparency website bpd-data.bellevuewa.gov

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
Phone: 425-452-4069
TDD: 425-452-5262

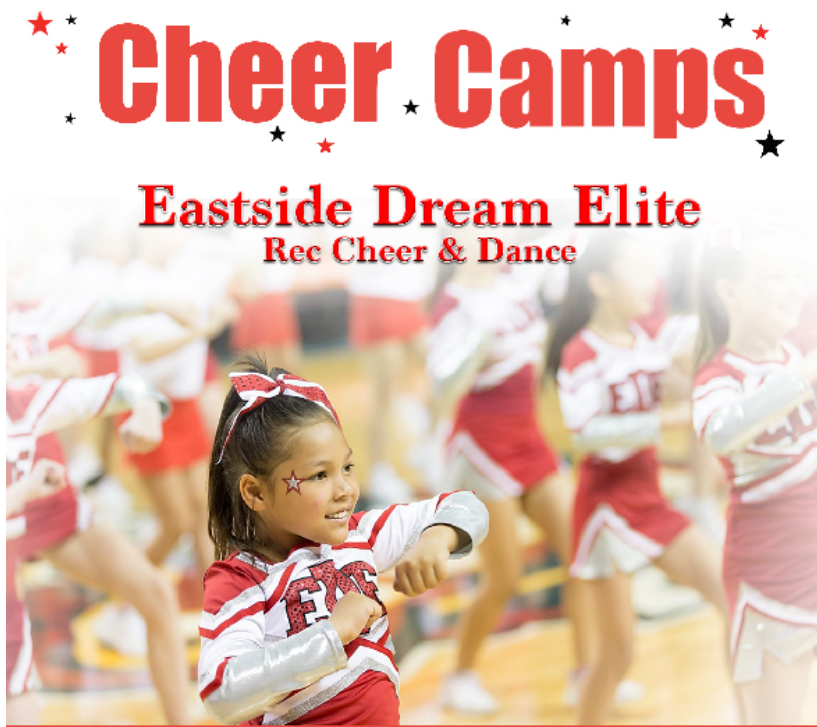
Senior or Disabled Property Tax Exemptions and Deferrals

State law provides 2 tax benefit programs for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. They include property tax exemptions and property tax deferrals. With exemptions, you pay less taxes or none at all. With deferrals, you are able to pay your taxes at a later date. The state encourages you or those you know to take advantage of this meaningful tax relief for citizens living on fixed incomes.

Exemptions

- Income limit (annual income less than \$84,000)
- At least 62
- Disability (at least one)

There are occupancy and ownership requirements. For more information is at 206-296-3920



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Both half and full-day camps
Ages 5+

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★ 425-246-9636 ★

Deferrals

You may qualify for a deferral of your property tax liability if:

- You are 60 or older, or retired because of physical disability.
- You own the home in which you live and occupy it at least nine months a year.
- Your household income for 2023 was \$88,998 or less.
- You meet equity requirements.

Deferrals and interest become a lien on your property until you repay the total amount.

**WOODRIDGE ELEMENTARY
PTSA**

Save the Date for the Woodridge PTSA Carnival!
Wednesday, May 29th from 5:00 - 8:00pm

The entire Woodridge community is invited to join an evening of fun in support of the PTSA. For more details, including buying tickets for games, please visit: www.woodridgeptsa.org

Hey, Black Seattle!

Did you know one of Seattle's newest social entrepreneurs lives right here in Woodridge?!

Kiesha Garrison's journey with Hey, Black Seattle began in June 2023, sparked by her own desire to connect with more of the Black arts community in Seattle. As someone who has always believed in the power of community and the arts as a unifying force, she was immediately inspired to think beyond her own needs. She saw an opportunity to create a platform that not only connects individuals to community, but also celebrates and supports the rich tapestry of Black culture in our region.

