

A high-angle photograph of a city street intersection. A rainbow-colored crosswalk is painted on the asphalt. A person is walking a dog on the sidewalk. A silver car is parked on the street. A yellow fire hydrant is visible in a planter bed. A string of rainbow bunting and a white globe light hangs across the foreground. The text "JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER" and "WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SPRING DISTRICT" is overlaid on the bottom right.

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT
THE SPRING DISTRICT

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JUNE HOLIDAYS



EID AL ADHA JUNE 7, 2025

[Eid Al Adha](#) is considered one of the most important festivals in the Muslim calendar. Eid Al Adha translates to the Festival of Sacrifice. This festival celebrates Prophet Ibrahim's (known as Abraham in Christianity and Judaism) dedication and commitment to Allah (God). Prophet Ibrahim believed that Allah commanded him to sacrifice his son, Ismail, to show his obedience to Allah. Allah intervened in the very last second and sent the Angel Gabriel to replace Ibrahim's son with a ram.

Eid Al-Adha is celebrated world-wide by symbolically sacrificing a lamb, goat, cow, camel, or other animal, that is then divided into equal parts shared among family, friends, and the needy. Learn more [here](#).

FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

"A father carries pictures where his money used to be."

-Steve Martin

Inspired while attending a Mother's Day celebration in Spokane, WA, Sonora Smart Dodd initiated the campaign for a holiday honoring fathers in 1910. Dodd wished to honor her father who was twice widowed and a single father to 14 children. Her commitment to honoring all fathers and their sacrifices to their families was rewarded when in 1942, President Calvin Coolidge encouraged states to observe Father's Day. It is now observed on the third Sunday of June.

[Bellevue.com](https://www.bellevue.com) has a great list of fun things to do in the month of June, including terrific ways to celebrate Father's Day, including a dinner or brunch cruise or the Lake to Lake bike ride. Happy Father's Day!



JUNE HOLIDAYS CONT'D

JUNETEENTH THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

"Understanding history is one of many ways to break the cycle. Lift up/amplify Black voices. Support Black-owned businesses. Reach back. Mentor." –Chadwick Boseman

Juneteenth honors Freedom Day for the last slaves held in Galveston, Texas. June 19, 1865, is the day when word of emancipation finally made it to Texas. Today's celebrations honor contributions of Black Americans and raise awareness of the legacies and impacts of slavery.

Join the City of Bellevue, Eton School, and The Little School on Saturday, June 14, for this year's [Juneteenth Community Celebration](#) at Crossroads Park in Bellevue. This family-friendly event is free and features music, food, and local vendors celebrating and supporting Black businesses.

PRIDE CELEBRATION MONTH OF JUNE

"Love is love is love is love is love is love is love is love." - Lin-Manuel Miranda

June is [PRIDE month](#) and commemorates the Stonewall Riots that took place in June of 1969. After a raid on a known gay bar in New York City, riots erupted and lasted for six days giving rise to what we now recognize as the beginning of the gay rights movement. Today PRIDE month is a time for communities to come together and support friends, family, and loved ones in the LGBTQIA+ community.

Wednesday, June 4, 2025, from noon-2:00pm, celebrate [Pride on the Plaza](#). This free, family-friendly event will feature the raising of the Pride Flag, remarks by city leaders, music, food and performances by local queer artists. Learn more [here](#).



COMMUNITY EVENTS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMES TO BELLEVUE

Amazon is committing \$100 million toward developing affordable housing for low- to moderate-income families. The groundbreaking in February brought together the many partners addressing this critical need on the Eastside.

[Bridge Housing](#), a San Francisco-based nonprofit affordable-housing developer, is building 234 units near The Spring District on 120th Ave NE. The project is walking distance from Sound Transit's Spring District light rail station. In addition Sound Transit provided the property for the project.

The project is scheduled to open in November of 2026. Read the 425Business article [here](#).



12TH ANNUAL LAKE TO LAKE BIKE RIDE SATURDAY JUNE 14, 2025

Explore Bellevue from your bicycle seat! Saturday, June 14 Bellevue will saddle up for this family-friendly ride benefiting the City of Bellevue's youth camp scholarship fund.

This non-competitive Lake to Lake ride features a long course and a short course. Investigate the routes [here](#). The short course features a 9-mile Greenbelt Loop and the long course features a 24-mile Lake Loop. Both routes are approximately 80 percent paved road and 20 percent small gravel. This is also a reminder that the event goes through The Spring District on Saturday, June 14.

To register, follow this [link](#). Good luck & have fun out there!



COMMUNITY EVENT WRAP UP



PRIDE CROSS WALK REFRESH

The Spring District neighborhood came together Friday, May 30th to give the PRIDE crosswalk a fresh coat of paint. Thank you to all the neighbors who came out to help. It was a wonderful sunny day--the perfect day to paint.

June is PRIDE month and gives all of us a chance to come together in support of our LGBTQ+ friends and loved ones. Thank you for coming out to show your support!



THE SPRING DISTRICT TEAM

GETTING TO KNOW A SPRING DISTRICT TEAM MEMBER MEET VALERIE KRIENKE

Valerie Krienke, is a building engineer who works primarily on the north side of The Spring District. Valerie has been with TSD for three years. Her favorite thing about the neighborhood is, "The Chef Garden. I love to pick some herbs before I go home to use for dinner, or pick a handful of berries or fruits as I walk by!"

Valerie lives within a five-mile radius of where she grew up in Mountlake Terrace. Her family lives in Brier.

