

A young child wearing a blue cap, a grey jacket, and light-colored pants is kissing a large, white, fluffy Easter bunny mascot on the cheek. The bunny has large blue eyes and a pink inner lining. The scene is outdoors on a paved area with artificial grass. In the background, there is a white bench, a small tree with pink flowers, and a large blue bunny cutout with a colorful flower on its chest. Two large, colorful Easter eggs are also visible. The text "THE SPRING DISTRICT" is overlaid in large, bold, black letters at the bottom of the image.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT  
**THE SPRING DISTRICT**

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Spring Fling 2023

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Give Blood & Win a Trip For  
Four to Hawaii!





LINDA HOFFNER

## CONGRATULATIONS LINDA HOFFNER!

Linda Hoffner, Wright Runstad & Company Senior Property Manager at The Spring District, has been named one of the Puget Sound Business Journal's 40 under 40 honorees for 2023!

The 2023 honorees come from a variety of industries including biotech, commercial real estate, banking, law, nonprofits, technology and health care, among others. They represent a wide variety of companies that reflect the diversity of the Puget Sound region's business community. The selections were based on each individual's professional success, vision for the future and community/civic/industry engagement outside their job responsibilities...and Linda is quite deserving under these criteria.

[Please visit PSBJ here for the full list of this year's honorees.](#)

Congratulations, Linda!

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Congratulations to team "Fight for 98" for winning the \$2,500 [IntuitiveX](#) Best Idea for a Medical Device Prize at the [2023 Hollomon Health Innovation Challenge](#)! They developed a low-cost breast cancer screening device that uses hardware and machine learning to increase accuracy.



# NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

## *The Spring District Spring Fling!*

April 5th, 2023



**Welcome back the sunshine!**

Enjoy a Petting Zoo & a visit from the Easter Bunny!

The Spring District  
April 5, 2023, 2:00-4:00 pm

Tract C Park  
12104 NE District Way  
Bellevue, WA 98005

Public parking located on the surface lot at  
the corner of NE Spring Blvd and 124<sup>th</sup> Ave NE





# NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

## BELLEVUE OPEN HOUSE

The City of Bellevue is updating its Comprehensive Plan. This plan outlines a vision and sets direction for the next twenty years. The Comprehensive Plan is focused on making sure that the people who live, work, go to school, and visit Bellevue feel welcome and can find what they need to thrive.

The Comprehensive Plan is used by City Council and Boards and Commissions to guide decisions on housing, transportation, parks, economic development, the arts and more. Bellevue plans for people and that means the city needs to hear from you! Your input can help impact what the city looks like for future generations and ensure that Bellevue is a livable, vibrant, and equitable community for years to come. Get involved and share your ideas at the [Bellevue 2044 Open House](#).

This event will include a drop-in open house where you can visit information stations and share feedback. Stop by anytime, talk to city staff, and stay for as long as you'd like. Thursday, April 13, 1 - 2:30 p.m. GIX Commons - 12280 NE District Way, Bellevue, WA 98005.

No registration is required. For more questions reach out to Brooke Brod at [bbrod@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bbrod@bellevuewa.gov).



## The City of Bellevue Wants to Hear From You



### OPEN HOUSE





Thursday, April 13

1 - 2:30 p.m.

### GIX Commons

This event is a drop-in open house where you can visit information stations and share feedback. Stop by any time, talk to city staff, and stay for as long as you'd like

The city is updating its twenty-year plan to make sure people who live, work, and play in Bellevue:

-  Can find housing
-  Can enjoy parks and green space
-  Can access jobs and opportunity
-  Have access to transportation options



To learn more visit: [www.engagingbellevue.com/bellevue-2044-spring-district-open-house](http://www.engagingbellevue.com/bellevue-2044-spring-district-open-house)



# NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS



This summer, The Spring District and Meta have partnered to bring back the Bellevue Farmers Market for a six-series First Wednesday Market from May to October!

*Each market will feature local live music in the park!*

Beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup>, every first Wednesday of the month, Bellevue Farmers Market will be featuring local vendors from 11am-2pm. Please come support these small businesses which include:

- [Martin Family Orchard](#)
- [The Mediterranean](#)
- [Sidhu](#)
- [P&K Flowers](#)
- [Dreamy Drinks](#)
- [Muddy Boots](#)
- [Cookies with Tiffany](#)
- [Wendy Simply Cooks](#)



## BELLEVUE BEATS AND BITES!

Join us for the 2023 lunchtime concerts  
in the The Spring District!

