

# **Parks & Community Services Board**

## **Regular Meeting**

**November 14, 2017**

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA





# AGENDA

## Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

<p><b>Boardmembers:</b></p> <p>Mark Van Hollebeke, Chair</p> <p>Eric Synn, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Yu Deng</p> <p>Stuart Heath</p> <p>Debra Kumar</p> <p>Jared Nieuwenhuis</p> <p>Heather Trescases</p> <p><b>City Council Liaison:</b></p> <p>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</p> <p><b>Staff Contacts:</b></p> <p>Terry Smith – 425-452-5379</p> <p>Nancy Harvey – 425-452-4162</p>	<p>Tuesday November 14, 2017 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bellevue City Hall Conference Room 1E-113 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004</p>																														
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MEETING**

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Boardmembers may add items to the meeting's agenda for discussion or action, with a majority vote of those present, at the time when the agenda is approved.

Before any agenda item can be acted upon, the Chair will call for a motion to take action on that item. After the motion is seconded, the Board discusses the arguments for and against the motion.

Sometimes a Boardmember will propose a different course of action on a subject on the agenda. This is called a substitute motion and also requires a second. After discussion, the substitute motion is voted upon first. If a majority of the Boardmembers vote for the substitute motion, it passes and the matter is completed. If the substitute motion fails to obtain a majority, the Board returns to the original motion and continues to discuss and vote on it.

Other times, a Boardmember may wish to change a pending motion in some way. This is called an amendment. It also requires a second and is voted upon before a vote is taken on the main motion. If the amendment passes, the main motion is then voted upon "as amended." If the amendment does not receive a second or a majority vote, the main motion, as originally proposed, is voted upon.

When necessary, the Board may recess to an executive session. During these closed sessions, the Boardmembers are limited, by law, to discussing only such items as personnel issues, property acquisition and disposition; or to receiving advice from legal counsel on pending or potential litigation. The Chair or Vice-Chair will announce both the reason for any executive session and the anticipated time when the Board will return.



**CITY OF BELLEVUE  
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday  
October 10, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall  
Room 1E-113  
Bellevue, Washington

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Van Hollebeke, Vice-Chair Synn, Boardmembers Deng, Heath, Kumar<sup>1</sup>, Trescases

**BOARDMEMBER ABSENT:** Boardmember Nieuwenhuis

**PARKS STAFF PRESENT:** Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Camron Parker, Doug Sanner, Terry Smith

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Van Hollebeke at 6:02 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Vice-Chair Synn and second by Boardmember Heath to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Vice-Chair Synn and second by Boardmember Heath to approve the September 12, 2017 Parks & Community Services Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

*None.*

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<sup>1</sup> Arrived at 6:29 p.m.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL, COMMUNITY COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

*None.*

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Foran encouraged Boardmembers to view the construction progress being made at Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development. He also called attention to the 2017 Summer Ranger Program Report included in the Board Packet.

- Follow-up on Oral Communications/Public Comments from prior meetings

*None.*

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Boardmember Deng recently attended the Boys & Girls Club Open House where she demonstrated her Stroller Strides program. Chair Van Hollebeke requested that a partnership update be provided to include the Boys & Girls Club partnership.

Chair Van Hollebeke recently traveled to Hong Kong. Although the city has waterfront access and beautiful natural landscapes, there is limited opportunity to enjoy the waterfront and wayfinding is also a challenge. This was a reminder that the Board should continue to advocate for wayfinding and access to natural open spaces throughout Bellevue.

Vice-Chair Synn recently enjoyed a visit to the Bellevue Botanical Gardens.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

*No report.*

9. **BOARDMEMBER COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:**

A. **Wilburton Citizen Advisory Committee**

Boardmember Kumar distributed a report from her recent Wilburton CAC meetings.



10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Grand Connection Framework Plan Comments**

Mr. Parker discussed the next steps for the Grand Connection Framework Plan Memo. These steps include:

- Approve the Grand Connection Framework Plan Memo.
- Provide a copy of the Draft Grand Connection Framework Plan Memo to the Parks Board City Council Liaison.
- Submit the memo and comments on the Draft Grand Connection Framework Plan to City Council.

The key themes in the memo include:

- Connectivity.
- Inclusion (including access and recreational experiences along the Grand Connection).
- Greening the Grand Connection Corridor.
- Need for a public park of significance on the east side of the Grand Connection.

Vice-Chair Synn noted that he, Chair Van Hollebeke and Boardmember Trescases worked together to review the Draft Grand Connection Framework Plan Memo and support the memo as presented.

Boardmember Heath inquired if the memo should include specific information about community services (i.e., the men's homeless shelter). Boardmember Trescases called attention to areas in the memo that address community services. She added that the homeless shelter is a Council decision and at this point is not a Parks Board project. Chair Van Hollebeke concurred with Boardmember Trescases. Chair Van Hollebeke added that the Grand Connection Framework Plan encourages Council to think broadly about the overall vision.

**Motion by Boardmember Heath and second by Vice-Chair Synn to approve the Grand Connection Framework Plan Memo with the following edits:**

- **Page 2 of the memo, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph under "Providing abundant access," second sentence should read: *How can the Grand Connection improve access through Downtown for an aging population and people with mobility impairments challenges?***
- **Page 2 of the memo, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph under "Supporting recreation and cultural facilities," last sentence should be separated into bullet points and "community services" should be added to the list.**

**At the question, motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

Boardmember Heath inquired about the next steps for the memo. Chair Van Hollebeke noted that there is an opportunity to couple the timing of presenting the memo with the Grand Connection presentation to Council. Chair Van Hollebeke volunteered to attend the Council

meeting to present the Board's memo, where this information will be discussed, and also to provide an update of other Board activities. Boardmembers concurred with this process.

B. Overview of Parks Capital Funding

Mr. Sanner provided an overview of the Capital Investment Program (CIP) Budget. The CIP Budget is a seven year budget tool that is updated every two years and will be updated next year. Mr. Sanner further explained that the capital projects are organized by Community Outcome, and include Transportation, Parks, Fire, Police, Neighborhoods, Downtown Livability, Grand Connection, Affordable Housing, Citywide Buildings/Security/Systems, and Debt Service (74 projects totaling \$485M). The Parks Capital Projects include Property Acquisition, Park Development and Renovation/Redevelopment, plus associated Planning, Design, Project Management (10 projects totaling \$73M).

Mr. Sanner noted that one of the major revenue sources for the Parks CIP is the 2008 Parks Levy.

Chair Van Hollebeke inquired if there was community feedback gathered, prior to issuing previous bonds/levies to see if there would be community support. During the 2008 levy process, Boardmembers assisted with community outreach to see if there was community support for the initiative. In addition, Mr. Sanner noted that a citywide survey was conducted to gather community input.

Mr. Sanner also explained that funds are collected via the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), of which the city gets 0.5% for capital purposes (\$14M). Half of this fund is dedicated to Parks, per Council ordinance (\$7M). Any additional funding is evaluated/allocated by the city's Budget Office.

Boardmember Heath reminded Boardmembers that the Parks Board recommended that two parks be developed last fall and the requested was denied. If there is additional funding (above the allocated \$7M), Boardmember Heath suggested that the Parks Board request that the City reallocate additional funds to parks and open spaces. Mr. Sanner cited a few examples where additional allocations have occurred.

Mr. Sanner discussed other project specific revenues that are available for Parks. Other revenues available, but not implemented, include: park impact fees and park districts. There was a general discussion about incentives and tying incentives to specific projects to encourage the desired outcome. If desired, Mr. Foran offered to provide further information for discussion regarding incentives.

Vice-Chair Synn encouraged Boardmembers to consider impact fees as a means for funding additional parks and open spaces.

Boardmember Trescases requested additional information about incentive fees and the history of the incentive fee allocation. Boardmember Kumar noted that the Bel-Red Corridor developers have opted to pay fees in lieu of adding a park incentive. She would like to see an incentive

system that encourages the incentives to be implemented, rather than encouraging a developer to pay a fee and not provide the incentive.

Mr. Sanner discussed additional non-city funding that has helped fund some of the park-related projects (i.e., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Bellevue Botanical Garden, Bellevue Youth Theater, Downtown Park/Inspiration Playground). Mr. Foran added that the Master Plan helps identify projects so partners can support a project if desired.

Chair Van Hollebeke asked if private contributions have been accepted in lieu of naming rights. Mr. Foran cited the Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Gardens as an example of a contribution for naming rights. Mr. Sanner clarified that the city is a non-profit and able to accept donations.

At a future meeting, Boardmembers would like to know the basics of other foundations for their fundraising efforts. They also discussed the city's marketing efforts, or lack thereof, to obtain general donations. Boardmember Trescases commented that the amount of effort that goes into fundraising is enormous. She added that Bellevue has been very successful in public/private partnerships. Boardmember Trescases does not see future success for the city to play a role in fundraising. However, she thinks the city should continue to leverage partnerships. She added that foundations also exist for advocacy, education, public awareness, etc.

