



THE  
SPRING  
DISTRICT



APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

THE SPRING DISTRICT

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# SPRING FLING WRAP UP

## THE EASTER BUNNY VISITS THE SPRING DISTRICT & THE NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATES!

Last Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, was a special day in The Spring District. The Easter Bunny stopped by for a visit and the sun came out! Thank you for joining us for a wonderful afternoon. We had nearly 250 people attend the event and 50 entries in our annual coloring contest! Congratulations to the winner!

[Animal Encounters](#) stopped by to share their menagerie of bunnies, goats, chickens, and more! If you've never petted a [Patagonian Mara](#), add that to your bucket list and mark your calendars to join us next year!

Our Spring Fling is the perfect way to welcome the warmer weather. Here's to a happy spring!



## ART IN APRIL



### WORLD ART DAY MONDAY APRIL 15

World Art Day promotes the creation, enjoyment and sharing of art worldwide, as noted by [UNESCO](#). UNESCO and its

celebration of art in our everyday lives reminds us that art has the power to bring people together, as well as inspire and heal us as individuals. The Spring District features art throughout the District and strives to provide opportunities for us to come together as a community to share and celebrate art.

### PAINTING IN THE PARK

This June The Spring District invites you to join us in the Park for painting classes.

Artist, [Coco Allred](#), will bring her portable easels and creative spirit and bring out the artist in all of us!

Thursday, June 20, 12:00-01:30pm

Thursday, June 20, 05:00-06:30pm

Saturday, June 22, 10:00-11:30am

Saturday, June 22, 12:30-02:00pm

Stay tuned for registration details. We look forward to seeing all the creativity The Spring District has to offer.

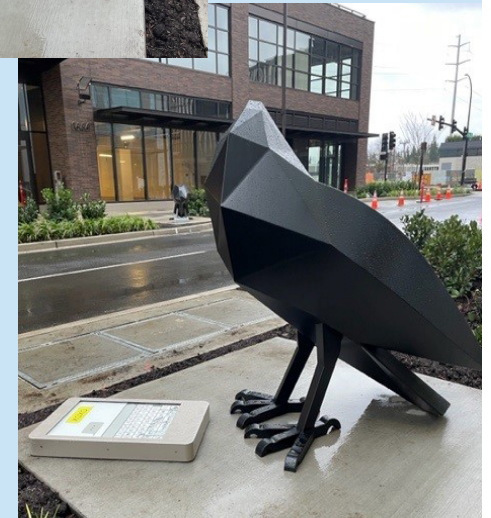
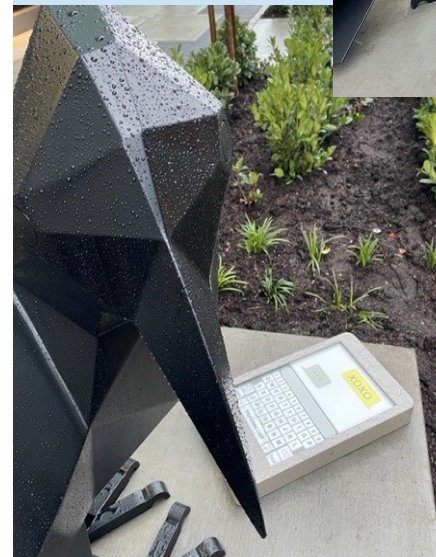


## ART IN THE SPRING DISTRICT

As the buildings in the neighborhood are completed, artwork is added to brighten up your day. The next time you visit The Spring District, make sure to visit "Ki'eki'e" by Gerard Tsutakawa located between the GIX building and Block 13 on 123rd. Learn more about the artist [here](#).



"Love Birds," by sculptor Reiquam is located between Blocks 5 & 6 on Spring Boulevard. Learn more about the artist [here](#).



## APRIL HIGHLIGHTS



### SMOCKS ON

#### LET'S GET CREATIVE WITH BRIGHT HORIZONS - APRIL 11, 2024

[Bright Horizons](#) at Spring District is excited to celebrate NAEYC's Week of the Young Child® this year with Artsy Thursday, an in-center event full of hands-on art experiences. This interactive event is the perfect time to unleash your inner artist and connect with other families as we celebrate. [RSVP today!](#)

Date: April 11th 2024 | Time: 3 p.m.- 5 p.m.

Bright Horizons at Spring District

1227 121st Place NE (located on the lower floor of the Sparc Apartments) Bellevue WA 98005

<https://www.brighthorizons.com/week-of-the-young-child>

### GLOBAL INNOVATION EXCHANGE HONORS CLASS OF 2024

Congratulations to the MS in Technology Innovation Class of 2024! Approximately 59 new graduates and their families enjoyed a ceremony at GIX featuring commencement speaker Anurupa Ganguly, the founder & CEO of Prisms (an educational tech startup) as well as a talk by Simran Saxena & Darius Rose, Class of 2024 student speakers. Congratulations again to all graduates.

