



THE
SPRING
DISTRICT

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

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THE SPRING DISTRICT

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POINTS OF INTEREST

PRIDE in the Park(ing) Space 6/12!

World Cup is coming to The Spring District 6/24!

Mark your calendar for summer fun!

DIWAN COFFEE HOUSE

Combining Mediterranean Flavors with Espresso and Matcha Drinks



Rahma, Liyan, & Diana

Located in the heart of The Spring District, Diwan Coffee House has been serving warmth and community since November of 2025. The mission of this welcoming coffee shop is to bring Mediterranean flavors to coffee & matcha drinks and treats. Known for unique specialty drinks such as the Baklava or Knafeh Latte, you cannot go wrong whether you choose a traditional coffee drink or a specialty coffee! The Ward Latte (shown below) is a taste explosion of pistachio, rose, white chocolate, and pistachio cold foam! Made to suite your sweetness preference, Rahma, the barista will create one of the best drinks you'll ever enjoy!

Ibrahim is the master of the Knafeh Dessert, expertly prepared on their traditional Knafeh Stove. Don't miss experiencing this transformative sweet treat! With cheese curds and kataifi (shredded, crispy phyllo dough), drizzled with rose water syrup. It will feel like a mini vacation to the Middle East! This gorgeous coffee shop also sells perfumes and gifts from the Middle East for friends and loved ones.



Ibrahim Making Knafeh



Joanne & Rahma



Knafeh Dessert



Ward Latte



THE SPRING DISTRICT CELEBRATES PRIDE

It was a lovely afternoon for the community to come together and refresh the PRIDE Crosswalk in the heart of The Spring District. This annual tradition brings us together to appreciate and celebrate the diversity that makes up our community. Thank you to the old and new friends who came out to help. Your efforts brighten up the neighborhood and bring joy to all who wander through the neighborhood and feel welcomed by this cheerful area in the District.

Mark your calendar for [Bellevue's Paws & Pride Dog Walk](#). Saturday, June 6th meet at Bellevue Downtown Park from 10am-2pm for fun PRIDE-themed events and activities!



SUMMER ACTIVATIONS

PADEL COMES TO BELLEVUE

Join the Fun in The Spring District

Padel lands in Washington — right here at Spring District.

The world's fastest-growing sport is finally in Bellevue. Played four people to a glass-enclosed court, padel sits somewhere between tennis, pickleball, and squash — easy to pick up, impossible to put down.

[Jam Padel](#) is now open at Spring District with introductory classes and open play sessions. Come see what everyone's talking about.

👉 www.jampadelclub.com

Opening day: June 1

Open daily - Mon-Sun 7am - 11pm

Park at 1280 120th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98005!



**JAM
PADEL.**
COME PLAY

SALSA IN THE CITY

Learn Salsa all summer in The Spring District

This is the summer you can learn to salsa dance! Join the [Salsa Y Motion Dance Academy](#) for vibrant Friday night dance parties throughout the summer in The Spring District.

Mark your calendar with the following dates:

June 26; July 10; August 14; and September 11

6:00-6:30pm Intro Salsa Lessons

6:30-9:00pm Social Dancing + Live Shows

Parking is available at 1280 120th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98005

SALSA IN THE CITY
FREE OUTDOOR DANCE NIGHT
Fridays: June 26 - July 10 - Aug. 14 - Sept. 11
Spring District Park (north of Bellevue Brewing by the swings)

SCHEDULE	
6:00-6:30 PM INTRO SALSA LESSON BY BRAVO DANCE SCHOOL	6:30-9:00 PM SOCIAL DANCING + LIVE SHOWS

Salsa & Bachata
MUSIC BY:
DJ Spicy, DJ Los,
& DJ ERNESTO

ADMISSION: 100% FREE
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Spring District Park, 12167 NE 14th Terrace, Bellevue, WA 98005

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

THE CITY OF BELLEVUE WANTS YOUR HELP CREATING A NEW PARK IN BEL-RED

The City of Bellevue is in the planning process for a new neighborhood park in the BelRed neighborhood and they want your input! Do you prefer a play area or a picnic shelter? Maybe you want both. Here is your chance to help shape the newest park in Bellevue.

Complete this survey by June 7th and make your opinions known: [SURVEY](#)

Located at 12525 NE Spring Blvd between 124th and 130th Avenues, this proposed 8-acre park project site is funded with a 2022 Park and Opens Space Levy. Visit the City of Bellevue's webpage to learn more [HERE](#).



**Bellevue
Parks and
Open Space
LEVY**



BELLEVUE ESSENTIALS 2026 NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS



BELLEVUE ESSENTIALS

Bellevue Essentials is a 10-week civic engagement program that will explain city government and the ways to get involved. You will experience the daily structure and operations of city government—the effort, challenges and collaboration between staff and community that make Bellevue a great place to live, work and play. Hands-on activities allow you to experience the day-to-day challenges of running a local government.

For those who live or work in Bellevue, this program provides a deep dive into city government topics like public processes, city planning, finance and economic development, transportation, public safety and more.

Classes take place from **September through December**. Each session includes a networking dinner, presentations and interactive activities.

Acceptance into the Bellevue Essentials program is highly competitive as each cohort accepts approximately 35 students. Tuition is \$150.00—payable after acceptance—and a waiver is available.