Having worked at Microsoft, Kiesha recalled how the ERG leaders there worked hard to provide Black community resource lists which aimed to bring together professionals and offer support for new transplants. They shared resources on everything from salons to housing. But any one organization's resource list still existed in a silo, and didn't contribute to or benefit from the lists that also existed in other professional or community organizations. This realization sparked the idea for Hey, Black Seattle, a central platform dedicated to the Black community in the area.

The mission is simple yet profound: to shorten the time it takes for Black folks to find their community, to connect, and to thrive in this beautiful region.

Hey, Black Seattle's events calendar offers a focused hub where people can post and discover events, making it easier to find opportunities to engage with the Black community that can seem buried in existing event search platforms. From cultural festivals to professional networking events, the calendar creates targeted space to showcase the dynamic spirit of the Puget Sound community.

This article was modified for length and content. Original article written by Aparna Rae and appeared in Forbes on February 29, 2024.



Swim Season Opening Weekend

May 4th & 5th

12pm-5pm

Both Woodridge & Norwood Swim Clubs will be open for all to enjoy!

Each pool offers a variety of enticements during this "open pool" weekend: food trucks, ice cream, music, games, BBQ grills, and a ton of fun! Stop by each pool to experience the fun of this annual tradition. You'll be sure to find your new "summer home."

Invite your friends & make a splash

More info:

norwoodswimclub.org

woodridgeswimclub.org

Curb their Hanger...

Give yourself a break and take advantage of great local food trucks this summer!

Home swim meets at Woodridge Swim Club provide a great opportunity to get out of making dinner! The food trucks are open to all.

Norwood Swim Club hosts food trucks on Fridays starting in June. Let the kids play at the park while you *don't cook dinner!*



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



Attention Gardeners!

Are you an avid gardener? Are you interested in learning more about how to become a more successful green thumb? Are you interested in a plant swap or seedlings to enhance your yard? Are you planning to thin out your yard and want to share mature plants with neighbors who can replant them?

Then you should join the *growing*

Woodridge/ Wilburton Gardening Club

on Facebook. This is a private online community that welcomes other gardening enthusiasts.

Conflicts with Neighbors

Are you tired of that noisy neighbor? Or does your neighbor refuse to trim their trees? Or are you sick of the trailer parked out front? Going to the authorities, whether it is the police or filling a lawsuit with the courts, over a conflict with your neighbor can be tricky. Your neighbors may see your action as hostile. Neighborly relations can deteriorate. Even worse, your neighbors might retaliate, for example by calling Code Compliance over that shed you constructed near the property line. Neighborhood feuds can rapidly snowball in this manner. An alternative to going to the authorities is to negotiate directly with your neighbor. We know this may not be easy – and we don't recommend trying this right after you've been woken up on Saturday morning by a barking dog (again). Nor should you wait through months and months of mounting frustration. However, if you prepare yourself and carefully pick the time to speak with your neighbor there is a good possibility that you can negotiate a solution that addresses your specific situation. Sometimes merely raising awareness can be helpful.

If negotiating directly with your neighbor doesn't work, or is too daunting a prospect, consider using the City of Bellevue's free and confidential Conflict Resolution Services (BCRC). This service is available to anyone who works or lives in Bellevue or Kirkland. Through this service you will work with highly trained, neutral conciliators and mediators who can help facilitate the discussions between you and your neighbor. BCRC accesses the translation and interpretation services so we are able to engage with residents who speak any first language. Many of our diverse volunteers speak other languages than English as well. All staff and volunteers are trained to be culturally adept, seeking to understand cultural differences that may be impacting communication or the issue causing conflict. Mediation can be particularly helpful when the issues are emotional or complex. Through this process the mediators will help you and your neighbor articulate your concerns in a safe, neutral environment, and then find a solution that works for everyone.



Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center

People who live or work in the Bellevue or Kirkland use the free and confidential services of BCRC for a variety of issues involving neighbors, landlords, tenants, businesses, groups, and foreclosures. Most cases are between neighbors. These include a wide array of issues such as animals, noise, fences, vegetation, trees, parking, children, boundary lines, untidiness, vacant houses, unhealthy or unsafe conditions, and cultural differences. BCRC also helps resolve cases involving businesses, consumers, land use, and many special circumstances. If you wonder if BCRC handles it, send them an email. Please note that they are not able to take cases involving small claims, divorce, or parenting plans.

