



**COUGAR MOUNTAIN/LAKEMONT  
NEIGHBORHOOD AREA**



## **OPEN HOUSE AGENDA**

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## 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 NEP designated 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 29 NEP capital projects in progress around the city in 12 of the 14 neighborhood areas**



# RE-CAP OF PROGRAM IN COUGAR MTN/LAKEMONT

- **CITY ALLOCATES \$\$ TO NEIGHBORHOODS**  
*\$377,000 FOR COUGAR MTN/LAKEMONT*
- RESIDENTS SUBMIT IDEAS FOR SPENDING \$\$  
*119 SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED (NOT UNIQUE)*
- **CITY REVIEWS IDEAS & GENERATES PROJECTS**  
**13 PROJECTS ON NEP BALLOT**
- RESIDENTS SELECT PROJECTS TO RECEIVE \$\$  
**MAIL-IN NEP BALLOTS DUE OCT 24TH**
- **SELECTED PROJECTS ANNOUNCED LATE  
NOVEMBER**
- **CITY IMPLEMENTS PROJECTS IN 3-5 YEARS**



# PROJECT SCOPING/REVIEW

- MAY - JUNE 2023
- TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & UTILITIES
- REVIEWED & EVALUATED SUBMISSIONS PER NEP CRITERIA
- CONSIDERED CURRENT & FUTURE WORK PLANS
- CONDUCTED SITE VISITS
- DEVELOPED **13** PROJECTS



# 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



# PROJECT REQUESTS

**119** PROJECT SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

**SIDEWALKS**

**CROSSWALKS**

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (EX.  
SPEED BUMPS)**

**STREETLIGHTS**

**TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS**

**LANDSCAPING**

**NEIGHBORHOOD SIGNAGE**

**COMMUNITY GATHERING  
SPACE**

**PARK ENHANCEMENTS**

**PICKLEBALL COURTS**

**LAND ACQUISITION**

**DOG PARK**

**BIKE PATHS/LANES**

**LICENSE PLATE READERS**

**SECURITY CAMERAS**

**TENNIS COURTS**

**ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT**

**CLIMBING ROCK**



# COUGAR MTN/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  
Park Visitors Center**

**RESIDENT VOTING – September - October 24, 2023**

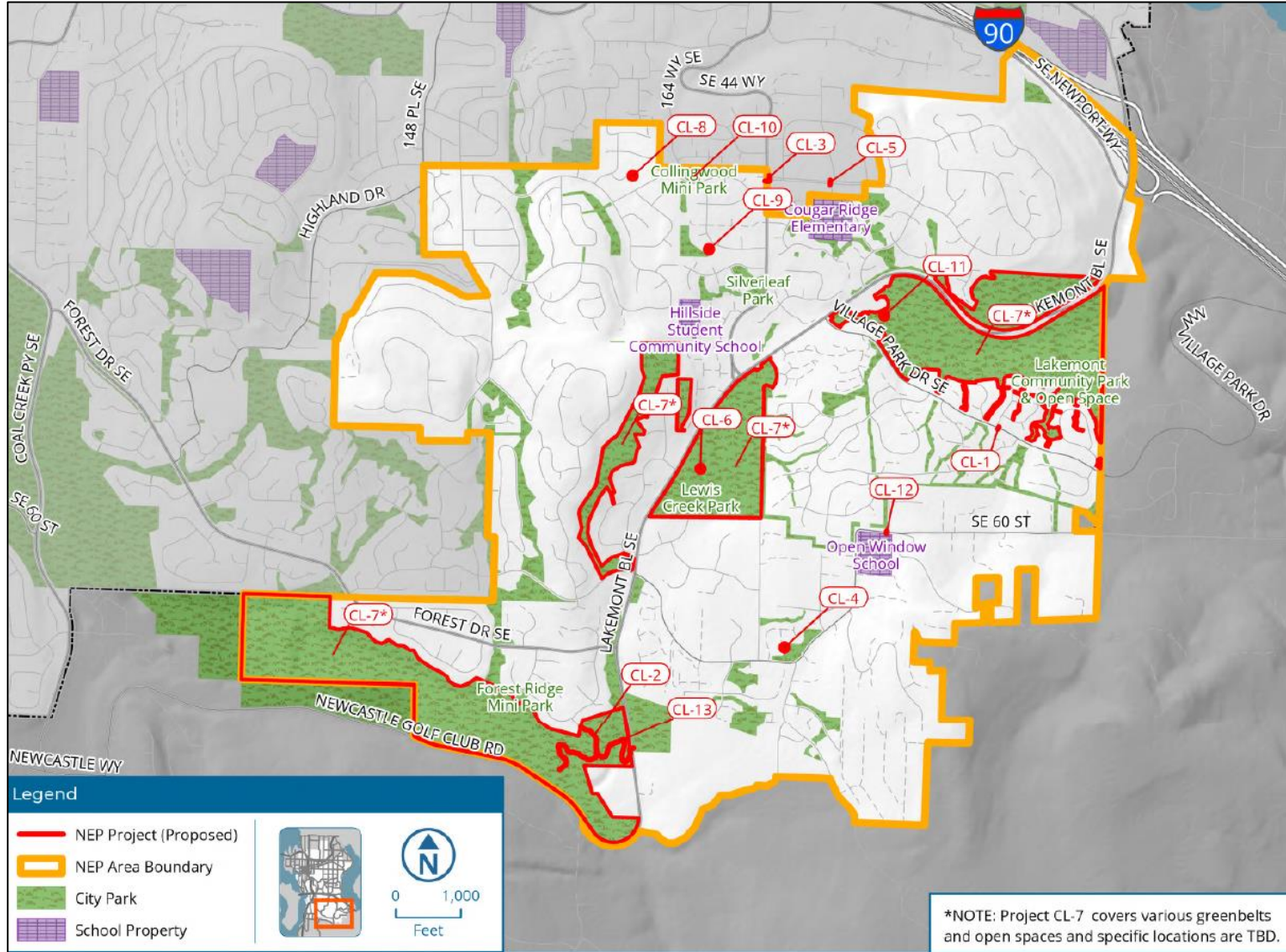
**PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT NEWSLETTER – Nov 2023**

