



**COUGAR MOUNTAIN/LAKEMONT  
NEIGHBORHOOD AREA**

# NEP MEETING AGENDA



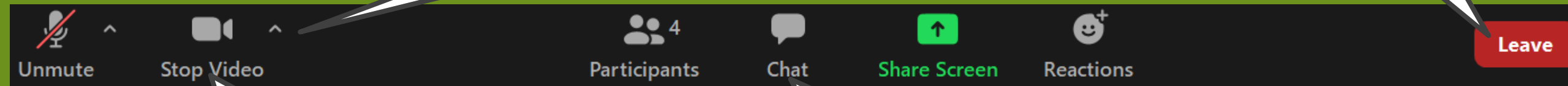
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# Zoom

Stay on mute to eliminate background noise until you have something to say to the group

Additional Options, such as the ability to give yourself a virtual background

Need to go?  
Click "Leave"



Keep your video on unless you're having connectivity issues

We want to hear from you!  
Please use chat throughout the session to ask questions.  
Try it now and say "Hello"



# WHAT IS NEP? INFO VIDEO



<https://youtu.be/qpSYdFgViC4>



## NEP IS...

- **Council-directed, City-Funded, Capital Improvements Program**
- **Provides RESIDENTS the opportunity to PROPOSE and SELECT enhancement projects for their individual neighborhood area**
- **\$7 Million BUDGET distributed among 14 designated NEP neighborhood areas**
- **Area funds allocated based on the number of households in each Neighborhood Area**
- **Rotates through 14 Neighborhood areas over seven-year period – TWO AREAS per year (2023-2029)**
- **Program supported by multiple City departments – Community Development, Parks, Transportation, Utilities**
- **Currently 25 NEP projects in planning/progress around the city in twelve neighborhood areas**



## NEP PROCESS

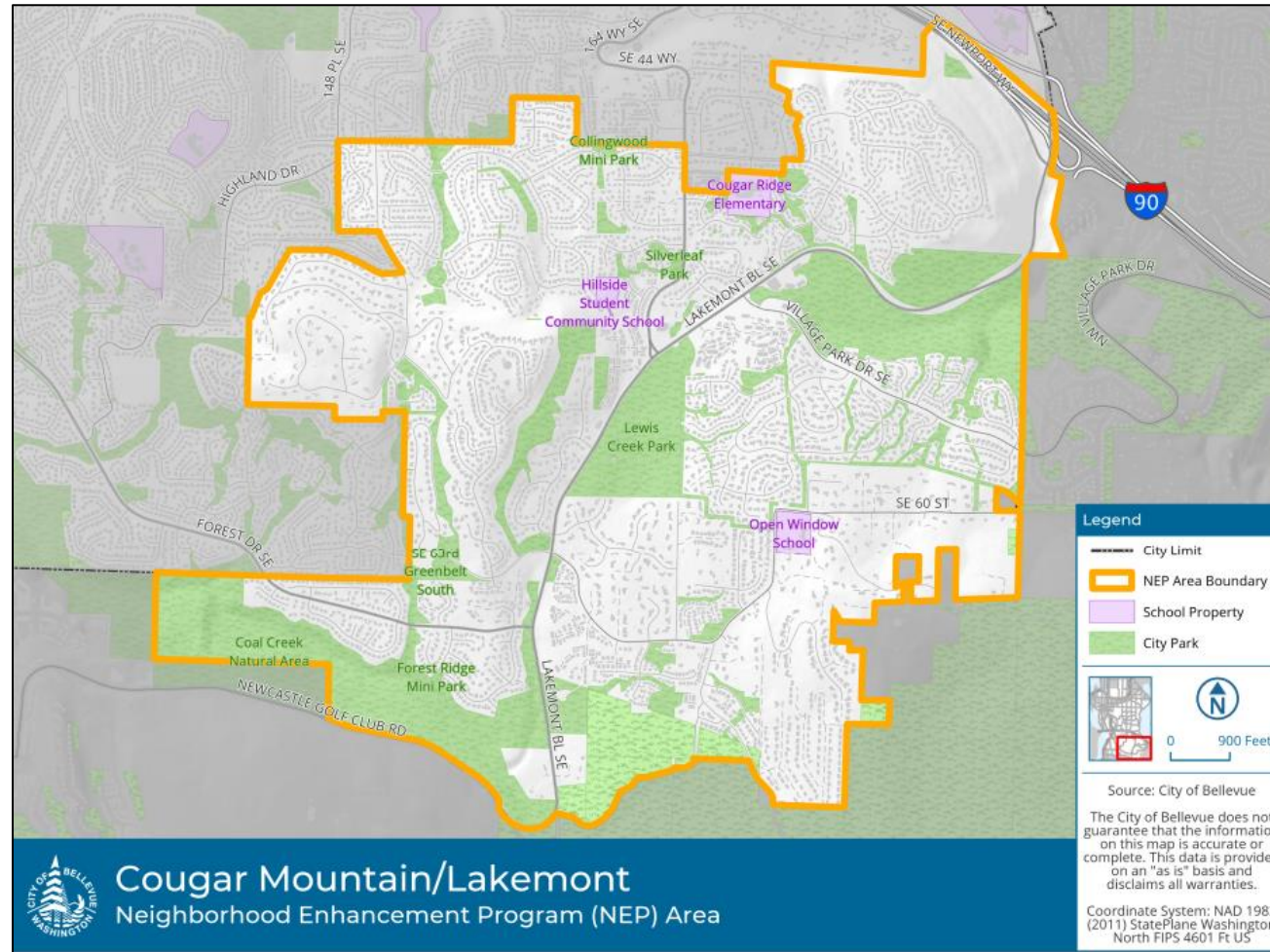
- *City allocates \$\$ to Neighborhood Area*
- *Residents submit ideas for spending \$\$*
- *City staff review ideas & generate projects*
- *Residents select projects to receive \$\$*
- *City implements projects in 3-5 years*

