



OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

# THE SPRING DISTRICT

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## OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

### DIWALI MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

[Diwali](#) is known worldwide as the Festival of Lights. The festival lasts four days long and symbolizes the victory of light over darkness.

Homes honor the tradition of Diwali by lighting oil filled lamps called [Diyas](#). These lights are placed in rows along homes and temples. [Rangolis](#), elaborate designs made of colored rice, sand, or flower petals, decorate the floors of homes. Families leave the windows open during the festival inviting in Lakshmi, hoping she will enter the home and bestow wealth and success on the family.

On Sunday, October 5th join the Indian American Community Services at the 2025 Diwali Bazaar, from 2:00-8:00pm at the North Bellevue Community Center. Learn more [here](#).



### HALLOWEEN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

It is believed that Halloween has its origins in the Celtic tradition of Samhain, which is believed to date back to the 9th century. Samhain, is a Gaelic festival that honors the end of the harvest season and begins the celebration that honors departed loved ones.

When Irish and Scottish immigrants came to North America, they brought many of their Halloween customs. These customs include trick-or-treating, dressing up in costumes, carving pumpkins (or turnips), and playing pranks.

There are many fun events celebrating Halloween. The Spring District Halloween Party is Wednesday, October 29th, 3-5pm. Go to the [Visit Bellevue](#) website to learn about more family-friendly events taking place in Bellevue.





## BELRED CODE UPDATES: LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

BY JOSH STEINER, CODE AND POLICY SENIOR PLANNER

Fifteen years ago, the City of Bellevue adopted the first BelRed subarea plan and land use code, envisioning a former industrial area transformed into a lively, walkable neighborhood with residential living, shopping and access to transit. That vision has guided new housing, parks and businesses and continues to shape how BelRed grows today.

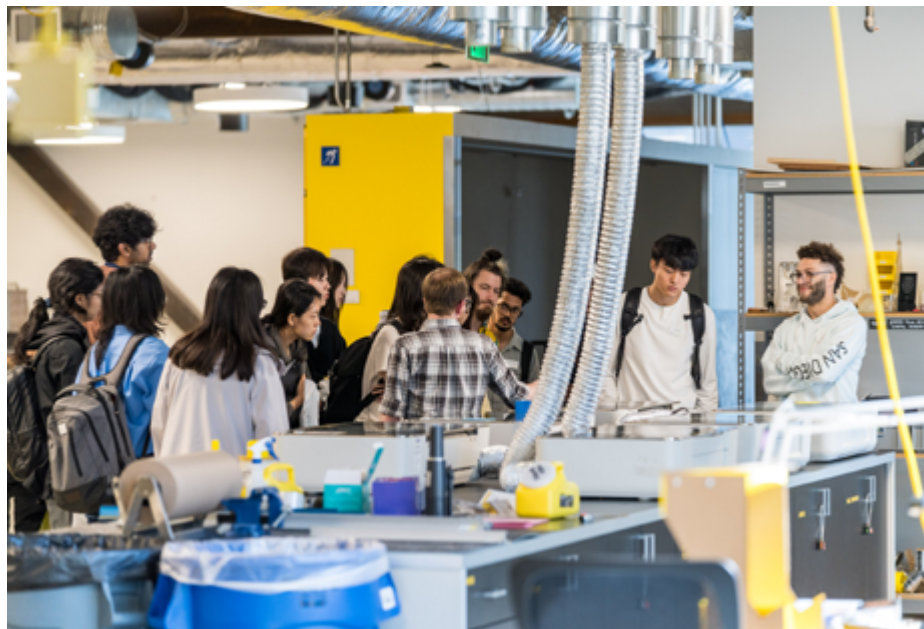
In 2024, the city updated the BelRed Subarea Plan to reflect current growth trends and community needs. The new “BelRed Look Forward” plan builds on what’s already working and strengthens policies that support a vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood with updated housing and job targets. A key feature of this update is the BelRed Arts District, designed to celebrate and sustain the creative economy.