July 5 & 19 and August 2 & 16 - In conjunction with [Bellevue Downtown Association's Bellevue Beats & Bites summer concert series](#), The Spring District is hosting Lunchtime Concerts!

[July 5: Lady A \(trio\)](#)

[July 19: Birch Pereira & the Gin Joints](#)

[Aug 2: Aaron Crawford](#)

[Aug 16: Mambo Cadillac](#)



**The Spring District**  
Tract C Park  
Thursday April 20, Noon – 2:00 pm



**HAPPY  
EARTH  
DAY**

★ **Electronics Recycling +  
Info + Give-a-ways!**

**Make every day Earth Day!**



## EARTH DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday April 22, 2023, is Earth Day

The City of Bellevue has curated volunteer opportunities that should appeal to the environmentalist in us all. From forest restoration to counting fish, throughout the month of April there are volunteer opportunities for everyone.

Visit the City of Bellevue Environmental Stewardship Volunteering calendar to learn more: [HERE](#).




## NEIGHBORHOOD HIGHLIGHTS




### **GREENER LIVING COMMUNITY CLASSES**

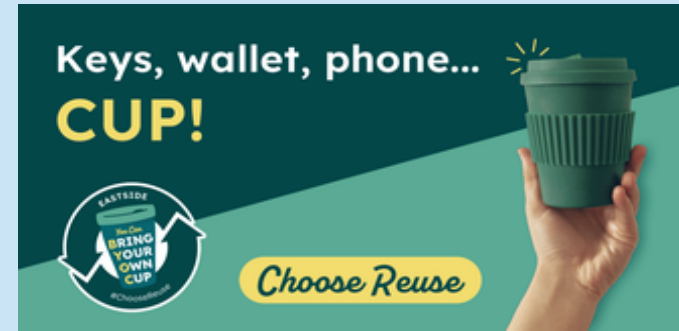
***Free classes: Learn to reduce wasted food and protect your family with safer cleaning tips!***

The City is offering a variety of free in-person Greener Living classes in addition to virtual options. Check these out this spring:

 Reduce Wasted Food class at Bellevue Downtown Library, Tuesday April 11, 6-7p.m.: Learn how to maximize your food through proper storage, label reading and innovative recipes.

 Safer Cleaning class at Lake Hills Library, May 16, 6-7p.m.: Learn how to shop for safer cleaning products and how to make your own safer cleaners with common household items.

Visit [www.BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes](http://www.BellevueWA.gov/greener-living-classes) for more options and to register!






[#ChooseReuse](https://www.instagram.com/ChooseReuse)

Join other Eastside residents who choose to reuse! The cities of Bellevue, Bothell, Kirkland, and Redmond have partnered to reduce waste from single-use coffee cups this spring. Check out [www.BellevueWA.gov/reusables](http://www.BellevueWA.gov/reusables) to get your coffee shop passport and find participating locations!

***Pledge to join our Eastside community by choosing to reuse during the BYOC Campaign.***

**By taking the pledge you agree to:**

-  Remember to bring your own cup to coffee shops
-  Share Eastside reuse efforts with your friends and family
-  Make reuse a part of your daily lives to help reduce waste

Learn more [here](#) about the BYOC Passport Program and local coffee shop partners.



# APRIL CELEBRATIONS



## EASTER

[April 9, 2023](#)

For Christians worldwide, Easter celebrates the resurrection of Christ. Easter Sunday is often observed by western Christianity with a sunrise service after a 40-day period of lent incorporating Holy Week. Holy Week recognizes Palm Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Jesus' Last Supper and Good Friday.

In addition to the Christian aspects of Easter, there are many non-religious, pre-Christian pagan traditions. These celebrations include Easter Eggs, a symbol of fertility and birth-or rebirth-honoring the resurrection of Christ. Decorating eggs is another way to celebrate Christ's return. The Easter Bunny is believed to date back to the 1700s when German immigrants fostered the tradition of an Easter Hare delivering colorful eggs to well-behaved children.