We look forward to seeing what you design, build, and launch in your careers.

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EXCHANGE



# NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT



- Redmond High Cheer Squad
- Live DJ
- The Spring District Information Booth
- Non-profit Partners
  - Rainier Athletes
  - The Sophia Way
  - Bellevue Family YMCA
  - United Way of King County
  - Plymouth Housing
- Entrance
- Dote Coffee
- Market Vendors
  - Famous Dave's Food Truck
  - Isidro's Mexican Food Truck
  - J&Y Creperie
  - Bobae
  - Cafecito Mexican Bakery
  - Belden Cafe
  - Cha New Life Garden
- Restrooms
- Live Band
- Interactive Sound Station
- KidsQuest Activities
- Photobooth
- Face Paint
- Bellevue Brewing
- The Spring District Businesses
  - Dote Coffee
  - Solid Core
  - COLTEC
  - Bellevue Brewing
  - Wells Fargo
  - Spring Deli & Market
  - Spring Cafe



## HERE COMES THE TRAIN!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**  
**CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF**  
**THE SOUND TRANSIT 2 LINE**  
**11:00AM - 4:00PM**

The 2 Line Grand Opening Community Celebration at The Spring District Station will feature family-friendly fun throughout the park including live music, food trucks, and kids' activities. All 8 stations from South Bellevue Park and Ride to Redmond Technology Center will be activated following a 10am ribbon cutting ceremony at the Downtown Station.

Celebrate at The Spring District as the Eastside gets connected!



**Celebrate  
Earth Day in  
The Spring District**

**MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024**  
2:00-4:00pm | Tract C Park

**Clear it out! Donate gently used household items and obsolete electronics**  
**Stay Green! Learn about the green cleaning products used around the District.**

**See you in the Park for fun games and prizes!**



## THE CITY OF BELLEVUE HONORS EARTH DAY

From classes to trail cleanup days, the city is offering a variety of ways for everyone to celebrate Earth Day.

The City of Bellevue is offering classes to help you be "greener." Register for classes [here](#):

[How to Use Less Plastic](#)

Saturday, Apr. 20, 1-2 p.m.

[How to Use Online Tools For Waste Reduction, Recycling and Composting](#)

Friday, Apr. 26, 12-1 p.m.

[How to Make Safer Household Cleaners](#)

Tuesday, Apr. 30, 6-7 p.m.

[Keep Bellevue Beautiful](#) is hosting litter cleanup events. Join the effort in the Wilburton Area on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 9:00am. Register [here](#).

[Stewardship Saturdays](#) provide you with monthly volunteer opportunities cleaning up local parks. Visit the [website](#) to learn more.

Join us for Earth Day at The Spring District on Monday April 22, 2024, 2-4pm. We will have fun and informative booths to share the green efforts taking place throughout The Spring District.

## FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS

### NON-PROFIT FAIR

Join The Spring District on Saturday, April 27, 2024 to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Sound Transit 2 Line and a local non-profit fair highlighting organizations doing great work in our community.

Please take a moment to learn more about the non-profit partners participating in the fair on April 27:

[Rainier Athletes](#)

[The Sophia Way](#)

[Bellevue Family Bellevue YMCA](#)

[United Way of King County](#)

[Plymouth Housing](#)



### DONATE BLOOD IN APRIL & WIN



Island Life is calling! Donate Blood in April and enter to win 2 round-trip tickets to Maui, including a 3-night stay at the Luxurious Wailea Beach Resort! Learn more [here](#). Your generosity could save a life. Thank you!

[St Louise Catholic Church](#)

April 22, 2024, 12 - 6 pm

Visit the [Bellevue Donor Center](#) website to schedule your appoint today!

**Remember to Create Your New Account at [www.bloodworksnw.org/giveblood](http://www.bloodworksnw.org/giveblood)**

Use the new [Donor Scheduling Portal](#) to book your appointment to save lives. Get ready for a new donor scheduling experience that's mobile responsive and makes booking an appointment from your phone or desktop easy. [\[Watch Video\]](#)



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## SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER FUN!