Boardmember Heath reminded Boardmembers that at the 2014 Board Retreat he asked that Boardmembers consider a Bellevue Parks Foundation. Although there may be a lot of effort spent with fundraising, Boardmember Heath thinks that it might be worth the effort. Boardmember Heath used the example of the Bellevue Schools Foundation competing with the Bellevue PTAs as a successful partnership. Chair Van Hollebeke suggested that estate planning options be considered as well.

Chair Van Hollebeke and Vice-Chair Synn discussed Microsoft's Give Big Campaign and the ability to get matching dollars for volunteer hours. The funds can then be earmarked for Bellevue parks.

Boardmember Heath noted that there is an opportunity to grow and streamline a donation process for individuals to give to parks. He suggested that renters in the Spring District be asked to donate \$5 toward Bellevue parks. Boardmember Heath discussed San Juan County's conservation tax, which is imposed when a property is sold. This might be an option for Bellevue to consider.

Boardmember Deng would like to make it easy for people to donate to Bellevue parks.

Vice-Chair Synn asked Boardmembers to be mindful about the legislative options to get funding (i.e., park impact fees). He added that there is a social responsibility for developers and impact fees should be strongly considered.

Boardmembers requested additional information about the history of what went into garnering community support for the levy. They also asked the following questions regarding the levy:

- How long did the Board work on the plan?
- What was successful about the levy?
- Who was involved?
- How was the research conducted?

Boardmember Heath would like to remove the term “alternative funding” from the list of available funding options. It should merely be “funding options.” He would also like the following questions addressed:

- How much funding is needed—how much is the Board short to put their plans in place?
- What is next up on the project list?
- What is the Parks Board’s role in getting people to donate land in their trust to the city/parks?
- What are advocacy pressure points?
- What are the advocacy opportunities?

Chair Van Hollebeke noted that park funding is a multi-stage project. First, there must be general education on the Board’s role, the limitations, and the political pressure points. Then, the Board must decide what to do with this information. He would like to see a plan of action established by May, 2018.

Boardmember Heath suggested that a representative from the Parks Board meet with members from the Planning Commission to discuss the Parks Board priorities related to incentive zoning.

Boardmember Kumar requested additional clarification on where incentive money goes if a developer opts to pay a fee in lieu of the incentive.

### C. Board Work

- Bylaws

The Bylaws Subcommittee (Vice-Chair Synn and Boardmember Heath) reviewed the first draft of the Bylaws and are currently in the process of making additional edits. The Subcommittee indicated that the editing process could take some time due to busy schedules. Boardmember Trescases asked if other Boards/Commissions have finalized their Bylaws and requested clarification regarding the City Clerk’s expectations for the Bylaws. Staff will clarify these questions and report back to Boardmembers. Chair Van Hollebeke also suggested that the Subcommittee meet with the Parks Board Council Liaison to discuss the Council’s expectations for the Bylaws.

- Meeting Agenda

Next month’s meeting agenda should include the following items:

- Ongoing education regarding funding.
- Incentive zoning:
  - How much money is needed?

- Where does additional money go? Who makes this decision?
- History of the previous levy/bond and the Board's role.
- What is the delta between what is currently in place and the Parks Board's vision for parks and open spaces?

Boardmembers would like to talk with the Bellevue Youth Theatre Foundation and/or other foundations to see how they started their foundations and where they see their future. Boardmember Trescases suggested that discussions occur with other park related foundations, since the information might be more relevant (i.e., Seattle Parks Foundation).

Vice-Chair Synn also suggested that the Board consider implementing impact fees for the Spring District. He also suggested that Boardmembers research the existing and political economic landscape of the Spring District, since large international companies are moving into the area.

Mr. Smith noted that approximately 30 minutes has been requested on the next meeting agenda for a presentation to discuss the northeast corner entry of the Downtown Park.

**Motion by Boardmember Heath and second by Vice-Chair Synn to extend the meeting until 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

*None.*

12. **ESTABLISHING AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:**

*See above.*

13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Memo from staff re 2017 Summer Ranger Program
- C. Memo to Council from staff re Zakes Foundation and Bellevue Skate Park Recognition
- D. Email re volleyball team
- E. Email re tree in greenbelt
- F. Email re Bellevue 2017 National Drive Electric Week Celebration

14. **INFORMATION:**

- A. List of upcoming Parks special events
- B. Next regular Parks Board meeting—November 14, 2017

15. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

*None.*

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Boardmember Deng requested that the meeting minutes from the September 12, 2017 regular meeting be opened for reconsideration so a correction can be made.

**Motion by Boardmember Trescases and second by Boardmember Heath to reconsider approval of the September 12, 2017 Parks & Community Services Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

**Motion by Boardmember Deng and second by Boardmember Heath to amend the September 12, 2017 Parks & Community Services Board Meeting Minutes and correct page 7, Board Bylaws, second paragraph to read:**

*Motion by Vice-Chair Synn and second by Boardmember Deng to appoint Boardmembers Heath ~~and Deng~~ to the Bylaws Subcommittee. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).*

**At the question, motion carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the meeting minutes as amended.**

**Motion by Boardmember Heath and second by Vice-Chair Synn to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).**



# MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 6, 2017

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Ken Kroeger, Project Manager  
Parks & Community Services

Subject: Downtown Park – NE Corner Entry  
*(Information only – no Board action requested at this time)*

At your November meeting, we will give you an update on the design process of this funded CIP project, which will create a park entry at the NE corner of the Downtown Park (SW corner of Bellevue Way and NE 4<sup>th</sup>). At this meeting, we will discuss the timeline and the Board’s role.

The project will seek to incorporate the City’s Grand Connection and public art concepts into the project. A consultant team is on-board to prepare design alternatives.

We will return to the Parks Board in the new year to review the status of the public artist selection and initial concept planning (initial design alternatives) from the design team for your input and questions.







# MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 6, 2017

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Doug Sanner, Fiscal Manager, Parks & Community Services

Subject: Incentive Zoning and Park Board outreach for 2008 Voter Initiative  
*(Information Item)*

On November 14<sup>th</sup> we will provide additional information on the City's Incentive Zoning system and the Park Board's public outreach process in support of the 2008 voter initiative. These two topics were requested by the Board at your October meeting during the initial discussion of Parks capital funding.

The presentation on Incentive Zoning will include Emil King, Planning & Community Development, and Camron Parker.

The topic of Parks capital funding has been identified as a priority for the Board, and this ongoing discussion may lead to further work items or Board action on this topic.

**Attachment**

- January 2008 Park Board memo to City Council on Outreach Process and Recommendation for Potential Parks Voter Initiative



**City of Bellevue**  
**Parks & Community**  
**Services Department**



**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** January 8, 2008  
**To:** Bellevue City Council  
**From:** Merle Keeney, Parks & Community Services Board Chair  
**Subject:** Outreach Process and Recommendation for Potential Parks Voter Initiative

Background

Bellevue City Council asked the Parks & Community Services Board to conduct a public outreach process this fall to help determine community support for a potential parks voter initiative. As you know, Bellevue voters have approved seven parks ballot measures since the City was incorporated in 1953, with the most recent measure being the 1988 park bond. Unless a new ballot measure is approved by voters, city property taxes will not include voter-approved funding to expand the parks system for the first time in over 50 years.

Public Outreach

Based on Council direction, the Parks & Community Services Board conducted a community feedback process through the following activities:

1. Attended community gatherings, including the Robinswood Sportsfield Grand Opening (October 6), Kelsey Creek Farm Fair (October 13), and a Network on Aging meeting. Overall, board members discussed ideas for a potential voter initiative with over 200 individuals during these three events.
2. Conducted a Public Hearing at the November 7 Board meeting. Notice of the public hearing was published in the official City newspaper and all major partnership groups were notified of the opportunity to comment. Ultimately, thirteen individuals/ organizations participated: SPLASH, Bellevue Youth Theater Foundation, Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, Bellevue Senior Advisory Council, Bridle Trails Park Foundation, Surrey Downs Community Club, and representatives from several local sportsfield user groups.
3. A survey instrument/comment card was distributed at the various community gatherings and was available on the City's web site. The on-line survey was available for a two month period (October 16 to December 14, 2007), and was prominently located on the home page of the City website. The internet survey provided a valuable way to gather community input, with 332 individuals completing the on-line survey.

Combined, 558 surveys/comment cards were completed which are summarized in the attached report. While we are pleased with the overall response rate, it should be noted that this was not a random sample survey that can be interpreted to statistically represent the opinions of the entire community. Respondents were either intercepted at one of the community events or volunteered to complete the on-line survey. Despite these limitations, however, it should be noted that the results closely matched prior research findings for visitation rates (question 2), overall satisfaction (question 3), and funding preferences (question 4).