Easter is widely celebrated both religiously and commercially. Happy Easter to you and your family no matter how you honor this holiday.

Learn more [here](#).



## EID AL-FITR

[April 21, 2023](#)

Translated from Arabic, [Eid al-fitr](#) means "festival of breaking the fast" and it is a celebration of the end of Ramadan. Ramadan is believed to be the month when the first verses of the holy book Quran were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.

This three-day festival brings together family and friends to enjoy food and celebration. Learn more [here](#).



## NATIONAL SCRABBLE DAY

[April 13, 2023](#)

Did you know that the Spring District is home to a giant Scrabble Game in the GIX plaza? Did you also know that you can check out the Scrabble tiles from The Spring District management team and play this beloved game?

Scrabble was invented by Alfred Mosher Butts (April 13th, 1899 - April 4, 1993) in the 1930's. It is a worldwide phenomenon selling approximately 150 million sets in over 120 countries.

Warm up your word-smith skills and play a game in Alfred's honor.

Good luck!

# FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS

## CASCADE WATER ALLIANCE

In our modern world, it's easy to take our water supply for granted. We turn on the tap and out flows clear, cool water. As we celebrate Earth Day this month, let's also celebrate Cascade Water Alliance, a local organization ensuring that the Puget Sound Region has clean sustainable water now and long into the future.

The Cascade Water Alliance (Cascade) is a municipal corporation comprised of five member cities (City of Bellevue, City of Issaquah, City of Kirkland, City of Redmond, City of Tukwila) and two water and sewer districts (Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, and Skyway Water and Sewer District). These cities and districts have joined together with the goal of bringing a regional approach to providing a safe, clean, and reliable water supply to over 380,000 residents and 20,000 businesses.

As part of Cascade's mission of water efficiency, they offer classes to help gardeners maintain beautiful gardens while using less water. Learn more about the 2023 Cascade Gardener Classes [here](#). For more information about maintaining a more environmentally friendly yard using less water and no chemicals, go [here](#).

If you are looking to support a non-profit organization that is working to bring water and sanitation to the world, check out [Water.org - Water Charity for Safe Water & Sanitation](#).



### Surfs Up, Sleeves Up, Donate Blood!

Bloodworks NW is giving away a dream trip to Hawaii for four-airfare and hotel stay included. Book your donation appointment, and submit an entry form to enjoy sun, sea, and sand in paradise, at <https://www.bloodworksnw.org/win>

Please book your blood donation appointment at one of the locations below. Start to finish, your appointment should take about 40-60 minutes. Photo ID & face masks are still required. No one under the age of 16 years is permitted on site. Schedule your donation today at [bloodworksnw.org/schedule](https://www.bloodworksnw.org/schedule) or 800-398-7888. For more information, <https://www.bloodworksnw.org/about/news/coronavirus>

[Cornerstone Christian](#)

April 3 & 4

[WESTPARK Office Park](#)

April 13

[Echo Lake Community](#)

April 10

[Lake WA Institute of Technology](#)

April 20

*"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



# Best Lemon Bars

By [Inside Bru Crew Life](#)

These lemon bars are like enjoying spring in your own kitchen! The tart and creamy lemon flavor will liven up any party, shower, picnic or bake sale. Tag [#TheSpringDistrict](#) when you make them.

## INGREDIENTS FOR THE CRUST

- 1 ½ cups all purpose flour
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- ¾ cup unsalted butter, softened

## INGREDIENTS FOR THE FILLING

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons all purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup lemon juice
- 2 Tablespoons lemon zest
- 2 large eggs
- powdered sugar, for garnish



## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line an 8x8 pan with foil or parchment paper and spray with nonstick spray.
- 2) Mix the flour, powdered sugar, and butter together until crumbs form. (Using a stand mixer may produce a soft dough.)
- 3) Press the crumbs/dough firmly into the bottom of the prepared pan going up the sides slightly, so the filling doesn't go under it. Bake 22-25 minutes.
- 4) While the crust is baking, pour the filling ingredients into the blender and pulse until light and foamy.
- 5) Pour onto the hot crust and bake another 25 minutes. Remove and let cool completely. They will set up as they cool.
- 6) Sprinkle with powdered sugar right before serving.



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