The next step in fulfilling the vision for the future of BelRed is updating the land use code. The BelRed Look Forward Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) will put policies into action. This code amendment will guide future development while honoring the neighborhood’s unique personality and balancing priorities like housing, jobs, transportation, environment, urban design and the arts.

Community input matters in this project. The city wants to know what is most important to the people who live, work and visit BelRed.

- Learn more: Visit [BellevueWA.gov/belred-look-back](https://BellevueWA.gov/belred-look-back)
- Take the survey: Share your thoughts on BelRed’s future at [BellevueWA.gov/belred-survey](https://BellevueWA.gov/belred-survey).





### FIRST DAY OF CLASS FOR NEW AND RETURNING MS IN TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION STUDENTS

Classes have begun at UW's Global Innovation Exchange, and we're excited to welcome our returning and new MS in Technology Innovation students!

The year is already off to a strong start, with orientation for incoming students and capstone sponsor project pitches happening in September for the returning students. In total, approximately 150 students in both cohorts are now back at GIX, with the returning students beginning their 6-month capstone projects as the program culminates towards their March graduation.

### ROBOTICS INNOVATION LEVELLED UP AT GIX!



The University of Washington's Global Innovation Exchange is proud to announce a new partnership with South Korea-based DOGU Robotics, an innovator in AI-powered security robotics. DOGU has generously provided two of their cutting-edge autonomous robots on loan to our

GIX Prototyping Labs, and we've begun building out new advanced workstations to give MS in Technology Innovation students even more opportunities for hands-on robotics learning. This collaboration not only expands the tools available to our students but also connects them directly with global leaders in robotics innovation.

### GIX ANNOUNCES 19 CAPSTONE PROJECTS FOR THE 2025 MSTI PROGRAM

Students in the University of Washington's Master of Science in Technology Innovation (MSTI) program are about to begin their six-month capstone projects—the culmination of their 18-month journey at GIX. This year, GIX is proud to launch 19 projects spanning



health tech, environmental technology, robotics, and more. Last week, project sponsors from leading Seattle-area and global companies visited GIX to meet with their new student teams and kick off the collaboration. Over the next six months, these teams will design, prototype, and launch innovative solutions to real-world challenges. We can't wait to see what they create.

## THE SPRING DISTRICT TEAM

### GETTING TO KNOW A SPRING DISTRICT TEAM MEMBER MEET GEORGIA CONGLETON

This month we meet Georgia Congleton, the Property and Community Engagement Administrator. Georgia has worked in The Spring District for five years! "I feel like The Spring District is the heart of Bellevue; we are where fun, productivity, and community come together! And we know how to throw a good party!"

She grew up in a military family, but her family is from Dallas and that's where she calls home.

"I've lived in Seattle since Pearl Jam was HUGE and I love it here. I love hiking, camping, paddleboarding--I love the PNW for all that it offers for outside fun."

Lately Georgia's favorite Pacific Northwest place to visit is Pt. Townsend, but she also loves Hurricane Ridge and a beach walk.

**What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?** I love to travel and see live music. I'm a lazy crafter, so I need a deadline but I love creating things. **What is your favorite sports team?** The Mariners.

**What is your favorite local restaurant?** Raccolto, a dreamy little place in West Seattle. Part of the Great Harvest restaurants. **Do you have a pet?** A sweet dog named Addy. **What is your favorite recipe to make or have made for you?** I love making risotto and I love when people cook for me (or bake—I really love homemade cookies and bread). It is a show of care and kindness.

**What is your favorite movie?** It's cheesy but It's a Wonderful Life. I cry every time I watch it. **Coffee or Tea?** How do you like it? Coffee, mostly black and mostly iced. **What is your favorite dessert?** Homemade things and the lemon dessert on the menu. **Do you have a favorite travel destination?** My husband's family farm in Spokane & Paris.

