



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SPRING DISTRICT

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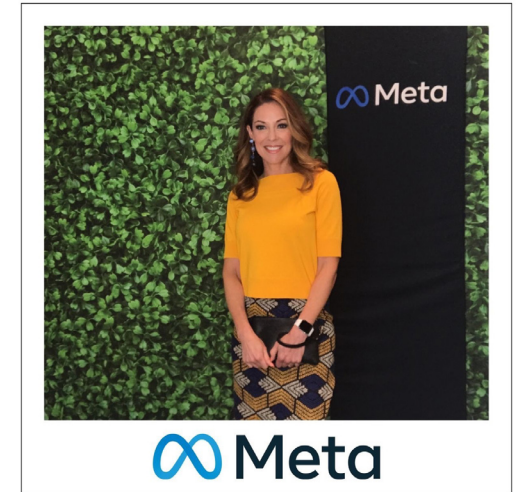
META GRAND OPENING!

The Spring District is home to many innovative and technology driven tenants, including Meta, the social media company formerly known as Facebook. In October, Meta held their official ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their new campus here in the District. Major Lynne Robinson had the distinguished honor of welcoming them to Bellevue and testing out their new Meta Quest 2 VR headsets for a game of virtual ping pong!

Pacific Northwest head of office Paresh Rajwat spoke about the incredible talent that exists in the region and the opportunity to be a part of “this world-class tech community, from the incredible academic institutions, vibrant startup ecosystem, and global companies that have teams here.”

Meta was also able to showcase their impressive support for local artists by providing an opportunity for guests to view the Tribeca Award-winning Emerging Radiance AR art installation. This is just one of the 36 installations by 38 different artists supported through their Open Arts program.

Read more about their Grand Opening event [here](#).



Senior Property Manager Linda Hoffner attends Meta Grand Opening



LOCAL DECEMBER EVENTS

[The Gingerbread Workshop](#) [December 8](#)

Pastry Chef Thanh Tang will teach his recipes for these warm and spicy holiday delights!



[Bellevue Winter Farmers Market](#) [December 17](#)

Support local farmers by shopping the Bellevue Third Saturday Winter Farmers Market.

[Public Menorah Lighting](#) [December 20](#)

Chabad of Downtown Bellevue will ignite a public 9-foot Hannukkah menorah in Downtown Park.



[Garden d'Lights at Bellevue Botanical Gardens](#) [December 1 - December 31](#)

Garden d'Lights features over half a million sparkling lights formed in whimsical shapes of plants, birds, and more!



The Bellevue Downtown Ice Rink returns for it's 25th year to Downtown Park!

Did you know that The Spring District is a Dasher Board sponsor of this family favorite holiday activity?

For hours and pricing visit

<https://www.bellevueicerink.com/>



BELLEVUE'S GIVING MACHINE!

On November 29th in the midst of our first snowfall of the season, Bellevue's Mayor Lynne Robinson and local Chef John Howie helped unveil the new Light the World Giving Machine located in Bellevue Downtown Park. The #LightTheWorld Giving Machines are vending machines, but instead of distributing a tasty snack, they allow the public to donate essential items such as clothing, medicine, food, livestock and more to communities in need around the globe. The Giving Machines have a signature red look that you can't miss!

The participating organizations for Washington's Giving Machines are: International Rescue Committee, Shared Hope International, The Salvation Army, UNICEF, Mentors International, and World Food Program. These charities will receive 100% of the donations received through the vending machine, and donors receive a donation receipt. This annual holiday initiative invites all people to celebrate the season by serving others.

2022 Holiday Event @ The Spring District

December 13, 2022

2:00-4:00 p.m. Tract C Park

12104 NE District Way, Bellevue, WA 98005

**Take your photo with Santa &
pet a reindeer!**

Happy Holidays from The Spring District



Cheers to **ZERO WASTE HOLIDAYS**



Did you know that nationwide between November and January we **throw away a million tons of extra garbage** each week? Consider implementing these zero-waste practices to avoid excess waste while still making holiday memories.



Wrap with reusables! Save durable items like bags, boxes and bows for second use. Or use reusable cloth wrappings inspired by the Japanese Furoshiki tradition. Make it a family game to find the most creative zero-waste wrapping!



Flatten and recycle cardboard boxes! Save space and keep cardboard clean and dry to ensure your boxes can be made into new products.



Ditch disposables! Say no to single-use plastic straws, utensils, and water bottles. A few extra dishes can save tons of plastic waste from landfill.



Limit leftovers! Send guests home with leftovers in reusable containers, and store leftovers for longer-lasting freshness. See more tips for reducing food waste at BellevueWA.gov/recycle-food-waste.



Remember to recycle when the holiday is over! Most wrapping paper can be recycled in your curbside cart. Many organizations offer holiday light recycling collections, and you can compost your holiday tree and other greenery.



See your Bellevue recycling guide and KingCounty.gov/green-holidays for more ways to enjoy a zero-waste winter holiday season!

