



# CITY OF MEDINA

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**Date:** May 11, 2026  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Jeff Swanson, City Manager  
**Subject:** City Manager Report

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- Bellevue Fire Report – April 2026 **See attachment 1**
- 2026 City Council Calendar – **See attachment 2**
- Annual Community Events

- National Night Out (proposed)

National Night Out 2026 is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2026. This annual, nationwide event strengthens neighborhood spirit and promotes police-community partnerships through block parties, cookouts, and safety demonstrations, designed to make communities safer and more connected. More information can be found at :<https://natw.org/>

Budgetary impact: primarily would consist of public works and police staff overtime costs (setting up, taking down, mobilizing equipment to display, traffic control, participating in the event itself) and materials used (swag, printing, etc.).

Council Direction: Would Council like City staff to engage with community partners (public safety, public works, KCLS, Bellevue Schools, etc.) to organize and carry out a National Night Out event at Medina Park on Tuesday, August, 4, 2026?

- Medina Days

Medina Days is tentatively scheduled to occur August 4-9, 2026. At this time no volunteer organizers have emerged to plan and carry out the event. At the April 27, 2026 City Council Study Session City staff proposed a city-organized event as an alternative in lieu of a community volunteer-organized Medina Days event.

The event would be a scaled-down version of prior Medina Days events consisting of (1) Friday night neighborhood block parties (organized by neighborhood volunteers), and (2) Saturday afternoon Medina Beach Park Party (organized by the City).

Council discussed various components of this approach: fireworks display, hiring an event planner, and staff and budget capacity to organize and carry out the event.

At this time rough budgetary impacts\* are anticipated to be:

Fireworks + barge services = ~\$50,000

Event Planner = \$20,000-\$40,000

Portable Toilets = ~\$6,000

Employee Overtime in Police and Public Works = ~\$12,000

\*Not included are: rental costs for tables/chairs, materials and supplies (decorative items), live music and related equipment.

Council Direction: a few questions for Council consideration and direction from the Study Session include –

(a) In light of no volunteer-organized event emerging, should the City conduct a Medina Days event?

(b) Should the City procure an event planner?

(c) Should the event include a fireworks display?

- Recent City Manager Meetings of Significance:
  - Meetings related to Ord. 1052 (bulk IOC) with interested parties
  - Bellevue Utilities
  - ARCH
  - Points Communities Mayors
  - Bellevue School District Administration
  - Eastside Transportation
  - Sound Cities Assoc Public Issues Committee
  - City Council Finance Committee
  - King County Libraries
  - Sound Cities Assoc Small Cities Work Group
  - Bellevue Fire