**\*\$377,000 AVAILABLE FUNDS  
FOR COUGAR MOUNTAIN/LAKEMONT NEIGHBORHOOD AREA**

*\*Allocated amount includes administrative costs: postage, printing, etc.*



# COUGAR MOUNTAIN/LAKEMONT NEIGHBORHOOD AREA MAP



4193 households. Includes single family and multi-family (apartments, condos, affordable housing units)





# PREVIOUS NEP PROJECTS

## 2016 Selected Cougar Mountain/Lakemont projects:

- ❖ Lewis Creek Park Wetland Buffer Enhancement
- ❖ Lakemont Boulevard SE Sidewalk extension (between Lewis Creek Park Trailhead and SE 62nd Street)







# **COUGAR MOUNTAIN/LAKEMONT SCHEDULE**

**KICKOFF MEETING – March 30, 2023 - ZOOM**

**IDEA SUBMISSION – March 30 – May 6, 2023**

**PROJECT SCOPING – May – June 2023**

**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE – Sept 14, 2023 –  
Lewis Creek Visitor Center**

**RESIDENT VOTING – Sept – Oct 2023**

**PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT NEWSLETTER –Nov 2023**





**RESIDENT EVALUATIONS – December 2023**



# NEXT STEP...SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS

Look for the **PROJECT IDEA CARD** in your mail or  
Submit online at [www.bellevuewa.gov/nep](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep)

## Neighborhood Enhancement Program

**Project Idea Request Form**     *\$377,000 has been allocated to Cougar Mountain/Lakemont. Tell us what your neighborhood needs!*

Please submit your project ideas for Cougar Mountain/Lakemont by **May 6, 2023**. City staff will review your request, and may contact you to discuss it. **If you have operational concerns regarding police patrol, street maintenance, drainage, parking or code enforcement, please submit your issue to the mobile MyBellevue App or online at [BellevueWA.gov/mybellevue](http://BellevueWA.gov/mybellevue) to receive a more timely response.** If you are unsure, please call 425-452-4186.