### Key Findings:

- **Overall Support.** Residents support Bellevue Parks & Community Services, and recognize the value parks and programs contribute to the quality of life in Bellevue. Overall, 94% of residents rated the overall quality of parks as “good or better” and 93% indicated that they were “likely or very likely” to support additional tax measures for parks.
- **Need for Additional Investment.** Residents understood the need to continue investing in the park system and we did not hear opposition to additional voter-approved property tax measures. Overall, the concept of replacing the expiring 1988 park bond was very popular. Our approach did not specifically address overall fiscal tolerance or preferred funding mechanisms (ie. bond vs. levy), and we recommend staff and Council conduct additional research on these issues.
- **Priorities for Additional Funding.** The survey indicates the highest support for the following project areas: protect water quality in Bellevue’s lakes and streams, preserve natural areas and open space, make sure new parks have same level of maintenance as existing parks, and complete existing parks. While development projects such as new neighborhood/community parks, sportsfield improvements, and indoor athletic facilities did not test as high, all project categories were considered “very or somewhat” important by the majority of residents. Again, it should be noted that these results are very consistent with prior research findings even though we did not conduct a statistically valid survey.
- **Citizen Comments.** The survey also provided an opportunity to provide open-ended comments on the future of the park system. While most comments related to general park acquisition and development, several themes emerged: the need for additional aquatic facilities, sportsfield improvements including all-weather surfaces, open space preservation and environmental stewardship, trails and mobility improvements, downtown park development, and indoor tennis courts. An unedited list of all survey comments is included in the attached report.

### Recommendation

The Parks & Community Services Board recommends that City Council and staff continue to plan for a voter initiative in 2008. We understand that Council will discuss this issue early this year, including the key issues of project mix, funding mechanism, and election timing. We encourage City Council to make these important policy decisions as soon as practical so the City can continue the public information and outreach process. Several individuals encouraged the City to provide information to the community as early in the process as possible, and the Parks & Community Services Board is prepared to play an active role in support of this effort.

The Parks & Community Services Board also acknowledges that the list of potential acquisition and development projects significantly exceeds funding that could come from a voter initiative alone. Given the relatively short period of time before a fall election and the inherent difficulty obtaining majority or supermajority approval, the key challenge is to develop a package that can be supported by the broader community. We encourage Council to consider the information obtained through this public outreach process and any supplemental research findings when developing this final package.

Feel free to contact me or members of the board if you have additional questions about this report or our community outreach effort. The board is excited about the prospect of continuing the history of successful parks voter initiatives in Bellevue, and is ready to support Council throughout this process.

### Attachment:

1. Topline Survey Results and Comments
2. November 7 Public Hearing Minutes

**Final Park Board Survey Results**  
**Future Parks in Bellevue? Tell us what you think!**  
**Dec-2007**

1. Are you a Bellevue resident?

Yes	419	75.1%
No	139	24.9%
Total	558	100.0%

Survey Source:	Resident	%	Non-Res	%	Total	%
Internet	274	82.5%	58	17.5%	332	59.5%
Kelsey Farm Fair	115	59.9%	77	40.1%	192	34.4%
Robinswood Opening	21	91.3%	2	8.7%	23	4.1%
Network on Aging	9	81.8%	2	18.2%	11	2.0%
Total	419	75.1%	139	24.9%	558	100.0%

2. How often do you visit a Bellevue park or park facility?

	Resident	%	Non-Res	%	Total	%
Almost every day	87	20.8%	9	6.5%	96	17.2%
Several times a week	123	29.4%	28	20.1%	151	27.1%
Several times a month	153	36.5%	32	23.0%	185	33.2%
Several times a year	53	12.6%	60	43.2%	113	20.3%
Almost never/Never	3	0.7%	10	7.2%	13	2.3%
Total	419	100.0%	139	100.0%	558	100.0%

3. How do you rate the overall quality of parks in Bellevue?

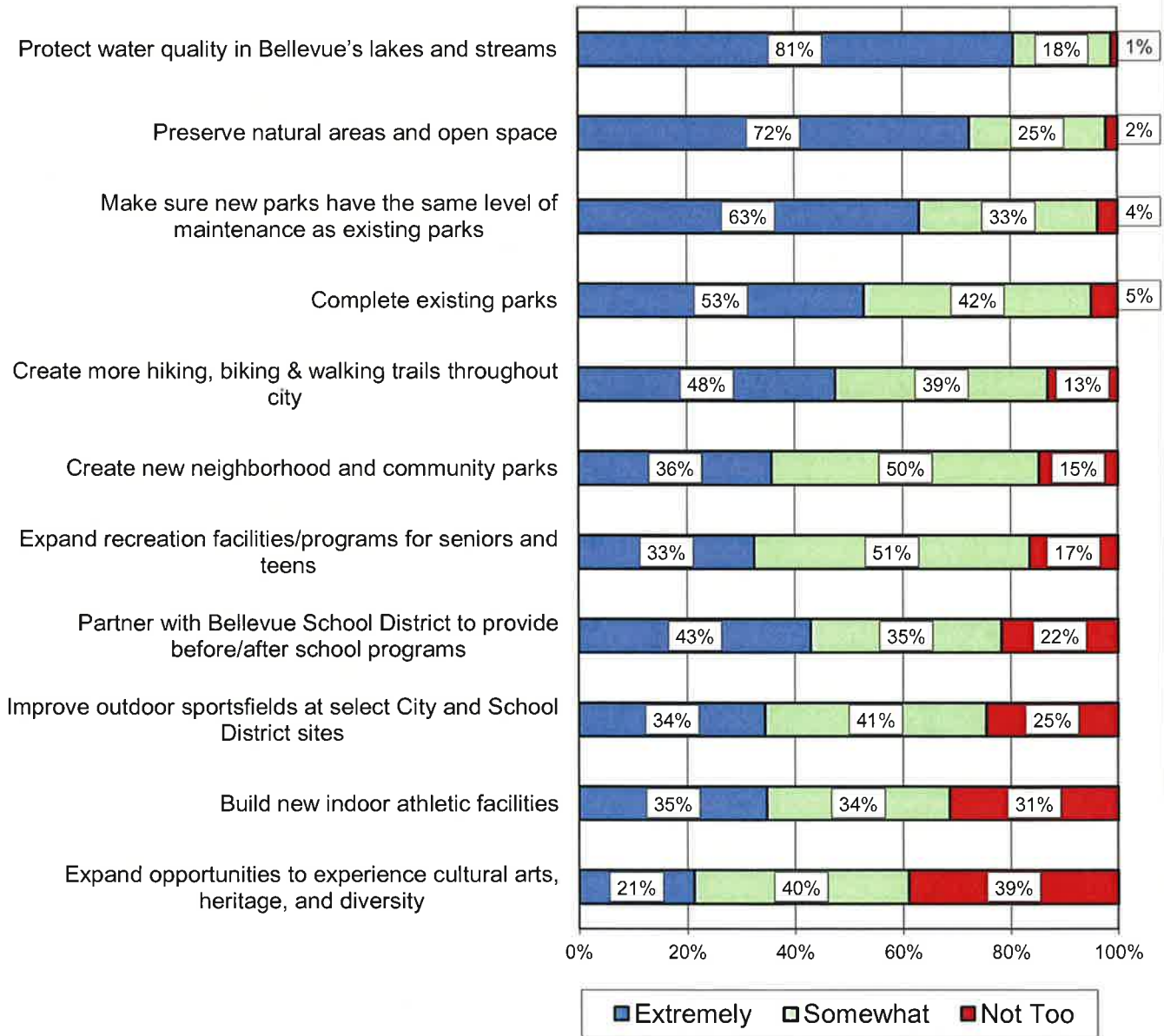
	Resident	%	Non-Res	%	Total	%
Excellent	218	52.3%	62	44.6%	280	50.4%
Good	174	41.7%	75	54.0%	249	44.8%
Fair	24	5.8%	1	0.7%	25	4.5%
Poor	1	0.2%	1	0.7%	2	0.4%
Total	417	100.0%	139	100.0%	556	100.0%

Q5. Would you be inclined to support a property tax measure for additional park acquisition and development?