425-452-4091 | BCRC@bellevuewa.gov

<https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/conflict-resolution-center>

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. Do you love attending the annual 4th of July event? Do you love having the City Council debates in our neighborhood? Do you want more events? Everything has a price...

Please make checks payable to Woodridge Community Association.

Be sure include your Name, Address, Email, and Telephone

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Donations toward
community events can now
be accepted via Venmo

Send payment to: WCA c/o Marcelle Van Houten, 12124 SE 19th St., Bellevue, WA 98005

EXPERIENCE BELLEVUE!

3 Days!

- May 4 at City Hall
- May 18 in BelRed
- June 1 at City Hall



EXPERIENCE BELLEVUE!

Three Days of Events Throughout the City
May 4 ~ May 18 ~ June 1

Choose from over a dozen tours and experiences over three fun Saturday mornings this Spring. Some tours offered in Spanish and Mandarin.

May 4 experiences include a bus tour of affordable housing, a South Bellevue parks tour, a visit to Porchlight Men's shelter, walking tours of Downtown and Wilburton.

May 18 experiences include a walking tour of the flourishing BelRed Arts District, a chance to enjoy the Botanical Gardens and immerse yourself in a forest bathing experience, a visit to Fire Station 6, a neighborhood bus tour or a photography lesson at Bellevue's best view spots, and more. The day concludes with the **Spring District Family Festival** at the Spring District Plaza, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., including food trucks, live music, and kids' activities. Flier is attached at the end of the newsletter and no registration necessary for the Festival. The Festival is free and open to the community.

June 1 experience Bellevue activities will be at City Hall with the Welcome to City Hall program that invites families to explore City Hall and enjoy interactive activities with police, fire, transportation, public art, clean water, parks activities and more.

Check out the **preview video** here: <https://youtu.be/cRHfMbkus70>

For a full description of all the tours and experiences visit www.bellevuewa.gov/experiencebellevue or Eventbrite to register:

May 4: <https://experiencebellevuemay4.eventbrite.com>

May 18: <https://experiencebellevuemay18.eventbrite.com>

June 1: <https://experiencebellevuejune1.eventbrite.com>

Register today – tours will fill quickly!



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

returns to

Norwood Swim Club

2340 123rd Place SE, Bellevue

Give yourself a night off from cooking, meet up with your neighbors, bring the kids for a picnic in the park & support a local business

Find food truck schedules and menus at streetfoodfinder.com/norwood



Peamouth Minnows Season

Countless peamouth minnows (*Mylocheilus caurinus*) return to Kelsey Creek in the spring to spawn. Peamouth are typically observed one to four times from late April through June—but they are only around for 12-48 hours, so if you want to see them you have to be there at the right time.

One of the best spots to watch the peamouth are under the Wilburton Trestle! Check the live Kelsey Creek Camera under the Trestle on the City's website: <https://bellevuewa.gov> and search "Peamouth Minnows."

Held
Annually the 1st
Weekend in June

June 1st-2nd
9am-3pm

Woodridge Community-wide Yard Sale

Set up a yard sale at your house and put out directional signs.
Woodridge Community Association will take out ads to direct buyers to the neighborhood!



What is CPTED?

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

Contact us for a FREE security assessment
for your home or business in Bellevue



Contact: Officer Andrew Kruczko
+425-365-5259
AKruczko@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>

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 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

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.bloodworksnw.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

Interested in Scouting?

Reach out to a local troop leader:

Boy Scouts Troop 662:

Jim Joyce | sm662troop@hotmail.com

Cub Scouts Pack 634:

Erich Patten | Pack634Bellevue@gmail.com

Girl Scouts:

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



Neighborhood Enhancement Project Updates

In 2021, the City allocated Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) funding for neighborhood enhancement projects. Ballots were sent out to the community with nine projects to choose from. The top four capital projects receiving votes, within the budget available, were selected using rank-choice voting. Information on the status of these projects is set out below.