**Project location** (please be as specific as possible, listing addresses and/or cross streets)

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**Project description** (please provide as much detail as possible)

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**Contact information** (this information is required to process your request, as staff will contact you to obtain further details; please print clearly)


Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment/Condo name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_


Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit# \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**City Use Only**

CAR# \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Project ideas may also be submitted online at [BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep)**

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# MYBELLEVUE APP – REPORTING ALL IN ONE PLACE

**For operational concerns regarding police patrol, street maintenance, drainage, parking or code enforcement related projects.**

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# OPPORTUNITY AREAS



**SAFETY**



**RECREATION**



**BICYCLE  
ACCESS**



**PEDESTRIAN  
ACCESS**



**GATHERING  
SPACE**



**COMMUNITY  
IDENTITY**





# KEY ACTIONS FOR COUGAR MOUNTAIN/LAKEMONT RESIDENTS

**SUBMIT Project Ideas – through May 6**

**(*No Limit* to the number of submissions)**

**ENCOURAGE Neighbors to participate**

**ATTEND Sept 14 Projects Open House**

**@Lewis Creek Visitor Center**

**VOTE For top three projects in Sept/Oct  
(\**Limited to one ballot* per household address)**

**SUBMIT Program evaluations**



# PROGRAM PROMOTION

**Neighborhood Enhancement Program**

**NEP Cougar Mountain/Lakemont Kickoff Meeting**

How would you spend \$377,000 in your Cougar Mountain/Lakemont neighborhood

Join your neighbors and City of Bellevue staff to kick off the **Neighborhood Enhancement Program**, a city-funded, capital improvements program that allows you to propose and select moderate enhancement projects for your own neighborhood.

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC Meeting (ZOOM)**  
Thursday | March 30, 2023 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Come learn about the program, share your ideas with City project managers and connect with your neighbors!

**RSVP to [NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov) to receive Zoom Link.**  
For more information, visit [BellevueWA.gov/nep](http://BellevueWA.gov/nep) or contact Theresa Cuthill at [tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4186

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# Monthly Neighborhood News





## Neighborhood News

March 2023

### Cultural Conversations: "What Connects Us"

Evening Forum at City Hall  
450 110th Ave. NE  
Wednesday, March 8, 7-9 p.m.  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
On International Women's Day, everyone is welcome to an evening with four storytellers from around the world and an opportunity to connect and share! The storytellers' determination, empowerment and support across continents remind us of what connects us.



Register at Eventbrite ([eventbrite.com/e/526082255187](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/526082255187)). Learn more about Cultural Conversations ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/neighborhoods/building-community/cultural-conversations](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/neighborhoods/building-community/cultural-conversations)).



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Subscribe to Neighborhood News electronically: [BellevueWA.gov/neighborhood-news](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-news)

### Police and Fire departments to host meeting on behavioral health, transit safety

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30-8 p.m.  
North Bellevue Community Center  
4063 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE



The Bellevue Police and Fire Departments continuously work together to expand and improve public safety. Recently, the City Council approved an investment in public safety, creating new positions and allocating resources for a Community Crisis Assistance Team and a Police Transit Team. **Bellevue Police Chief Wendell Shirley and Bellevue Fire Chief Jay Hagen** invite the community to learn more about these programs and to provide input.

The Crisis Assistance Team pairs mental health professionals from Bellevue Fire CARES and specially trained plain-clothes police officers to address calls from people in crisis. The Police Transit Team will provide community engagement, safety and security in and around light rail stations in Bellevue.

As we develop and begin these programs, we want your feedback to ensure we are creating a safe and equitable environment for everyone. In this community conversation, learn more about these programs, ask questions and provide feedback.

### March 3 deadline for Eastgate/Factoria NEP project ideas

Don't miss the opportunity to let the city know what you'd like to see your neighborhood.

The project idea submission period is now open for the Eastgate/Factoria Neighborhood Enhancement Program. NE



is a capital improvement program that provides residents in a neighborhood area the opportunity to propose and select small-scale physical projects that improve their quality of life and enhance the character in their neighborhood. The city has a budget of \$370,000 for the Eastgate/Factoria area to spend on projects.

Eastgate/Factoria residents can submit ideas online ([BellevueWA.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/neighborhoods/neighborhood-improvement-5](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/neighborhoods/neighborhood-improvement-5)) or by mail on the prepaid project idea request card Eastgate/Factoria residents received in the mail in late January. There is no limit on the number of project ideas you can submit, but all must be received at City Hall or submitted online by Friday, March 3.

### Kickoff meeting for Cougar Mountain/Lakemont NEP

March 30

At the virtual meeting, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 30, city staff will provide Cougar Mountain/Lakemont residents with a brief overview of the program guidelines and schedule, answer questions and invite residents to share, discuss and submit project ideas.