	Resident	%	Non-Res	%	Total	%
Very likely to support	258	63.9%	54	45.0%	312	59.5%
Likely to support	118	29.2%	54	45.0%	172	32.8%
Unlikely to support	19	4.7%	5	4.2%	24	4.6%
Very unlikely to support	9	2.2%	7	5.8%	16	3.1%
Total	404	100.0%	120	100.0%	524	100.0%



**Q4. If funding was available, what are your priorities for additional park improvements? (Residents Only N=416)**







**CITY OF BELLEVUE  
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday  
November 7, 2007  
6:00 p.m.

Conference Room 1E-108  
Bellevue City Hall  
Bellevue, Washington

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Keeney, Vice-Chair Bennett, Boardmembers Aron<sup>1</sup>,  
Henrickson, Karle, Maxim<sup>2</sup>

**BOARDMEMBER ABSENT:** Boardmember Roland

**PARKS STAFF PRESENT:** Jan Beck, Shelley Brittingham, Paul Inghram (PCD), Glenn Kost,  
Shelley Marelli, Jerry Nissley, Doug Sanner, Terry Smith, Viki Stover

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Loren Baker, Mick Deal, Marco deSaeSilva, Udell Fresk, Doug Hoople,  
Larry and Robin James, Larry Karpack, Howard Katz, Dave Plummer, Don Prince, Irene  
Roberts, Joseph Rosman, Corbin Tudor, Debbie Vaught, Mark Walsen

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Keeney at 6:02 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Vice-Chair Bennett and second by Boardmember Karle to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Vice-Chair Bennett and second by Boardmember Henrickson to approve the September 29, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes of the Parks & Community Services Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

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<sup>1</sup> Departed at 7:14 p.m.

<sup>2</sup> Arrived at 6:06 p.m.

**Motion by Vice-Chair Bennett and second by Boardmember Henrickson to approve the October 9, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Parks & Community Services Board as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Doug Hoople, 10637 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bellevue

Mr. Hoople expressed concerns with the park at the south end of SE 108<sup>th</sup> Street. Several years ago Phase 1 of this park was completed. Mr. Hoople would like to know when Phase 2 of the park will commence (a road across the top end of the park with a turn-around).

Chair Keeney asked Mr. Smith to follow-up on Mr. Hoople's request.

Udell Fresk, 11275 NE 37<sup>th</sup> Place, Bellevue

Ms. Fresk invited boardmembers to the annual Garden d'Lights celebration. She also thanked the Parks Department and boardmembers for their continued support. There are over 350 volunteers that contribute to the celebration each year. Garden d'Lights runs from November 24-December 31, 2007. The event opens at 5:00 p.m. each evening.

Mr. Nissley explained that the International Northwest Parks & Recreation Association (INPRA) recognizes volunteers and citizens throughout the community that actively participate in the growth of the community. There is a Citizen of the Year award that recognizes a citizen or group of citizens that have made an impact in the community. Mr. Nissley read a nomination for Ms. Fresk that recognized her numerous contributions to the Bellevue Botanical Garden.

On behalf of the Parks & Community Services Department and the INPRA, Mr. Nissley presented Ms. Fresk with the International Northwest Parks & Recreation Association "Citizen of the Year" award and commended her on a job well done.

**5. CHAIR COMMUNICATION:**

Chair Keeney welcomed all of the public hearing participants and stressed the importance of the public hearing and the voice of community members.

**6. BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Vice-Chair Bennett attended the joint commission meeting with the Bel-Red Steering Committee. She also attended the Kelsey Creek Farm Fair.

Boardmembers Karle and Maxim also enjoyed the Kelsey Creek Farm Fair.

Chair Keeney attended the joint Bel-Red Commission Meeting as well as the Kelsey Creek Farm Fair.

**7. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**8. CONSENT ITEMS:**

None.

**9. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. Voter Initiative Public Hearing

Chair Keeney reviewed the public hearing process and read the notice published on October 22, 2007 for the hearing.

Mr. Sanner described the Parks & Open Space system for Bellevue Parks & Community Services. He noted the current quality of the Bellevue parks has been nationally recognized. Mr. Sanner called attention to a map of Bellevue parks, which depicted parks that were largely built from voter initiative dollars.

The City of Bellevue has a long history of asking the community for voter initiatives to improve the parks system. In 2002, the City attempted to pass another bond but failed to receive the 60% majority needed at the ballot box. The fiscal impact of the expiring 1988 Park Bond was reviewed by Mr. Sanner.

Mr. Sanner described the various approaches that have occurred over the past few months to gain public comments on the potential voter initiative. The City Council will determine the direction of the voter initiative in early 2008.

*Chair Keeney declared the public hearing re the potential parks voter initiative to be open.*

Marco de Sae Silva, 2703 – 123<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SE, Bellevue

Mr. de Sae Silva has been a Bellevue resident for over 16 years. He commended the Parks Department on the quality parks to choose from throughout the city. He named the many parks throughout the City that he enjoys. Mr. de Sae Silva thanked the board and department for making all of the available parks possible. He thinks an estimated \$50 for a voter initiative is a very small price to pay for such quality parks and encouraged the board to offer the voter initiative.

Mr. de Sae Silva is also a member of Swimming Pools for Leisure Active Sports and Health (SPLASH) and feels the initiative would support SPLASH's efforts as well.

Loren Baker, 14216 SE 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Bellevue

Mr. Baker has been a Bellevue resident for 22+ years. On behalf of SPLASH, Mr. Baker feels there is a dire need for an aquatic facility in Bellevue. SPLASH is promoting a regional facility to encompass all ages. Mr. Baker added that part of being a world-class city is to have world-class facilities. SPLASH would be built as a world-class facility. He discussed the lack of regional pools in the area and the need for capital improvements on the existing pools.

Doug Hoople, 10637 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bellevue

Mr. Hoople expressed his approval of a voter initiative. He commended city staff and Parks Boardmembers for a great job of stewardship of the parks. He encouraged the board to consider including the small community parks and outlying parks throughout the city for the initiative. In addition, he encouraged boardmembers to share the initiative information with the Human Services Commission so the Commissioners can assist with the efforts.

Corbin Tudor, 2810 – 109<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Bellevue

Mr. Tudor is a volunteer coach. Although there are great schools, fields, and parks throughout the city, he feels there is much room for improvement. Since today's houses are being built with smaller yards, parks are becoming extremely necessary. Mr. Tudor asked boardmembers to consider improving sports fields for year-round availability within the initiative. He encouraged the voter initiative.

He noted his disappointment when some of the parks were closed to sports activities.

Don Prince, 6021 – 136<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Bellevue

Mr. Prince is President of the Bridle Trails Park Foundation. In addition, he is very active with the Bridle Trails Community Club. Mr. Prince envisions an opportunity for a partnership between the City and the foundation. He discussed the Bridle Trails property acquired, formerly called the Atchison property. He encouraged the city to develop a Kelsey Creek-like property on this acquired property and to partner with the state to develop this property/program. The property discussed needs some capital improvements. Mr. Prince encouraged boardmembers to consider this area in the voter initiative.

Howard Katz, 7 Lake Bellevue Dr. NE, Bellevue

Mr. Katz represents the Bellevue Network on Aging and the Bellevue Senior Advisory Council through the North Bellevue Senior Center. During the previous voter initiative, Mr. Katz worked with a group of seniors that made calls to community members to gain input on the initiative. He encouraged boardmembers to consider separating issues on an initiative noting one idea might be favorable, while the other might fail.

Mr. Katz encouraged boardmembers to consider developing an adult daycare center, like the one in Bothell. He encouraged boardmembers to build a senior facility that focuses on seniors and suggested a subcommittee to identify the needs of seniors. In addition, he stressed the importance of a senior center in Downtown Bellevue.

Debbie Vaught, 15041 NE 144<sup>th</sup> St., Redmond

Ms. Vaught is currently the Co-President of the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society. The society endorses continued investment in the Garden through a Parks Voter Initiative. The Garden is currently working on updating the Master Plan. Ms. Vaught explained some of the improvements necessary to the BBG. Capital dollars will help the BBG make the necessary improvements.

Ms. Vaught invited boardmembers to a preview party for the Garden d'Lights on Friday, November 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Mick Deal, 3234 Hunts Point Road, Bellevue

Mr. Deal has been a Bellevue resident since 1962. He thanked boardmembers for the recent improvements made to Robinswood Field. Mr. Deal represents the Bellevue Boys Lacrosse Club and coordinates the playing fields. The biggest challenge Mr. Deal faces with this task is finding decent fields. He encouraged field improvements through a voter initiative and suggested working with real estate developers for additional land opportunities.

Robin James, 227 Bellevue Way, #73, Bellevue

Ms. James is a lifetime community member and is a member of the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society. She thinks Bellevue has a favorable track record of wisely spending the community dollars and encourages the voter initiative.

Joseph Rosman, 921 109<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Bellevue

Mr. Rosman is the President of the Surrey Downs Community Club. He reviewed the land-trade that took place for Surrey Downs Park. He added that the SDCC has been meeting with various groups to discuss the future of the park. The SDCC endorses the voter initiative. In addition, he wants to ensure Surrey Downs Park is included in the initiative to make it an outstanding park for the future, while retaining its unique characteristics. To help the city, the SDCC is surveying park users and will share the results of this survey with the board.