### 2024 BELLEVUE BEATS & BITES MUSIC SERIES

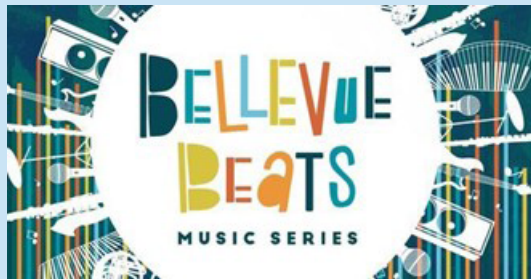
Mark your calendar to enjoy sunny lunchtime concerts at The Spring District. We are excited to present an eclectic line-up including blues and authentic Hawaiian music. Join us on the dates below this summer and let's get dancing!

July 23: [Joe Cook Blues Band](#)

July 30: [EntreMundos Quarteto](#)

August 6: [Great American Trainwreck](#)

August 13: [Elias Kauhane](#)



## The Spring District *Free* Outdoor Movies



08/22/24–Rated PG



08/29/24–Rated PG-13

**When:** Thursday, 08/22 & 08/29

**Where:** 12167 NE 14th Terrace

The Spring District Plaza

Located by the bocce ball court & stage  
Seating starts at 7:30pm Free Popcorn!

# Asparagus Tart

by [Ahead of Thyme](#)

Servings 8 | TOTAL TIME 25 Minutes

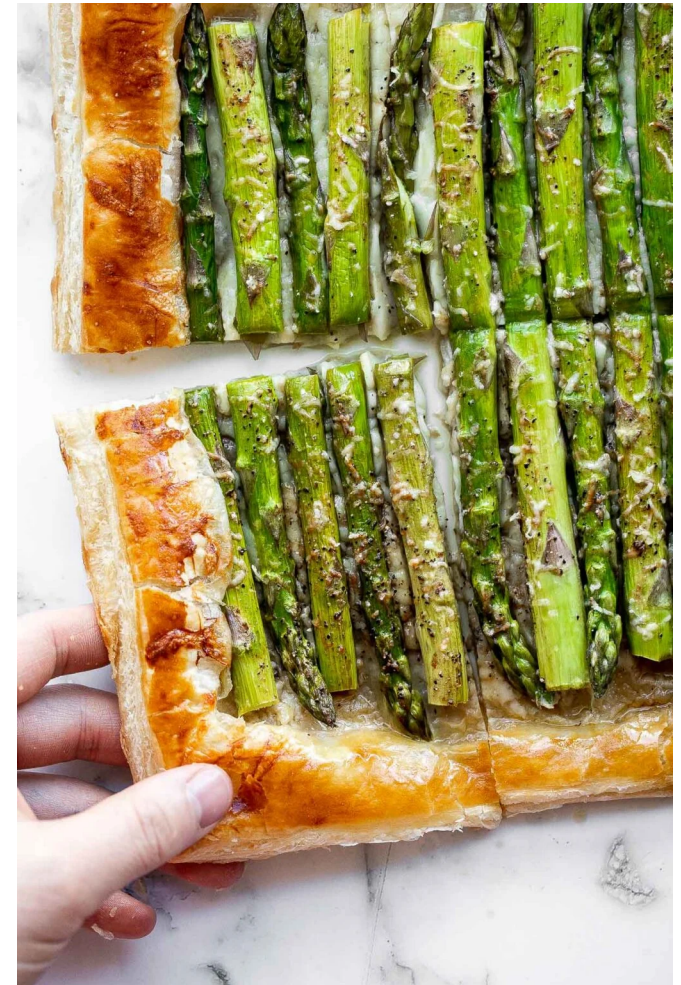
Spruce up your brunch with this tasty asparagus tart.

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 (10x15-inch) sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 cup Gruyère cheese (or cheddar cheese), shredded
- 1 lb. medium asparagus, trimmed
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (or to taste)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper (or to taste)
- 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon milk

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 450F.
2. On a clean and lightly floured surface, prepare and roll out the puff pastry into a 10x15-inch rectangle. Transfer to a large half sheet baking pan lined with parchment paper.
3. Use a knife to gently score a 1-inch border around the pastry dough. Make sure to score the pastry with shallow cuts and do not cut through the pastry.
4. Use a fork to lightly poke holes all over the pastry dough (inside the scored border). Do not poke through the dough. This allows the steam to escape during baking so that the pastry doesn't puff up in the oven.
5. Sprinkle Gruyère cheese evenly over the pastry inside the border and top with asparagus in a single layer alternating ends and tips.
6. In a small bowl, add olive oil, balsamic vinegar, salt, and pepper, and stir well to combine. Brush the mixture evenly over the asparagus and top with Parmesan cheese.
7. In another small bowl, whisk together egg and milk. Brush the egg wash over the border on all sides.
8. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until the crust is golden brown and puffy. Let the tart cool for 2-3 minutes before slicing and serving.





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