**RESIDENT EVALUATIONS – December 2023**





# COUGAR MTN/LAKEMONT PROJECT LOCATIONS MAP





# COUGAR MTN/LAKEMONT BALLOT PROJECTS

- (CL-1) Village Park Dr to Brighton Neighborhood Flashing Beacon Crossing
- (CL-2) Coal Creek Trail Connection from 155th Pl SE
- (CL-3) SE 46th St and 164th Ave SE Flashing Beacon and Crossings
- (CL-4) Winfield Open Space Trailhead Landscape Improvements
- (CL-5) SE 46th St and 167th Ave SE Flashing Beacon/Dynamic No U-turn signs
- (CL-6) Basketball Court Fence Addition – Lewis Creek Park
- (CL-7) Cougar Mountain/Lakemont Area Invasive Veg Removal & Tree Planting
- (CL-8) SE 45th Ct Cul-de-sac island Improvements
- (CL-9) Silverleaf Trail Enhancements
- (CL-10) New Play Equipment – Collingwood Mini Park
- (CL-11) Pedestrian Bridge Upgrade – Lakemont Park
- (CL-12) SE 60th St/170th Ave SE Flashing Beacon Crosswalk
- (CL-13) Lakemont Blvd Trail Connection to Coal Creek Natural Area



## HOW VOTING WORKS

- EACH COUGAR MTN/LAKEMONT HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED (1) BALLOT EARLY SEPT 2023 (HOUSEHOLD = SINGLE FAMILY HOME, CONDO UNIT, APARTMENT)
- VOTE FOR **TOP 3 PROJECTS** AND MAIL BALLOT BY **OCTOBER 24TH, 2023**
- STAFF TABULATES VOTES  
**#1 = 3 POINTS #2 = 2 POINTS #3 = 1 POINT**
- VOTING BY MAIL ONLY, LIMITED TO ONE PER HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS
- PROJECTS ANNOUNCED IN **LATE NOVEMBER 2023**



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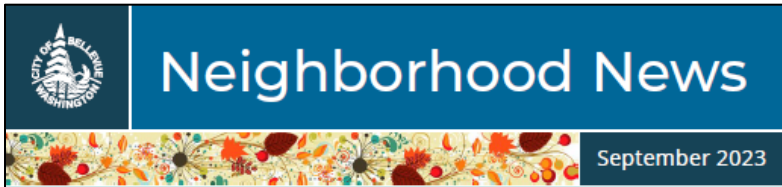
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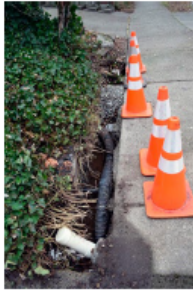
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## Transportation Benefit District survey and webinar