Larry Karpack, 4617 – 121<sup>st</sup> Ave. SE, Bellevue

Mr. Karpack represents the Newport Youth Soccer Club and stressed the necessity of the voter initiative. The Soccer Club has approximately 1,000 members of which 80% are Bellevue residents. Mr. Karpack discussed the low-quality playing fields available and urged the initiative to encompass better playing fields in an evenly distributed geographical area. He added that, as the field quality improves, the Club would be willing to pay higher rental fees.

Mark Walsen, 317 – 109<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Bellevue

Mr. Walsen commended the Bellevue parks system and Youth Theatre. He cited an example of why a neighbor voted against the previous voter initiative in 2002. The reason the neighbor voted against the initiative was because it wasn't clear on what areas would benefit from the initiative. Mr. Walsen suggested letting voters know what projects would be included in the voter initiative.

Irene Roberts, 4037 NE 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Renton

Former Park Boardmember Ms. Roberts is a Bellevue Youth Theatre Foundation Boardmember as well as a Counselor. Ms. Roberts supports the voter initiative and would like the initiative to include a larger youth theatre.

Mick Deal, 3234 Hunts Point Road, Bellevue

Mr. Deal suggested timing for the voter initiative is crucial. He advised boardmembers to watch the economy to determine if the initiative should be brought forth to voters.

*Chair Keeney closed the public hearing.*

*Break*

Mr. Kost reported that there was a meeting last week for the Bellevue Botanical Garden regarding the Master Plan Update. Through a glitch in the system, there were several entities that were omitted from the invitee list. There will be another community meeting on January 17, 2008.

B. Bel-Red Project Update

Mr. Inghram reviewed the Bel-Red Corridor study area noting that the Steering Committee had several recommendations. The project is to examine Bel-Red as a corridor of opportunity of use types and opportunities to benefit the community. Mr. Inghram summarized the Vision Statement derived by the Steering Committee.

The Preferred Alternative Map was reviewed depicting the overall land use concept.

Boardmember Maxim would like stronger verbiage to ensure setbacks are enforced. The current language stating “enhanced stream corridors for recreation and habitat” is not strong enough verbiage. There was also a general discussion regarding enforcement of the critical area regulations.

Mr. Inghram reviewed the implementation schedule as well as upcoming Commission meetings. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on November 28, 2007 for a Developer Open House. This is an opportunity for property owners to display graphics of development improvements.

Mr. Kost discussed the role of the Park Board in relation to the Bel-Red Corridor project (Document: Bel-Red Corridor/Adoption and Implementation Process/Charge to Commissions as directed by the City Council October 1, 2007). Boardmember Maxim expressed his disagreement with the first sentence of the Park Board’s role noting the current verbiage does not give the Board a strong enough impact/voice on the project.

“The Parks and Community Services Board’s role is to recommend parks and recreation policies, and long range parks investments and priorities for the corridor.”

Boardmember Maxim interprets this sentence as charging the board to solely give recommendations rather than authority. He would like specific land guidelines identified in the project (i.e., a specified amount of land will be allocated to parks).

Mr. Kost reviewed the basic timeline for the Parks & Open Space component of the Bel-Red Corridor guidelines.

The Preferred Alternative Recommendations were discussed. These recommendations were submitted by Boardmember Roland and incorporated Park Board feedback.

Boardmember Maxim recalled a policy that dictated 10% of the land within Bellevue be allocated for parks. He questioned if this acreage should be identified within the proposed Bel-Red Parks & Open Space System. He advocated for prescriptive policies.

Mr. Inghram noted that the draft policy language presented will be rewritten both to reflect input from the Board and to integrate into the full set of policies in the subarea plan. The Board will have additional opportunities to review the policies prior to adoption.

There was a discussion on where to identify specific guidelines for implementation of the policies and how detailed the General Policy needs to be.

Boardmember Karle compared the Bel-Red Parks & Open Space System to the challenges of the Meydenbauer acquisitions.

Chair Keeney expressed concerns for the lack of time to properly discuss the corridor issue and make proper decisions. In addition, the Board felt all boardmembers should be present for the discussion. Chair Keeney proposed a special meeting be held in December to discuss the Bel-Red Parks & Open Space System. In addition, he requested the Parks Department staff members to provide more specific direction and guidelines for the overall project.

**Motion by Vice-Chair Bennett and second by Boardmember Maxim to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

There was a general discussion to determine if there should be a joint commission meeting prior to the December special-meeting or after. It was determined that it would be more beneficial to meet as a joint commission after further Park Board discussions. A joint meeting may not be necessary after discussions have taken place.

**Motion by Boardmember Maxim and second by Vice-Chair Bennett to hold a special meeting in December to specifically discuss the Bel-Red Parks & Open Space System. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

Boardmember Henrickson requested documentation that clearly outlines the role of the Bel-Red Parks & Open Space System and how it will be implemented after the recommendations are made. Mr. Kost explained that this documentation may need to be provided after identifying what is being implemented.

Chair Keeney commended Mr. Kost, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Inghram for the work that has been conducted thus far.

**10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Smith encouraged boardmembers to review the list of upcoming activities and events.

Mr. Kost reminded Boardmembers that there will be a meeting next week at Bellevue High School regarding Surrey Downs.



**11. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Public follow-up
- B. Boardmember committee/liaison reports

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Future agenda items

Boardmember Karle requested an update regarding Surrey Downs at the January 2008 board meeting.

**13. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Staff Reports
- B. CIP Project Report
- C. Memo from Chair Keeney to Meydenbauer Steering Committee re Park Board review of Conceptual Alternatives
- D. Letter and attachments from David Plummer to Council, Commission and Board members re the Bel-Red Project
- E. Memo from Parks staff re Lewis Creek Visitor Center Usage
- F. Email from Karen Trimble to Parks staff re youth soccer program

**14. INFORMATION:**

- A. List of upcoming Parks special events
- B. Holiday gathering with Human Services Commission – Tuesday, December 11, 6:00 p.m., Lewis Creek Visitor Center
- C. January 8, 2008 – next Park Board meeting

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by Boardmember Maxim and second by Vice-Chair Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**





## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT October 2017**

### **Congregation for the Homeless (CFH) Temporary Center**

Phase 1 of the temporary homeless shelter at the City-owned Lincoln Center is complete, which provides space for CFH to program day services and space for overnight use. This allowed for the Phase 2 (the overnight facility) to start construction, which is 20% complete. This work will extend into mid-December, after which CFH operations will continue here until a permanent shelter is complete. Several BOMA (Building Owners and Managers Assn) contractors are volunteering time and equipment to help reduce project costs.

### **Downtown Park – Complete the Circle and Rotary Inspiration Playground Expansion**

All work is complete and project closeout is underway.

### **Downtown Park – NE Entry**

Work is underway on this funded CIP project, which will create a park entry at the NE corner of the park (SW corner of Bellevue Way and NE 4<sup>th</sup>). The project will also seek to incorporate the City's Grand Connection and public art concepts into the project. A consultant team is on-board to prepare design alternatives. Staff will update the Parks Board in November and will follow up in the new year.

### **Marymoor Park Transfer**

The project remains on-hold. We have explored options to transfer the City-owned portion of Marymoor Park to King County to allow the County to enter into an agreement with a local soccer organization to redevelop the existing softball fields into a soccer complex.

### **Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development**

Construction is one-third complete, with expected completion at the end of 2018. Beach house walls are nearly complete, and the major retaining walls are under construction. Stream bed construction is roughed-in for the daylighted stream. Most in-water work is complete, including shoreline restoration and installation of all pier pilings. The pier structure is in place, and the floating sections will be completed over the winter. Work along the Lake Washington Boulevard right-of way is underway with the installation of a new water line. The work to bury the overhead wires along LWB is expected to begin in November. We continue to work with Whalers Cove to develop plans to restore their privacy once we remove a city-owned landscape hedge to complete the required 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue right-of-way improvements. Permits review for the Whaling Building remodeling is ongoing, which will include public restrooms, a meeting room and boat rental facility.

### **Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects Summary**

- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Project complete.
- **Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Project complete.

- **BYT Construction:** Project complete, including a new video wall. Construction is expected to begin in November to convert a storage room into another rehearsal space with the assistance of a 4Culture grant.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Site analysis and initial schematic design is complete. The cost estimates for Phase 1 are significantly over the anticipated budget, so we continue to explore schematic design options and costs to determine the Phase 1 scope of work.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
  - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
  - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
  - **Bridle Trails/140<sup>th</sup> Ave Property:** Project complete.
  - **Bridle Trails Corner Park:** Project complete.
  - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Project complete.
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Complete
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Design revisions and permit review are underway. Subject to light rail construction progress, park construction is anticipated to start in the spring of 2018. Staff is working with the adjacent neighbors to address property encroachment issues and to identify an appropriate boundary fence to install prior to construction. Letters have been sent to all adjacent residents and staff continues meeting with the neighbors. We are also working with Sound Transit, who has agreed to provide excess soil to begin initial construction of the landscape berms for the park.