Hiking difficult hikes with sharp elevations is Valerie's favorite outdoor activity. And while she doesn't travel much, she does have a secret mushroom picking patch where it's easy to gather a few pounds of chanterelles in just a couple hours! And when not at work, you'll find her at the gym working out or playing video games. "I'm currently playing through Expedition 33."

Coffee or Tea? How do you like it? Coffee; I love to get a nice mocha.
What is your favorite dessert? Fresh fruit: watermelon, strawberries, blueberries.

What is your favorite local restaurant? There's a breakfast sandwich food truck called Sunny Up; I love to order that Ruth Tater Ginsburg sandwich. **What is your favorite recipe to make or have made for you?** My partner and I love to cook together and right now we're on a garlic ginger shrimp kick.

What is your favorite sports team? I only watch some professional E Sports; my favorite player is Grubby from Warcraft 3. **What is your favorite movie?** There Will Be Blood. I still reenact the ending monologue to this day.

Do you have a pet? I have an English Shepherd named Astolfo, he's an absolute mamma's boy.

If you were a superhero, what would your superpower be? Multiple Man Marvel comics. He can split himself up into many different copies which each can independently learn and operate. Then later he can reabsorb them and integrate their experiences and knowledge.

Thank you, Valerie, for all you do around The Spring District! You are a key part of the team and keeping things running smoothly.



NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

BELLEVUE BREWING WINS SILVER @ THE 2025 WORLD BEER CUP

Spend your summer in The Spring District and enjoy local music, a summertime produce stand, and award winning beer! At this year's [World Beer Cup](#), Bellevue Brewing won the Silver Award for their Bellevue 1882 Lager in the American-Style Pilsner.

Congratulations [Bellevue Brewing Co.](#) for winning this prestigious award! Make your way to The Spring District and enjoy this wonderful lager, or one of their other local-made beers, along with their delicious rotating specials.

From their sunny beer garden you can sit outside, enjoy the sun, The Spring District's summer concert lineup, and a view of the water fountain. Enjoy and we'll see you out there!



Local music; local vendors!
Join us for summertime
fun in The Spring District

SUMMER CONCERTS & MARKET

Music 12:00-1:00pm

Market 12:00-4:00pm

- July 10 - The DogTones
- July 17 - Stellar Jays

Music 3:00-4:00pm

Market 2:00-6:00pm

- July 24 - New Age Flamenco
- July 31 - Pruett Band

Follow us [@TheSpringDistrict](#) for
additional details!

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FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS

PRIDE ON THE EASTSIDE

June is PRIDE month and Bellevue is a safe and welcoming community. In addition to PRIDE focused events such as the Paws and PRIDE Dog Walk, and the June 4th Pride party at City Hall, throughout the community there are art installations and restaurants that make it a point to ensure that all are welcome. Learn more [here](#).

Bellevue has a number of organizations that celebrate, advocate for, and provide resources in support of LGBTQ+ community.

[Eastside Pride PNW](#) and [Pride Across the Bridge](#) are two Bellevue-based organizations focused on creating supportive & educational events, and inclusive safe spaces for individuals to find community. There are many ways for you to show your support this month! See you out there #BellevuePRIDE.



DONATE BLOOD AND RESCUE A HUMAN

Now through July 31, 2025, you could win big for you and your furry friend! If your best pet friend could talk, they'd tell you to Donate Blood and Rescue a Human. To thank them for their heroic sense of civic duty, take your furry sidekick on a much needed 3-night stay-cation to your choice of one of three stunning pet-friendly resorts: Suncadia Resort in Cle Elum, Sunriver Resort in Bend, OR, or The Breakers in Long Beach. Plus a stay for your pet at SNIFF in Portland. You both deserve a treat! Receive Double Entries: 6/29 - 7/5 & 7/24 - 7/31

The lucky winner will be contacted by email on or about August 15, 2025. They will have 48 hours to accept the offer.

Go to www.bloodworksnw.org/win to book an appointment near you and complete your on-line entry.

#BloodworksNW #BloodSupply #BePrepared #DonateBlood

- Friday, June 6 - [Symetra Center](#)
- Book your appointment anytime at the [Bellevue Donation Center](#)

Create Your Bloodworks Account at
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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Green Goddess Pasta Salad Recipe

by [The Modern Proper](#)

Get your greens and feed a crowd. Make this wonderful recipe for your next potluck or backyard BBQ. Enjoy this wonderful and healthy recipe! And remember to tag [@TheSpringDistrict](#) on Instagram when you make it!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound short pasta, such as fusillini or casarecce
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup mayonnaise
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice, from 1 lemon
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon sea salt, plus more to taste
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 teaspoon Dijon
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup loosely packed basil leaves + 6 roughly chopped
- 2 cups roughly chopped spinach
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup roughly chopped chives
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound asparagus, trimmed, cut in half lengthwise, then chopped into 1-inch pieces
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups chopped snap peas or 1 cup sweet peas thawed
- $\frac{1}{2}$ English or 4 Persian cucumbers, diced
- 1 cup pitted, halved Castelvetrano olives, optional

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Cook the pasta until al dente according to the package directions. Drain and rinse under cold water. If the pasta gets stuck together, rinse again under cold water to separate.
2. Meanwhile, make the dressing. Add the mayonnaise, olive oil, lemon juice, salt, pepper, garlic, Dijon, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup loosely packed basil and 1 cup spinach to a blender. Blend until smooth.
3. In a large bowl, combine the pasta, remaining basil, remaining 1 cup spinach, chives, asparagus, snap peas, cucumber and olives (if using). Pour dressing over salad, toss to combine and serve. Will keep in an airtight container the refrigerator for up to 5 days.





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