In July, Bellevue City Council formed a Transportation Benefit District that could be used to fund the maintenance of transportation infrastructure and ongoing transportation capital programs throughout the city. A survey is open until Sept. 30 for residents to share what areas of maintenance and which capital programs are most important to them. The information collected through the survey will help the City Council understand the priorities of residents. It should take about 5 minutes to fill out and the survey is available here: <https://forms.office.com/g/AyxdT75SK3>

Want to learn more about the Transportation Benefit District, including what it could be used for and the next steps? There is a webinar scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The webinar will take place over Zoom, and



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## Welcoming Week observed Sept. 8-17

The City of Bellevue invites the community to celebrate Eastside Welcoming Week 2023 with several events. Welcoming Week is a national celebration bringing together neighbors of all backgrounds to build strong connections and affirm the importance of inclusive places in achieving collective prosperity. Welcoming Week is about celebrating and committing to the work necessary to become welcoming places for all, especially for neighbors within immigrant communities.

The Eastside Refugee & Immigrant Coalition is the hub for Eastside Welcoming Week (<https://ericmembers.org/welcoming-week-2/>). They maintain a complete list of the latest Eastside events. The events in Bellevue are sponsored or co-sponsored by the city as of press time include:

**Northwest Ukrainian International Festival**  
Saturday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Downtown Park, 10201 NE Fourth St., Bellevue

The festival will feature Ukrainian customs including authentic Ukrainian food, vendor booths featuring local businesses, stage performances including bands, soloists and choirs, and activities for children and adults, including inflatables and games. The festival has moved from Crossroads Park to Downtown Park. More at Northwest Ukrainian Festival ([ukrainianfest.org](http://ukrainianfest.org)).

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## Cultural Conversations: "When Friends Become Family"

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1-2:30 p.m.  
Crossroads Community Center,  
16000 NE 10th St., Bellevue

Let us know that you plan to attend by emailing: [neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov)

Join with family, friends and neighbors for the Welcoming Week Cultural Conversations, connecting community through storytelling and small group conversation. Light refreshments will be served.

New City of Bellevue Community Relations Coordinator, Sarah Ballard, and her friend Mayara Bates have both adjusted to living in a new community and will be the storytellers at the Cultural Conversations gathering. Sarah recently moved from Compton, California, and Mayara moved to Bellevue from São Paulo, Brazil. Community Relations Coordinator Sarina Miller, who moved to Bellevue from San Antonio, Texas, this year, will be our moderator.



## Bridging the Gap: Addressing Housing Disparities in East King County

Friday, Sept. 15, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Together Center, 16305 NE 87th St., Redmond

In a panel discussion, planners with the cities of Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah and Sammamish will discuss how local governments are planning for more equitable housing. Join the conversation as we explore how to undo the disparities that hinder our ability to create more welcoming and affordable communities on the Eastside.

Julian Agyeman, a Tufts University professor of urban planning, will deliver the opening address. Lunch will be available 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., with the program immediately following.



## Welcoming Week Resource Fair

Saturday, Sept. 16, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Crossroads Shopping Center,  
15600 NE Eighth St., Bellevue

Local agencies, organizations, businesses and community partners share valuable resources and services with immigrants and residents alike. The Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network (BDAN) is hosting the fair, in partnership with the Chinese Information and Service Center (CISC). The goal is to create a space where neighbors from all backgrounds can connect, learn and build strong relationships.

The City of Bellevue is committed to creating welcoming and inclusive places where everyone can prosper together. The resource fair reflects our dedication to providing a platform for community organizations and partners to extend a warm welcome and offer valuable assistance to all residents.



## Cross-Cultural Center without Walls, Community Workshop

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6-8 p.m.  
Odle Middle School Commons,  
502 143rd Ave NE, Bellevue

The City of Bellevue and the Diversity Advantage Team invite anyone who lives, works or plays in Bellevue to attend a workshop focused on sharing culture, building connections and co-creating cultural programs and activities. Community members will have the opportunity to contribute ideas on the types of programs, events and activities you would like to experience at the future Cross-Cultural Center without Walls, which will travel to different locations across the city starting next summer.

Register at [eventbrite.com/e/699803319567](https://eventbrite.com/e/699803319567).  
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