Woodridge Trail Enhancements - Woodridge/ McTavish Trail — Project completed: Fall 2023

This project included installation of trail drainage to help with trail water issues in the winter and Trail surfacing for the entire system. A bike rack and gravel pad were added at the SE 13th trailhead. Mutt Mitt dog waste stations and a trash receptacle were installed at each trailhead and trail bridge deck grip plates were added to all bridges in system to alleviate the potential for slippery surfaces during the winter rainy season.

Richards Creek Open Space Invasive Vegetation Removal & Native Planting - Richards Creek Open Space, 1640 Richards Rd — Project to be completed: Fall 2024

This project will involve the removal of non-native invasive vegetation from natural wetland areas within Richards Creek Open Space. The scope of work will involve the removal of non-native invasive vegetation from the Richards Creek riparian buffers. All the areas impacted by the removal of invasive vegetation will be replanted with native trees and shrubs that are suitable for site conditions. This project will result in a more diverse and healthier wetland ecosystem that will enhance wildlife habitat and improve ecosystem functions. **New Project Manager:** Maryann Olson molson@bellevuewa.gov (She will take on this project in mid-April)

WR-7: Residential Street Lights at three selected locations — Project no longer viable as it requires approval from adjacent homeowners

SE 16th Pl between 121st Ave SE and 123rd Ave SE, 121st Ave SE between SE 15th St and SE 16th Pl and 127th Ave SE between SE 20th Pl and SE 23rd St

Cost: \$43,500

Per city policy, installation of additional city lights requires additional approval from all adjacent landowners. As such, in order to allow our neighborhood the opportunity to use the remaining NEP funding allocated for community improvements, the City will consider the capital project that received the next most quantity of votes that falls within the remaining budget parameters. Pursuant to the ballot results, the next capital project to receive the most votes was WR-3 (see description and image below).

WR-3: Woodridge Swim Club Street Lights

New capital project in lieu of WR-7

Cost: \$65,000

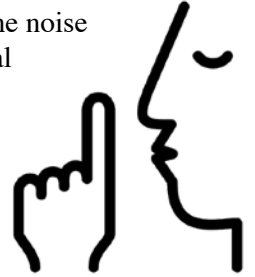
This project would install up to three (3) new PSE owned and maintained LED streetlights in the vicinity of Woodridge Swim Club. The new poles would reside in City of Bellevue right-of-way and light public streets. City of Bellevue lighting engineer would determine street light locations based on available right-of-way, available power, and relation to underground utilities. Project costs would include new poles, new LED streetlights, all necessary trenching and wiring. All work would be conducted by Puget Sound Energy. Each proposed streetlight will be subject to 100% homeowner/property owner approval within a 100-foot radius of the proposed streetlight, prior to installation. Proposed streetlight locations are estimated locations. The streetlight shall be installed in accordance with the City's installation policy. On-going cost to maintain the light shall be the responsibility of the city.



Shhh... there really are times to be quiet!

So who do you call? If the noise is from a stationary source, such as a generator, heat pump, or compressor, you should call the Code Compliance Department (425-452-2047). If the noise is a barking dog, call King County Animal Control (206-296-7387). For all other noise problems, you should call the Bellevue Police Department (425-452-6917).

The most common type of noise problem is complaints about loud parties. The police do not typically use sound meters, instead they use the **75 foot rule**: if a noise can be clearly heard from 75 feet away, then it is a noise disturbance and the Police will knock at the door. They have the power to cite violators with fines in some cases. Most of the noise standards in Bellevue's Noise Control Ordinance have different standards for night time. In most residential areas the permissible level of noise is significantly lower between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM — referred to as —**quiet time**. As we head into summer and many more people are enjoying the beautiful outdoors, please be respectful of your neighbors and respect noise ordinances and quiet hours.