 For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-6932 (voice) or email recycle@bellevuewa.gov. For complaints regarding accommodations, contact City of Bellevue ADA/Title VI Administrator at 425-452-6168 (voice) or email ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov. If you are deaf or hard of hearing dial 711. All meetings are wheelchair accessible.



SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

This holiday season, save the planet! Nationwide, between November and January, we throw away a million tons of extra garbage. The City of Bellevue wants to do better, informing the community about their Zero Waste Holiday Program through helpful guides, classes and fun activities. Erin Hislop, City of Bellevue's conservation & outreach program administrator, said their goal is to have zero waste all year round.

"We're looking for alternative ways to be more mindful of what we're throwing in the garbage along with ways to reduce waste overall," she said. "We still want you to create great holiday memories and experiences; it's just about rethinking how we do things."

The issue can't be solved alone. Hislop states this is a city-wide effort, partnering with events like the Bellevue Farmer's Market and the Bellevue Downtown Ice Rink presented by Symetra. At these events, they'll be sharing zero waste tips and giving out handy tools to help the community save during the holidays. Stop by the ice rink on Dec. 4th from 11am - 2pm and Dec. 10th from 4-7pm to get fun, sustainable swag.

The City of Bellevue will also be working with Bellevue libraries to offer 'eco-book bingo' this winter, challenging youths to complete zero waste tasks and learn more about protecting the planet. The City is also working with several condos and apartment buildings to help residents learn more about sustainability. For more details check out the story [here!](#)



The BelRed Arts District was first designated as an Arts Village as part of the 2009 BelRed Land Use Code Update that transformed the vision for BelRed from a light-industrial and commercial area into a mixed-use dense urban district. The original designation was a point on a map near 136th Ave NE and Spring Boulevard that represented the Pacific Northwest Ballet's Francina Russell Center's original location, which has since relocated next door. Currently, BelRed has a wide array of arts organizations, businesses, artists, and makers working across the district, although more are congregated in the areas adjacent to and within a few blocks of the future 130th Light Rail Station at 130th Ave NE and NE Spring Boulevard. In 2020, Bellevue's Economic Development Plan included a focus on the creative economy, highlighting the Arts District as a key to economic development.

CITY OF BELLEVUE UTILITY BOX WRAP PROGRAM

In 2021 City of Bellevue Arts Program staff created an opportunity for local artists to express themselves on a highly public platform; a utility box. The first phase of this City of Bellevue project covered 15 utility boxes in BelRed, including four located within The Spring District. Take a walk and discover them throughout the neighborhood!



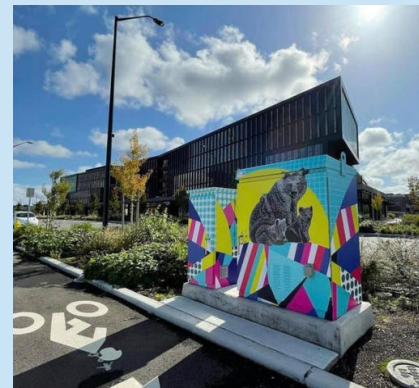
Box 2: Better Together by Juliana Kang Robinson

NE Spring Boulevard and 120th Avenue NE



Box 4: Past Present by Marsha Rollinger

NE Spring Boulevard and 123rd Avenue NE



Box 3: We Belong by Juliana Kang Robinson

NE Spring Boulevard and 121st Avenue NE



Box 5: Urban Tech by Marsha Rollinger

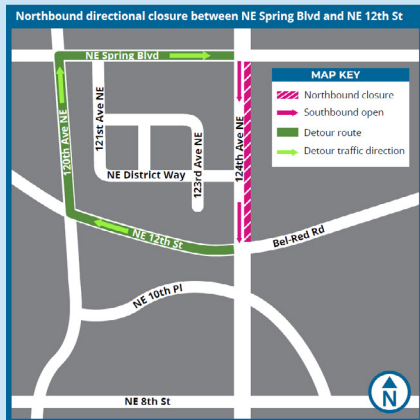
NE Spring Boulevard and 124th Avenue NE

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

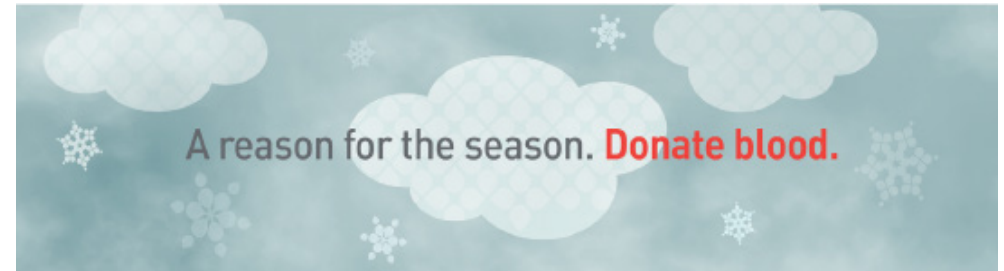
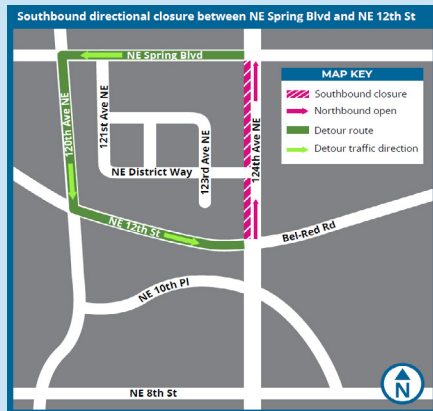
City of Bellevue 124th Avenue NE Road Closures:

Detours will take place from November 29, 2022 - January 13, 2023

First Detour: Northbound 124th Avenue NE between NE 12th Street (Bel-Red Road) and NE Spring Blvd will be CLOSED to through traffic beginning 11/29. See the detour map below:



Second Detour: Southbound 124th Avenue NE between NE 12th Street (Bel-Red Road) and NE Spring Blvd will be CLOSED to through traffic beginning mid-December with NE District Way entry CLOSED from 12/12 to 12/15. See the detour map below:



SOMEONE'S TOMORROW

NEEDS A BLOOD DONOR TODAY!

Your help is needed. Would you be willing to give an hour to help save the life of another? Our community steps up when needed, and blood donors are needed now, more than ever. Help make sure that our area hospitals have the blood inventory to help all of their patients. The need for blood donors remains high through the end of the year. Join us as a blood donor in Arlington, Kent, Redmond, Woodinville, Monroe, Bellevue, Lynnwood, Kirkland, Renton, or another location near you.

[Snoqualmie City Hall](#)

December 1st, 8th and 9th

[Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall](#)

December 16th

[Redmond Church of the Holy Cross Fellowship Hall](#)

December 16th and 17th

[Issaquah First Stage First Floor Auditorium](#)

December 27th

[City of Redmond Public Safety Building 1st Floor Training Room](#)

December 28th, 29th and 30th

[Search Now](#)

If the above listed locations won't work for you,
please search by zip code to find the donation center nearest you.

Appointments and masks are required at all Bloodworks donation sites and no guests under the age of 16 are permitted on-site. There is no deferral from donating after receiving a COVID vaccine. For more information, <https://www.bloodworksnw.org/about/news/coronavirus>

♥ "Thank you for saving my husband's life. He is 34 and was just diagnosed with leukemia. This blood transfusion is helping him through his induction chemo."



BloodworksNW.org / 800-398-7888

WARM HEARTS WINTER DRIVE

Columbia Bank's Warm Winter Drive launched on December 1, 2015 to help benefit homeless shelters in local communities across the Northwest. The program rallied local communities to make cash donations and provide new gloves, scarves, coats, socks, shoes, mittens, and hats for adults and children at any Columbia Bank location. The Warm Winter Drive has raised nearly \$1.8 million in it's seven year history, benefiting over 60 shelters.

To make a difference in your community, visit a Columbia Bank location near you or visit:

<https://warmheartswinterdrive.com/>



The Spring District Food Fight

Food Drive Competition

- Benefiting** Northwest Harvest
- Donate** non-perishable food items, toiletries and/or baby supplies
- Drop off at** Your apartment leasing office or
The Spring District Property Management Office

Collect the most items!

DEADLINE December 9th!



You CAN help your neighbors!
Contact
tsdmgmt@wrighttrunstad.com
for more info!

Cowboy Breakfast Casserole With Sausage and Spinach

BY JOE SEVIER [Epicurious](#)

For the casserole:

- 7 slices white sandwich bread
- 1 pound bulk breakfast sausage
- Softened unsalted butter or nonstick vegetable cooking spray (for pan)
- 4 scallions, white and pale green and dark green parts separated, thinly sliced
- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen spinach, thawed, squeezed dry
- 8 ounces cheddar cheese, shredded (about 2 cups)
- 8 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup full-fat Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon mustard powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg



Preparation

- 1) Preheat oven to 425°F. Toast bread on a rimmed baking sheet until dry, 8-10 minutes.
- 2) Meanwhile, heat a large skillet over medium-high. Add sausage and cook, breaking into pieces with a spatula, until browned, about 7 minutes.
- 3) Butter a 3-quart baking dish. Arrange 6 bread slices in dish in one layer, covering bottom of pan completely and cutting slices to fit if needed. Tear remaining slice into smaller pieces to fill in any gaps.
- 4) Using a slotted spoon, transfer sausage to baking dish, scattering over bread.
- 5) Heat skillet over medium and add white and pale green scallion parts. Cook, stirring, until softened and just starting to take on color, about 3 minutes. Add spinach, stir to combine, and cook until warmed through, 1-2 minutes more. Top sausage with spinach mixture, then top spinach mixture with cheese.
- 6) Whisk eggs, milk, yogurt, mustard powder, salt, pepper, and nutmeg in a large bowl. Gently pour over casserole. Cover and chill at least 4 hours or up to overnight.
- 7) Uncover dish and transfer to a cold oven. Heat oven to 375°F and bake casserole until eggs are puffed and cheese is browned, about 40 minutes.
- 8) Let casserole cool several minutes. Top with dark green scallion parts.

*Do Ahead: Casserole can be assembled 1 day ahead. Tightly cover and chill.



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