**Renovation Program**

**Project Status:** Planning: (P) Under Construction: (U) Complete: (C) Deferred: (D)

**The following 2016 projects were deferred into 2017:**

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Coal Creek Nature Park             | • Trail head construction (C)   |
| Highland Park                      | • Fire escape replacement (P)   |
| Kelsey Creek                       | • Playground replacement (C)  |
| Mercer Slough Nature Park          | • Swaylocken boat launch A&E (P)  |
| Robinswood Park                    | • Shelter for Small Dog OLA (C)   |
| SE 40 <sup>th</sup> St Boat Launch | • Parking lot repairs (C)   |
| Various Beach Parks                | • Dock repairs at Chesterfield, Newcastle, SE 40 <sup>th</sup> St, Enatai & Chism (U) |

**60 projects are approved for the 2017 program, as follows:**

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|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Programmatic            | • Re-coring of parks facilities (U)             | • NPDES requirements (U)        |
|                         | • Multi-site drinking fountain (U)              | • Natural Area Restoration (U)  |
|                         | • Park furnishings (U)                          | • Urban Forestry Park Sites (U) |
|                         | • ADA projects (Signage & Robinswood House) (P) | • Streetscapes (U)              |
|                         | • Multi-site asphalt repairs (U)                | • Greenways & Trails (U)        |
| Bellevue Aquatic Center | • New parking lot light fixtures (U)            | • Warm Springs Pool:            |
|                         | • Security system upgrades (P)                  | • Pump Replacement (U)          |

Bellevue Golf Course	• Parking lot sealcoat & restripe (D)	• Add UV treatment (U)
Cherry Crest School	• Resurface sport courts (U-D)	• Replace Chiller (U)
Crossroads Park	• Replace Doors at Int'l RR (C)	• Pro shop air handler repl (Cancelled)
Eastgate park	• Replace carpet at SBCC. (C)	• Par 3 Course Furnace Repl (U)
Forest Park	• Trail repair due to landslide (P)	• Ticket booth & deck (D)
Goldsmith Park	• Irrigation Replacement (C)	• Drinking fountain replacement (P)
Hidden Valley Sports Park	• New security lighting fixtures (U)	• Replace flat roof at gym (C)
Highland Park	• Sealcoat upper parking lot (C)	• New exterior lighting fixtures (C)
Kelsey Creek Farm Park	• Indoor & outdoor skate pk impr. (C)	• Fraser cabin log repairs (C)
Killarney Glen	• Replace irrigation controller (C)	
Lakemont Park	• A&E for Educational Barn Imp. (D)	
Lewis Creek	• Sealcoat parking lot (C)	• Trail at Summit Tract A (P)
Mercer Slough	• Sealcoat parking lot (C)	• MSEEC Interpretive signs (P)
Meydenbauer Marina	• MSEEC Sullivan deck repl (C)	• Temp registration area fix (Cancelled)
NW Arts Center	• Whaling Building remodel (P)	• Boiler & AHU replacement (U)
North Bellevue Community Center	• A&E for code upgrades (D)	• Tennis bubble replacement (D)
Robinswood Park	• Flooring Replacement (C)	• Tennis indoor court resurface (C)
Saddleback Mini	• Kitchen Improvements (C)	
Sunset Park	• Phased irrigation sys. Repl. (P)	
Wilburton Park	• Robinswood House, door repl. (C)	
	• Replace play equipment (U)	
	• Replace play equipment (C)	
	• A&E soccer turf replacement (Cancelled)	• BBG repair RILL (U)
	• Sealcoat parking lot (C)	• BBG re-stain Visitors Center (C)
	• McDowell House repairs (P)	• BBG paint Shorts House (C)
	• BBG re-stain Tateuchi Pavilion (C)	

**The following projects have been added to the 2017 program:**

Ashwood Plaza	• Repair Fountain (C)
Hillaire Park	• Replace Swings (C)
Bellevue Youth Theater	• Video Wall (C)
Northwest Arts Center	• Kiln Exhaust Fan Replacement (U)
Chandler Park	• Little Free Library (C)
Kelsey Creek Park	• Barn concrete aprons and drainage (P)
Northwest Arts Center	• A&E for 2018 restroom ADA improvements (P)
Downtown Park	• Additional scope items (U)
Lake Hills Produce	• Freezer Insulation & Heaters (P)
Bellevue Aquatic Cntr	• Replace failed boiler (P)





**Date:** October 10, 2017

**To:** Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember  
Bellevue City Council  
Parks & Community Services Board Council Liaison

Bradley Calvert, Planning Manager  
Planning & Community Development Department

**From:** Mark Van Hollebeke, Chair   
On behalf of the Parks & Community Services Board

**Subject:** Comments on the Draft Grand Connection Framework Plan

In January and July of this year, the Parks & Community Services Board received progress reports on the Grand Connection and Wilburton planning initiatives. As the Board discussed the draft Grand Connection Framework Plan, themes emerged that we ask the City to consider as it finalizes the Framework Plan and moves ahead with planning around the Interstate 405 crossing alternatives and the Wilburton Commercial Area redevelopment plan.

Paramount is Bellevue's long-standing claim to be a City in a Park. This vision was affirmed by the City Council in the 2015 Comprehensive Plan, which describes how that claim is to be maintained:

*Bellevue has a system of parks, open spaces, cultural facilities and recreational amenities throughout the city. These provide abundant access to natural beauty and extraordinary experiences to define a lifetime of recreation and learning.*

From this statement, several themes can be drawn and applied to the Grand Connection Framework Plan. These include enhancing Bellevue's system of parks and open spaces, designing for natural beauty, providing abundant access, and supporting recreation and cultural facilities.

**A system of parks and open spaces**

Chapters 3 and 4 of the draft Framework Plan describe the Grand Connection route and the distinct identity of the route. The Board wholly supports expanding the concept of the Grand Connection to reach out beyond the confines of the primary route to embrace other nearby amenities north and south including Bellevue's original grand connector, the Lake to Lake Greenway Trail as it extends along Main Street to the Bellevue Botanical Garden, the Eastside Rail Corridor and beyond to Lake Sammamish. Tendrils from the Grand Connection should reach north to encompass McCormick Park, Ashwood Park and the Regional Library, with wayfinding that enhances park visitors' awareness of other nearby parks. In this way, the Grand Connection can be a valuable toehold for the City's existing and future efforts to improve overall connectivity in Downtown Bellevue for pedestrians and bicyclists.

**Designing for natural beauty**

As it serves to connect existing and future parks and public spaces like pearls on a string, the Grand Connection should also maintain its own cohesive and unique sense of place and identity. As such,

the Board supports and Framework Plan’s recommendation that the Natural Landscape be the primary identity and character for the Grand Connection. The Board discussed the benefits of greening the corridor through use of vegetation and water elements along the route. This is consistent with the City’s 2016 Parks & Open Space System Plan, which (as it has since the 1980’s) emphasizes greenways throughout the city that “provide a natural contrast to urban density.”

### **Providing abundant access**

The Board finds that the Framework Plan could do more to analyze and plan for access and inclusion, using the broadest definitions of those two terms. How can the Grand Connection improve access through Downtown for an aging population and people with mobility challenges? How can the Grand Connection create public spaces attractive and useful to young families and children living an urban lifestyle? How can wayfinding along the route and throughout downtown be improved to best serve Bellevue’s increasingly diverse and foreign-born residents?

### **Supporting recreation and cultural facilities**

The ultimate desired outcome of the Grand Connection is to create a signature urban experience for Bellevue residents, workers and visitors. People will be drawn to the Grand Connection by its design, but equally, if not more so, by what is programmed for the corridor. The Board applauds including a chapter in the framework plan listing ideas and opportunities for programming. Yet, a framework for implementing programming is not sufficiently addressed in the Implementation and Next Steps chapter. A seed of programming around the Arts Program is included. This is valuable, but too narrowly focused. Ideas for implementing programming should be more fully explored in the final Framework Plan, including:

- Interpretation of the city’s history and heritage
- Active recreation
- Community services
- Community gathering opportunities and events
- Celebration of cultural diversity and inclusion

As the City continues in this process of design and planning for the Grand Connection and Wilburton, the Parks & Community Services Board will remain engaged and interested in taking full advantage of opportunities to provide feedback and input. As an example, the Board has already discussed the value of creating a public park of significance on the east side of the Grand Connection to counterbalance Downtown Park and Meydenbauer Bay Park, which anchor the west side of the Connection.