**If you were a superhero, what would your superpower be?**

Peacemaker, I'd love to have the power to create peaceful solutions. **Do you have a hidden talent?** I am a pro at starting up conversations with strangers!.

If you see Georgia around the neighborhood, stop and tell her a joke. She likes to collect jokes and share them with her coworkers!



## FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS

### DIWAN COFFEE HOUSE COMES TO THE SPRING DISTRICT

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 10th, 2025, when we welcome [Diwan Coffee House](#) to The Spring District.

Diwan is defined as the place where community gathers to share knowledge, debate, and create over a cup of coffee or tea.

We are thrilled to have this welcoming space open up in the heart of the neighborhood. Diwan Coffee House will feature Dubai chocolate strawberries, date lattes, pistachio lattes, and rose water matcha.

Coffee House Hours:

Monday - Friday	7:00am-7:00pm
Saturday - Sunday	8:00am-6:00pm



### OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

About 30% of all newly diagnosed cancers in women each year are breast cancer. When a friend, coworker, or family member is diagnosed with cancer, we seek ways to help. Donating blood through Bloodworks Northwest is an immediate and essential way to help cancer patients receive care at hospitals and cancer centers across the Pacific Northwest. About 25% of the blood supply is used by patients battling cancer. That's because chemotherapy can damage red blood cells and platelet production, making blood transfusions a vital part of cancer treatment that only comes from volunteer blood donors. In one hour, you can make a difference in the lives of people affected by cancer. Go to [www.bloodworksnw.org/win](http://www.bloodworksnw.org/win) to book an appointment near you and complete your on-line entry.

Wednesday, October 8

[Symetra Center](#)

Wednesday, October 29

[Top Pot Doughnuts Bellevue](#)

Book your appointment anytime at the [Bellevue Donation Center](#)

**Create Your Bloodworks 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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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

# BELLEVUE FIESTA LATINA

Celebrating Latino Culture in Honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month

**Saturday, Oct. 4 | 11 a.m.–5 p.m.**

Spring District Park, 12167 NE 14th Terrace

### FEATURING:

- Pop-Up Market curated by Aquí Mercado
- Lake Washington Symphony Orchestra Celebrating Latin America Concert (3–4:15 p.m.)
- Local Food Vendors
- Community Organizations

Scan the QR code for information  
[BellevueWA.gov/events/bellevue-fiesta-latina](https://BellevueWA.gov/events/bellevue-fiesta-latina)



Partner organizations:



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This holiday season, Phil Bailey with Q4 Media, is making it easy to get the perfect shot. Whether you are getting a team photo to capture the energy of your staff or documenting the perfect holiday moment with your family, Q4 Media can help you get it right and maybe create some holiday magic.