The City of Bellevue Noise Control Ordinance, Chapter 9.18, has numerous exceptions and special cases. The entire ordinance, about ten pages, can be viewed on line at <https://bellevue.municipal.codes/BCC/9.18>

Emerging Radiance: HONORING THE NIKKEI FARMERS OF BELLEVUE

Discover the untold stories of Japanese American farmers who lived in Bellevue, WA from 1920 to 1942 with augmented reality or watch the impactful documentary. These Japanese farmers transformed unusable land into a thriving and prosperous community before being forcibly uprooted and incarcerated, along with 120,000 other Japanese Americans, during WWII.

<https://www.emergingradiance.co/>

*Emerging Radiance is a Winner of Tribeca X 2022
Produced by Meta Open Arts and
presented in partnership with Immediate
Justice, Densho, and Future Arts at
Bellevue Arts Museum*



Created by Tani Ikeda and Michelle Kumata

Quiet Hours

The City of Bellevue code sets daytime noise levels in residential areas at a maximum of 55 dBA (decibel level) and nighttime (between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.) at a maximum of 45 decibels.

Construction noise is only allowed between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

For reference:

Normal conversation: 45-55 dB
Heavy city traffic: 85 dB
Noisy restaurant: 90 dB

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Reporting is key to maintaining accurate data and improve patrol zones

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

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>



Scan here to complete your event waiver form



Schedule of Events

- 8:30am:** Check-in at Norwood Swim Club
- 9:00am-10:30am:** 5k Fun Run / Walk
~ *Race Begins at 9am sharp!*
- 11:00am:** Decorate bicycles, scooters, wagons & carts for the parade
- 11:30am:** Parade
- 12:00-3:00pm:** Food trucks and Music
- 2:00pm-4:00pm:** Slip 'n Slide Open

Co-hosted by: Norwood Village Association, Norwood Swim Club, Woodridge Swim Club & Woodridge Community Association

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For Additional Sponsorship Opportunities or Donations, email fundraising@norwoodswimclub.org

Public Service Announcement:

It is illegal to set off fireworks in the City of Bellevue

Woodridge Community Newsletter Advertising Order Form

Please mark your choice:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Business card | 2" x 3 1/2" (horizontal or vertical) | Price: \$75.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 page | 3 3/4" x 5" (vertical only) | Price: \$150.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 page | 4 1/2" x 7 1/2" or 3 3/4" x 10" | Price: \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full page | 8 1/2" x 11" (1/2" margins, all sides) | Price: \$350.00 |
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Spring Deadline: April 1st
Fall Deadline: September 1st

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Email digital files directly to woodridgebellevue@gmail.com

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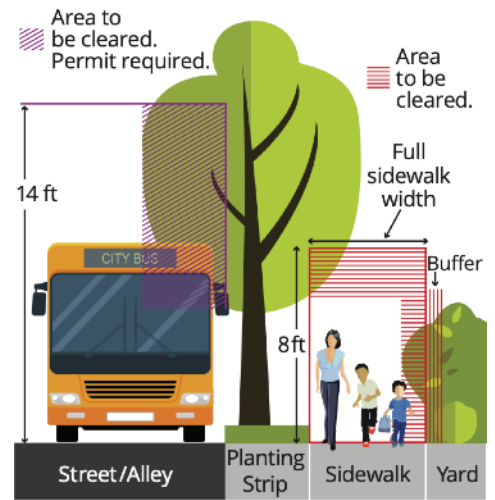
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You are Responsible for Keeping Sidewalks Clear

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 | 425-452-2047



Covenant Violations

Covenant violations put all our investments at risk

Compliance with Covenants is the legal obligation of each homeowner. There are numerous covenant violations around the neighborhood.

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.

Asking nicely should be enough. If your neighbor(s) demand compliance of you, please respect these requests. If you are a tenant, your landlord is legally required to comply with the CC&Rs.

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, try using the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center. If negotiations do not work, it is your **right** to file a civil lawsuit against them.