In conclusion, the Parks & Community Services Board wholeheartedly supports the vision of the Grand Connection and, if fully realized, we believe it moves us one step closer to becoming the City in a Park that the Council envisions. In particular, the Board supports the shift away from Downtown Bellevue’s existing pattern of discrete public and private public spaces as “hidden gems” toward a more connected, inclusive and welcoming system of parks and public spaces.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and we look forward to future such opportunities.





**Date:** November 6, 2017

**To:** Parks and Community Services Board

**From:** Jerome Y. Roaché, Assistant City Attorney-City Attorney's Office  
Charmaine Arredondo, Assistant Director- City Clerk's Office

**Subject:** **Parks and Community Services Board Bylaws**

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In July 2015, the City Council amended the Bellevue City Code (BCC) sections relating to Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. Consistent with Council direction, the Boards and Commissions will adopt updated bylaws that provide uniformity and consistency across the City. Each set of bylaws must comply with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30 RCW), the City's Personnel Code (Title 3 BCC), the City's Ethics Code (Chapter 3.92 BCC), and include elements of the City Council Rules of Procedure (Resolution 8928).

The purpose of this memo is to highlight the framework for updated bylaws for all City of Bellevue (City) Boards and Commissions appointed by the City Council. The intent is for each set of bylaws that conforms with the Washington State Open Meetings Act (RCW 42.30), and to include elements of the City Council Rules of Procedure (Resolution 8928). These changes will provide uniformity and consistency among the various Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. There is an expectation that all Boards and Commissions will complete updating the bylaws by the end of the year.

In January 2017, City Attorney/City Clerk staff presented to the Parks and Community Services Board ("Parks Board") a draft set of bylaws for review. The Parks Board was given the variable sections of the bylaws that needed to be addressed and staff presented a version that incorporated the Parks Board procedure and protocol into these sections. After the review, the Parks Board had additional questions about the draft. Sherry Grindeland met with staff as a representative of the Parks Board to discuss these questions.

During the discussion with Ms. Grindeland, she identified several revisions to the variable sections of the bylaws. The questions were answered and an agreement was reached regarding requested changes. After the meeting, City Attorney/City Clerk staff created an updated version of the bylaws incorporating the requested changes. These revisions were included in the latest draft of the bylaws submitted to the Parks Board. City Attorney/City Clerk staff was recently advised that the Parks Board has discussed the updated bylaws over the last several months but

has not taken action. Since there is only a couple of more meetings left in the year, City Attorney/City Clerk staff requests direction from the Parks Board concerning the sections of the bylaws that relate specifically to the Parks Board procedure and protocol. Specifically, if there is a concern, City Attorney/City Clerk staff request that the Parks Board identify those areas that need clarification. Following direction, we will make the edits and additions to the variable sections of the bylaws necessary to incorporate the procedure and protocol. We will amend and finalize the bylaws for adoption by the Parks Board at a later meeting. If it would help facilitate matters, we will be happy to attend the meeting.



## **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD BYLAWS**

These Bylaws constitute the official rules of procedure for the Parks and Community Services Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board). Where rules of procedure are not addressed in these Bylaws, the Board shall be governed by the City Council's adopted Rules (Resolution No. 8928) and/or by *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

### **ARTICLE I - Scope of Authority/Responsibility**

The members of the Board accept the responsibility of the office and declare their intention to execute the duties defined under the State law and Bellevue City Code to the best of their ability and to respect and observe the requirements established by the Bellevue City Council.

The authority of the Board is limited to those specific functions set forth in the Bellevue City Code. The purpose of the Board is advisory to the City Council.

The Board shall have no authority or responsibility relating to the following activities:

- A. The Board or its individual members shall not speak for or advocate on behalf of the City or Board, or act in a manner that may be construed as representing the City, unless specifically authorized to do so by the City Council.
- B. The Board or its individual members have no supervisory authority and shall not direct administrative operations, maintenance, or hiring of consultants and other independent contractors.
- C. The Board shall not participate in regional issues not specifically assigned to the Board by the City Council.

A member of the Board is not authorized to speak for the Board unless the Board has expressly authorized the member's communication.

An individual member is free to voice a position, oral or written, on any issue after making it clear that the member is not speaking as a representative of the City or as a member of the Board.

### **ARTICLE II - Membership and Organization of the Board**

#### **A. Membership.**

1. Each person at time of nomination and continuing uninterrupted thereafter while serving on the Board shall be a resident of the City of Bellevue. If residency is broken at any point, the Council Liaison assigned to the Board shall recommend to the City Council a new Board member for appointment. (See Resolution 8928, Section 5C for full process).
2. Each person to be appointed shall be nominated by the Council Liaison for a specific, numbered position on the Board.

3. Appointees shall commence service after confirmation by the City Council and the effective date of the previous member's resignation or expiration of the existing term for the position, as applicable.
  4. Each confirmation motion by the Council shall include the ending date and term for the position to which the member is appointed and that information shall be entered into the Council meeting minutes and maintained in the Board's records by the Deputy City Clerk.
- B. Election of Officers. The Board shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, and any other officers the Board deems necessary, for a term of one year at their first regular meeting in June of each year, or as soon thereafter as feasible based on seating of newly-appointed members.
- The election process shall be in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
- In the event of the resignation of the Chair or Vice-Chair, the Board shall expeditiously elect a new officer to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the existing term.
- In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, a Chair pro tem shall be elected informally by the members present to conduct the meeting.
- C. Committees. The Chair, with the concurrence of the Board, may appoint standing committees or special committees of the Board and assign one or more members to such committees.
- D. Quorum. At all meetings of the Board, quorum shall consist of a majority of the members.
- E. Ex officio members. The Council may approve the appointment of an ex officio member to the Board. Ex officio members are authorized to sit at the table and participate in discussions, but are non-voting members.
- F. Resignation. A member may resign by giving written notice to the City Clerk and the Chair of the Board.
- G. Removal from office. Members of the Board may be removed at any time by the Mayor, upon approval of a majority of the Council for neglect of duty, conflict of interest, unexcused absence from three consecutive regular meetings of the Board, or for any reason deemed sufficient by the majority of the Council. The decision of the Council shall be final and there shall be no appeal.
- H. Vacancies. Vacancies shall be reported immediately to the City Clerk.
- Vacancies occurring for reasons other than the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. The appointment is made by the Mayor upon approval of a majority of the Council.
- I. Staffing. The Parks and Community Services Department Director shall assign staff support to the Board.

### **ARTICLE III - Duties**

- A. Presiding Officer. The Chair shall be the presiding officer of the Board. In the temporary absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties and responsibilities of the Chair.

It shall be the Presiding Officer's duty to see that the transaction of Board business is in accord with these Bylaws.

- B. Presiding Officer Duties. It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to:
1. Call the meeting to order.
  2. Keep the meeting to its order of business.
  3. Control the discussion in an orderly manner.
    - a. Introduce the agenda topic, provide for staff presentation and questions from the Board, and call for discussion among the Board members.
    - b. Give every Board member who wishes an opportunity to speak.
    - c. Permit audience participation at the appropriate times.
    - d. Require all speakers to speak to the question and to observe the rules of order.
    - e. Give pro and con speakers opportunities to speak to a question when practicable.
    - f. Guide the Board in providing direction to staff and making recommendations to the City Council.
  4. State each motion before it is discussed and before it is voted upon.
  5. Put motions to a vote and announce the outcome or summarize consensus direction achieved by the Board.
  6. Decide all questions of order, subject to the right of appeal to the Board by any member.

The Presiding Officer may at his or her discretion call the Vice-Chair or any member to take the Chair so the Presiding Officer may make a motion.

- C. Board Staff Duties. The Board staff, or an authorized designee, shall attend all meetings of the Board. The Board staff shall:
- a. Provide for noticing of special meetings or changed locations of meetings;
  - b. Post agendas and Board packet materials for each meeting;
  - c. Record and retain, by electronic means, each meeting for the official record;
  - d. Provide for timely preparation of summary minutes of all Board meetings;
  - e. Maintain the Board's official records;
  - f. Manage correspondence on behalf of the Board.

#### **ARTICLE IV - Council Liaison**

- A. The Mayor, with the concurrence of Council, shall appoint a Councilmember to serve as Liaison to the Board.
- B. The Council shall identify roles and responsibilities for Liaisons to the Council's appointed Boards and Commissions.

#### **ARTICLE V - Meetings**

Public notice of meetings or of hearings before the Board shall be provided as required by law. Noticing of special meetings and public hearings is provided by the Deputy City Clerk.

- A. Regular meetings. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held at 6:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month; unless there is critical or time-sensitive work, the Board may recess for either the month of August or December.