Project managers will be available in breakout rooms for specific project discussion. Each household in the Cougar Mountain/Lakemont neighborhood area will receive a postage-paid NEP project request form in the mail in late March. \$377,000 in NEP funding is available to the Cougar Mountain/Lakemont area.

Email [neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov) for the meeting Zoom Link.

To find out which NEP neighborhood area you call home, when NEP will be in your area and how much funding your area has been allocated, please visit [BellevueWA.gov/nep](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/nep). Questions? Please contact Theresa Cuthill at [tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:tcuthill@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-462-4186.



### Better Together! Nights of Neighborhood Learning

Orientation via Zoom  
Noon, Thursday, March 9 or  
5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14



Would you like to bring your neighbors together for a night of learning and connection?

Neighborhood Outreach is offering a menu of great programs on various topics, April 15 to June 15. The learning events are offered for neighborhood associations as well as for any group of at least 10 neighbors who want to gather for a night of learning together.

There are 12 topics, and each session is provided at least twice. You can learn about all the topics at orientation. Topics include:

- A day in the life of a code compliance officer
- You, me and diversity: Creating more inclusive meetings and events
- The "Why" and "How" behind civic engagement
- Dos and Don'ts for waste and water
- Toward Zero Together: Road safety is our North Star

It's easy! We provide the speakers, and help you identify an event location, create a flyer, create A board signs and an email template for invitations to your neighbors.

To Subscribe: [BellevueWA.gov/neighborhood-news](https://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood-news)

# Bellevue Essentials – Civic Engagement Academy



The graphic is a vertical rectangle with a white top section and a blue bottom section. The top section contains the City of Bellevue logo (a stylized tree) and the text "Bellevue Essentials" in blue. Below this, a dark blue banner reads "AN INTRODUCTION TO CIVIC LEADERSHIP" and "NOW IN OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> YEAR!". The middle section is a photograph of five people (three women and two men) gathered around a round table, looking at documents. One document is labeled "Team 5 Building Form". The bottom section is a smaller photograph of a person standing at a podium in a room with "Bellevue" on the wall, with the text "A ten-week course on Bellevue city government in action" to its right.

- 10-week introduction to Civic Engagement
- Information meetings in June  
Contact Julie Ellenhorn,  
[Jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov) to  
be notified of dates and times
- Application deadline: July 20

**[bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-essentials](http://bellevuewa.gov/bellevue-essentials)**





## KEEP IN MIND: OTHER AREA PROJECTS TO BE AWARE OF

- **LAKEMONT BLVD CROSSWALK at RED TOWN TRAILHEAD**

**Construction is anticipated Summer 2023**

Darcy Akers, Senior Transportation Engineer,

[Dakers@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Dakers@bellevuewa.gov)

- **LEWIS CREEK PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT**

Mike Bowers, Operations Supervisor, Bellevue Parks Dept,

[Mbowers@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Mbowers@bellevuewa.gov)



## **NOW WHAT?**

**Meet your city project managers**

**Move to breakout rooms**

**“Self-select” rooms or request to be moved into a specific room**



# BREAKOUT ROOMS

- 1. Parks:** Trails and Streetscape
- 2. Parks:** Operation & Maintenance
- 3. Parks:** Planning & Development
- 4. Trans:** Traffic Engineering
- 5. Trans:** Traffic Calming



# STAY INFORMED

[WWW.BELLEVUEWA.GOV/NEP](http://WWW.BELLEVUEWA.GOV/NEP)

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**Cougar Mountain/Lakemont Neighborhood**

**Liaison:**

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# PROJECT CRITERIA

## AFFORDABILITY

PROJECT COSTS MUST NOT EXCEED THE FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD AREA

## CONSISTENCY

PROJECTS MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH CITY PLANS AND POLICIES

## FEASIBILITY

PROJECTS MUST BE PRACTICAL AND ACHIEVABLE FOR THE CITY

## IMPLEMENTATION

PROJECTS MUST BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED WITHIN 3-5 YEARS OF SELECTION

## MAINTAINABILITY

PROJECTS MUST NOT REQUIRE MAINTENANCE THAT IS BURDOMESONE TO THE CITY

## PUBLIC BENEFIT

PROJECTS MUST BE LOCATED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, EASEMENTS, OR PROPERTY DESIGNATED FOR PUBLIC USE, AND MUST BENEFIT THE GENERAL PUBLIC