Find your division's CC&Rs on woodridgebellevue.com



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.



Bellevue Police Department invites you to
National Night Out
August 6, 2024
Crossroads Park, 16140 NE 8th Street, Bellevue
4:00pm - 7:00pm

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

A copy of Divisions CC&Rs can be found on our website: woodridgebellevue.com

Note: the circles above are intended to show a generalized area subject to a specific covenant / restrictions. Not all covenants or homeowner responsibilities are listed. You are responsible for determining your own rights and responsibilities

Div 3: Only 1-story houses, or 1-story with daylight basement on Lots 1-9 & 59-67 only

Div 4 & 6: No tree or shrub of any type shall grow above 15-feet. Only 1-story houses, or 1-story with daylight basement.

Div 2: No trees planted after 1958 shall grow above 15-feet. Only 1-story houses, or 1-story with daylight basement.

Div 5: No trees planted after 1961 shall grow above 15-feet. Only 1-story houses. 2-story house ok on Lots 8-13, 61, 62 & 79 only. Roof ridge height cannot exceed 20-feet above main floor for either.

Westridge: Limited to 9 lots.

Linda Vista, Manor Crest(s): 1-story height limitation unless given waiver for 2-story by original Review Committee. No outbuildings of any kind. No signs. Fence restrictions. No objectionable growth. No hedges, walls, fences above 6-ft

Norwood Village 1 & 2: As an HOA, Norwood's covenants are voted on and enforced by the Board. Learn more: www.norwood-village.com

Deaverdale: 1-story only (see exceptions). Harmonious architecture. No signs. No hedge, fence, or wall taller than 6-ft

Lake Vista Add: No ridge or peak more than 24-ft. Above grade. 2-story required approval of committee. Harmony of dwellings important. No signs.

Renaissance: As an HOA, covenants are voted on and enforced by their Boards.

Woodmont Add, Woodcrest Terrace, Woodridge Manor: The title company was unable to find any covenants for these divisions. Exercise your own due diligence.

Div 7, 8, 9: 2-story house ok BUT ridge height cannot exceed 25-feet above finished grade. No signs allowed.

Div 1: No tree or shrub of any type shall grow above 15-feet. Only 1-story houses, or 1-story with daylight basement.

Woodridge Park Estates: 3 stories ok. No boats, campers, etc allowed to park outside (must be in garage). Trash cans cannot be visible from the street. Planter Islands must be maintained by residences. No using property for commercial or religious purposes, including no daycares. No signs. Covenant violator bears cost and expense of litigation.

Woodridge Park South: Strict view protections. Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 shall not allow trees/shrubs to grow higher than 30-ft. Owners of Lots 1, 2, 3 have right of entry to trim trees.

Inland Park No. 2: 1-story only. No signs. No nuisance or offensive activity. No trash/rubbish outside of cans. No wall or hedge nearer than building set back.

Savannah & Saratoga: As an HOA, covenants are voted on and enforced by their Boards.

Norcrest Add: Subject to Norwood Village restrictions

Norwood Vista: Subject to Norwood Village restrictions

Woodview(s): No trees planted after 1958 shall grow above 15-feet. Bi-level, tri-level, & 2-story homes ok.

McDonalds Woodridge Glen: 2-story ok. No signs. No fence, hedge, or wall above 6-ft allowed. No fence, hedge, wall nearer than building to the street.

No division in Woodridge allows DADUs (detached accessory dwelling units).

All homes must be single family residences (no duplexes). All residences are for residential and not commercial purposes.

Most Divisions have *more* restrictive setback requirements than the City of Bellevue. In particular, setback requirements, number of stories allowed (for view protection), number of pets, height of plantings/trees, garage size, and more are more restrictive!

Coyotes May Get Too Close for Comfort

You may hear coyotes more frequently than you see them, especially when they have pups. Juvenile coyotes are often heard in summer, trying out their voices. Coyote sightings often increase in late-winter and spring when they may have dens and pups to care for.