Find additional materials at BellevueWA.gov/bellevue-essentials.

Use the QR code below to register for updates.



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**Bellevue
Essentials**



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COMMUNITY PRIDE EVENTS

REIMAGINE HOW TO USE CURB-SIDE PARKING AT OUR PRIDE IN THE PARK(ING) SPACE EVENT



MEET DREW THE DRAG QUEEN 4-6PM!

PRIDE IN THE PARK(ING) SPACE!
FRIDAY, JUNE 12
1-6PM

The Spring District's first open street festival where curb space is reimagined and creativity flows as we celebrate the vibrancy of PRIDE month

Join us on 122nd Ave NE between District Way and NE 14th Terrace to experience parking spaces in a new way! Enjoy interactive pop-ups in a street festival atmosphere, then stay and catch the USA vs. Paraguay game at 6pm aired at our very own Bellevue Brewing!



DRAG QUEEN PAINT & SIP

After you have participated in The Spring District PRIDE-themed Street Festival celebrating car-free streets, take the train one stop away to the [BelRed Arts Studio](#) for *mocktails*, snacks, and a fun night painting!

DRAG QUEEN



JUNE 12
6PM-8:30PM
\$25

Mocktails and snacks provided!

PAINT & SIP

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS



THE SPRING DISTRICT

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING FUND

MARKET VENDORS

SUMMER
events

Ali's Foodies-Hala Pakistani & Indian
Diwan Coffee House
Duck Duck Books
Habibi Tacos
Handmade Timeless Pieces
Linked By Jwlz
Mobile Burgerz
Moklava
Queens 'N' Things
Sultry Oudy
Visit Bellevue

Wednesdays in July
Pop-up Markets 3-7pm
Live Music 5-7pm

12167 NE 14th Terrace
Bellevue, WA 98005

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for additional details



THE SPRING DISTRICT

MULTICULTURAL SOCCER CELEBRATION

JUNE 24 | 11AM - 8PM

The Spring District Park
*parking available at 1280 120th Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98005

FREE EVENT | ALL AGES WELCOME

-  Watch Parties in the Park 12pm, 3pm, 6pm
-  Soccer Activities with Midlakes United 2-6pm
-  Multicultural Fashion Show 5pm
-  Global DJs and Performances
-  Ethnic Food Trucks
-  Beer at Bellevue Brewing

Come celebrate the cultures that make the world's game exciting!

Brought to you by The Spring District, BEGO Nonprofit, and The City of Bellevue



FEATURED ORGANIZATIONS

EASTSIDE PRIDE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

The mission of Eastside PRIDE Pacific Northwest is to foster unity, celebrate diversity, and build bridges across communities. They are an advocacy and education organization for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community comprised of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. 2SLGBTQIA+ is a term used to represent diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. This designation includes “2S or Two-Spirit,” which is a term used by some Indigenous North American communities to describe people who embody both masculine and feminine spirits or hold unique gender roles within their culture. It acknowledges Indigenous traditions and predates colonization, emphasizing cultural and spiritual identity alongside gender and sexuality.

This organization envisions a world free of prejudice and bias. They create a place where everyone is safe, valued, and feels a sense of belonging. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, visit their [website](#) for additional information.

In addition to their invaluable resources for individuals and families, they offer a reading list. Visit [HERE](#) to learn more.



You've got the fuel to save a life!

Bloodworks Northwest recognizes that we all need a break at the pumps! Donate in the months of June and July enters you to win a \$10,000 digital gas gift card! Learn more [here](#). In addition, June is Men's Health Month! Donating blood helps save a life *AND* they check your pulse and blood pressure. It's like a mini health check!

Schedule your appointment today! <https://www.bloodworksnw.org/win>

Bellevue Blood Drives in June:

[QFC Bellevue/Bellevue Village 6/15/26 - 9am-3pm](#)

[St. Louise Catholic Church 6/23/26 - 12pm-6pm](#)

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. [\[Watch Video\]](#)



BloodworksNW.org / 800-398-7888

Summer Quinoa Salad

by [Two Peas & Their Pod](#)

INGREDIENTS

For the Salad:

- 1 cup uncooked quinoa
- 2 cups water
- 2 small peaches, *pitted and sliced*
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, *halved*
- 1 cup fresh sweet corn, *1 large ear*
- 1 large ripe avocado, *pitted and sliced*
- 1/2 small red onion, *diced*
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil

For the Dressing:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon golden balsamic vinegar or champagne vinegar
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 clove garlic, *minced*
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, *to taste*

INSTRUCTIONS

1. First, make your quinoa. In a medium saucepan, bring quinoa and water to a boil. Cover with a lid, reduce heat to low, and simmer until for 15 minutes, or until quinoa is tender. Remove from heat and let stand for 5 minutes, covered. Remove lid and fluff with a fork. Transfer quinoa to a large bowl and let it cool while you make the dressing.
2. In a small bowl or jar, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, vinegar, honey, garlic, salt and pepper. Set aside.
3. Add the peaches, tomatoes, corn, avocado, onion, feta cheese, and basil to the large bowl of quinoa.
4. Pour the dressing over the salad and gently toss to combine. Serve at room temp or cold.





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