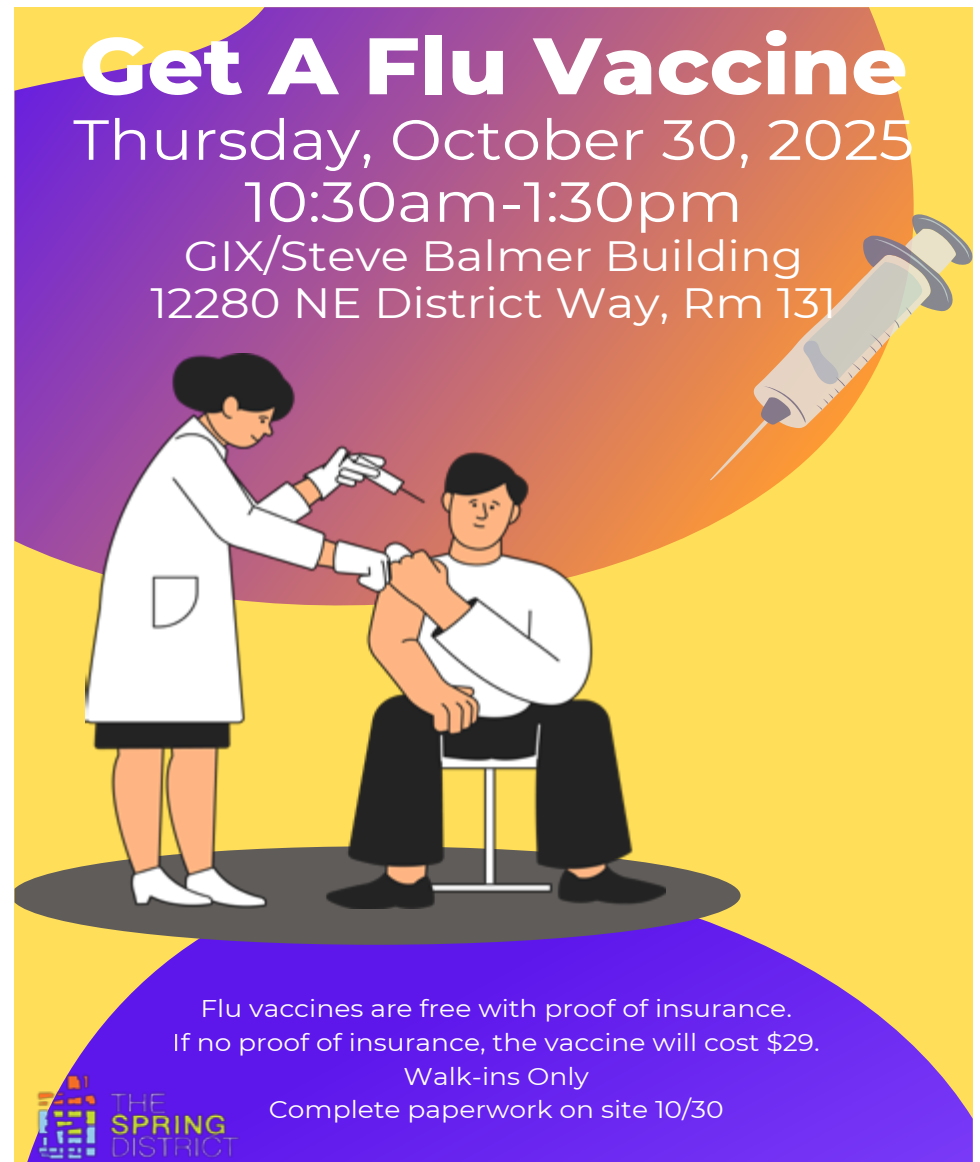
Scan the QR code in the ad above to schedule your photo session today! Now through December 14<sup>th</sup>, you can schedule your session taking place at Park Place LTD.

Learn more about Q4 Media and making your holidays bright by visiting their website, [here](#).





SAVE THE DATE  
GET A FLU VACCINE  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025



# Pumpkin Baked Oatmeal

by [All the Healthy Things](#)

Fall is on its way so it's time to cozy up and enjoy some soul-soothing comfort food. The recipe is easily changed to work with the ingredients you have on hand, such as cow's milk and butter.

## INGREDIENTS

- 2 eggs
- 1 3/4 cups Planet Oat Unsweetened Vanilla Oatmilk
- 3/4 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup cashew butter
- 2 tablespoons melted coconut oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups gluten free rolled oats
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup mini chocolate chips (plus 1 tablespoon for the top)

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. To a large mixing bowl, add the eggs, Plant Oat Oatmilk, pumpkin puree, maple syrup, cashew butter, melted coconut oil, and vanilla extract. Whisk all of the wet ingredients together until well combined.
3. Next, add the gluten free oats, baking powder, pumpkin pie spice, and salt to the mixing bowl and stir until well combined.
4. Next, fold the chocolate chips into the batter until well combined.
5. Transfer the oatmeal batter to a greased 9×13 baking dish. Top with extra chocolate chips, if you like.
6. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes until the oatmeal is just almost set.







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