Coyotes are most active at night and during the early-morning and evening hours. Their diet is diverse and adaptable to what's around, including everything from rabbits and small rodents to garbage, birdseed, and fruit from trees. Humans increase the likelihood of conflicts with coyotes by deliberately or inadvertently feeding the animals, whether by handouts or by providing access to food sources such as garbage or pet food. In the springtime, an increase in the local bunny populations attracts both coyotes and bobcats into urban neighborhoods. Coyotes can also benefit humans and ecosystems by helping control populations of mice, rats, voles, moles, and rabbits.

There were no documented coyote attacks on humans in Washington state until 2006. Urban coyotes are a good reminder to keep a close eye on children and small domestic animals, especially in the green spaces around the Woodridge neighborhood as we do have coyotes who make dens nearby. Coyotes are curious but timid animals and will generally run away if challenged. However, remember that any wild animal will protect itself or its young. Never instigate a close encounter. If a coyote ever approaches too closely, pick up small children immediately and act aggressively toward the animal. Wave your arms, throw stones, and shout at the coyote. If necessary, make yourself appear larger by standing up (if sitting) or stepping up onto a rock, stump, or stair. The idea is to convince the coyote that you are not prey, but a potential danger.



In the event of an immediate public safety issue, wildlife violation, or an injured or dangerous animal, please call the WDFW Enforcement office at 360-902-2936 or email enforcement-web@dfw.wa.gov, or call 911.

Every covenant in Woodridge prohibits chickens or other livestock precisely because it attracts wild animals such as coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, foxes, and owls!

City of Bellevue ~ Upcoming Events

Tree Canopy Land Use Code Amendment taking place during the Planning Commission meeting on **April 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

This amendment includes updates to Land Use Code regulations for tree removal and protection during the development process. Later this spring, the City Council will also consider updates to the Bellevue City Code concerning regulations for tree removal outside the development process and enforcement.

More information on the full project is available [here](#).

Lower speed limits proposed for Bellevue neighborhoods

On Feb. 26, 2024 the City Council directed staff to begin outreach to inform the community about a project to reduce the speed limit on most local streets from 25 mph to 20 mph and answer questions. Local streets are designed primarily to provide access within neighborhoods and carry local traffic to collector arterials. Staff have put together an on-demand webinar to introduce the project available [here](#).

- **April 20, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.** [EarthFest 2024](#) at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens
- **June 1, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.** [Experience Bellevue](#) at Bellevue City Hall

BELLEVUE 2044
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Building A Livable City for All

Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan outlines a vision for the future and sets policy direction to get there. It's used by the City Council, Boards & Commissions, and staff to make decisions around housing, transportation, parks, economic opportunities, and more. To learn more and sign-up for updates, visit engagingbellevue.com/bellevue-2044.

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

Landscaping | Yard Work

Contact Dylan Olberg
425-546-4578

Power Washing

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

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Child Care | Pet Care | Plant Care | etc.

Contact Ellie Albert

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

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Contact Hayden Stober
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\$12hr, \$15hr for more than one child

Child care | Pet Sitting | Tutoring

5+ yrs experience | Services available:
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teaching, homework help
Contact Emma Kim
425-542-3790 | ohyesemma@gmail.com

Pet Care Services

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



Do you know of a young entrepreneur who should be included in this list? Please send their information to woodridgebellevue@gmail.com

Spring District Family Festival

12167 NE 14th Terrace - on the Plaza
Saturday, May 18, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Free and open to the whole community!

Live music!

Food trucks (Lunch available for purchase)

Kids' fun and games hosted by KidsQuest

KidsQuest
Children's Museum

City of Bellevue Resource Tables



Getting there is easy!

Free parking in the BelRed Station lot,
13102 NE Spring Blvd

Limited free parking for the festival in the
GIX Plaza Garage (by reservation)

From the Botanical Garden, a one-mile flat walk
or order BellHop Service, free on-demand shuttle
app, visitbellevuewa.com/bellhop

For a free parking space or rail reservation,
contact neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov
or 425-452-6836

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