Regular or continued meetings that fall on a holiday shall be rescheduled by the Board.

- B. Special meetings. Special meetings may be held by the Board subject to notice requirements prescribed in state law. The notice for special meetings shall state the subjects to be considered, and no subjects other than those specified in the notice shall be considered.

Electronic mail shall be considered written notice to members for purposes of this rule.

- C. Meeting place. Meetings of the Board shall be held at Bellevue City Hall unless otherwise noticed.

- D. Open Public Meetings. No legal action may be taken by the Board except in a public meeting. "Action" is defined as the transaction of official business, but is not limited to receipt of public testimony, deliberations, discussions, considerations, reviews, evaluations, and final actions.

All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public; provided, the Board may hold Executive Sessions as permitted by law (RCWs 42.30.110 and 43.30.140).

Minutes will be prepared for all regular and special meetings and presented as soon as practicable for Board review and approval. Minutes will include all pertinent information, motions, decisions made, and actions and votes taken. Minutes are not required to be taken at an Executive Session (RCW 42.32.030).

- E. Public Notice. Public notice of meetings or hearings before the Board shall be provided as required by law. Notice of special meetings will be delivered in writing by mail or electronic mail at least 24 hours in advance to Board members and to the City's newspaper of record and other media publications that have filed written requests of the City to be notified. The notice will specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted.

- F. Attendance. Attendance at regular and special meetings is expected of all Board members.

Any member anticipating absence from an official meeting should notify the Board staff in advance.

Unexcused absences from three consecutive regular meetings shall be reported to the City Council for appropriate action as prescribed by Bellevue City Code, Section 3.62.010.

- G. Remote participation. A member not able to be physically present for a meeting may participate remotely using approved teleconferencing equipment. Remote participation must be approved in advance, by majority vote of the Board, either at an earlier Board meeting or before joining a current meeting. A member may participate remotely no more than four times per calendar year, unless absent for medical reasons, and only two members may participate remotely during any one Board meeting. Such remote participation will be considered attendance at the meeting and shall be counted toward determination of a quorum.

- H. Recess. The Board may, by a majority vote or consensus, recess for a short break. The proposal to recess may set a time limit or run until the Chair calls the meeting back to order.

- I. Continuation. The continuation of a meeting shall be to a definite time and place and approved by majority vote.

- J. Adjournment. Regular meetings of the Board shall adjourn at 8:30 pm. The adjournment time may be extended to a later time certain upon approval of a motion carried by a majority of Board members.

At the conclusion of the agenda, after calling for any additional business, the Chair may declare the meeting adjourned.

#### **ARTICLE VI - Order of Business/Agenda**

- A. Preparation of meeting agendas will be the duty of the Board staff in coordination with the Chair.
- B. Copies of the agenda will be available to all Board members at least two days prior to a regular meeting and 24 hours in advance of special meetings.
- C. The agenda will indicate whether formal action is intended to be taken by the Board on a particular matter.
- D. The order of business for each regular meeting shall be as follows:
  - 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - 2. Approval of the Agenda
  - 3. Approval of Minutes
  - 4. Oral and Written Communications
  - 5. City Council Communication
  - 6. Director's Report
  - 7. Board Communication
  - 8. Chair Communication & Discussion
  - 9. Discussion / Action Items
  - 10. Board Member Committee / Liaison Reports
  - 11. New Business
  - 12. Other Communication
  - 13. Information
  - 14. Oral and Written Communications
  - 15. Adjournment
- E. The printed agenda of a regular meeting may be modified, supplemented or revised by a majority affirmative vote of the Board members present.
- F. A topic on the agenda may be continued to subsequent meetings when it is apparent that one meeting will not be sufficient to complete the scheduled business.
- G. The order of business does not apply to Special Meetings.

#### **ARTICLE VII - Public Comment**

- A. Timing of Communications. The Board shall not take public comment at regular meetings except for that given at a public hearing or at Oral and Written Communications. Written comments may be submitted to the Board staff in advance of the meeting.
- B. Addressing the Chair. Speakers shall address all statements to the Chair. Board members may direct questions to speakers only with the Chair's permission.

C. Public hearings. The purpose of a public hearing is to gather information and opinions on a specific subject the Board is studying. The following rules shall be observed during any public hearing:

1. The Chair shall, at the opening of a public hearing, state the purpose of and process for the hearing and may request that staff provide an introductory staff report.
2. Persons wishing to speak shall sign in on the sign-in sheet provided and will be called to speak in the order in which they signed.
3. Speakers will be allowed three minutes in which to make their comments. Additional time will not be allowed unless the Chair or a majority of the Board determines to allow additional time.
4. Speakers are encouraged to indicate support for or opposition to previous comments rather than repeating prior testimony.
5. No specific time limitations are placed on the length of public hearings.
6. The Board may continue a hearing to a future date or close a hearing after everyone wishing to speak has spoken.
7. All written material provided before or during the hearing will be included in the hearing record.
8. The Chair may allow additional time for receipt of written comments when needed.

D. Oral Communications.

1. The time allowed for Oral Communications shall not exceed 30 minutes.
2. Persons wishing to speak shall sign in on the sign-in sheet provided and will be called to speak in the order in which they signed.
3. Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes. Additional time will not be allowed unless the Chair or a majority of the Board determines to allow additional time.
4. Suspension of these rules will require a majority vote of the Board members present.

E. Decorum. Persons participating in Board meetings are strongly encouraged to aid the Board in maintaining the decorum and orderly progression of the meeting agenda. Engaging in shouting, use of profanity or slurs against others, disruptive noise, or comments that are off-topic detract from the ability of the Board to conduct business. Where such conduct results in actual disruption of the meeting, the Chair may issue a verbal warning to the speaker and, if the behavior continues, have the speaker removed from the meeting room. Repeated disruption may result in the speaker being excluded from participating in public comment at one or more subsequent Board meetings. If the Chair issues an exclusion to any speaker, he or she shall inform the person of the basis for the exclusion and the term of the exclusion. The Chair shall also notify the speaker that if he or she desires to address the Board during the period of exclusion from public comment, he or she may submit written comments which will be received by the Board staff and provided to each of the Board members.

F. Timekeeping. The Board staff shall be the timekeeper.



## ARTICLE VIII - Motions

- A. No motion shall be entertained or debated until seconded and announced by the Chair. The motion shall be recorded and, if desired by any member, read by the Clerk before it is debated. With the consent of the Board, a motion may be withdrawn at any time before action is taken on the motion.
- B. Motions shall be entertained in the order of precedence outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

## ARTICLE IX - Voting

- A. Action. Action may be taken by a majority of the members present when a quorum exists.
- B. Votes on Questions. Each member present or participating remotely shall vote on all questions put to the Board except on matters in which he or she has been disqualified for a conflict of interest or under the Appearance of Fairness doctrine. Such member shall disqualify himself or herself prior to any discussion of the matter, stating the reason for the disqualification unless there is a legal impediment to disclosure. The disqualified member will then leave the meeting room.

Voting shall be accomplished by voice or through a showing of hands. Secret balloting is prohibited. Proxy votes of members not present are not valid votes. All votes shall be recorded in the Summary Minutes.

- C. Tie Vote. The passage of a motion is defeated by a tie vote, provided that the question may be brought forward again at the request of any member at the same meeting or at the next meeting when any members who were absent or disqualified at the time of the tie vote are present.
- D. Failure to Vote. Any Board member who fails to vote without a valid disqualification shall be declared to have voted in the affirmative on the question.
- E. Six-month Time Limitation. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, once a matter has been voted on and the time for reconsideration has passed with no action, the matter may not be taken up again for six months unless there is a showing of a substantial change of circumstances.
- F. Decisions. The Board shall act as a body in making its decisions and in announcing them. The Chair or the Chair's designee shall serve as the spokesperson for the Board in reporting decisions.

## ARTICLE X - Conflict of Interest, Appearance of Fairness, and Legal Assistance

Board members are held to high ethical standards and shall at all times comply with the provisions of Chapter 3.92 of the Bellevue City Code, as they exist now or as amended in future.

Any member of the Board who, in his or her opinion, has an interest in any matter before the Board that would tend to prejudice his or her actions shall so publicly indicate and shall step down and refrain from voting and participating in any manner on the matter in question to avoid any possible conflict of interest or violation of the appearance of fairness.

When there is doubt concerning the legality of an issue, the City Attorney (or designee) may be called upon to advise members as to the legality of the proposed action. If necessary, a hearing or deliberation may be continued until legal matters can be clarified. Care must be taken in maintaining records of the proceedings when litigation is a possibility.

#### **ARTICLE XI - Minutes**

- A. Minutes are the official record of a meeting. Electronic recordings of meetings are retained at the City for six years and then forwarded to the Digital Archives for permanent retention.

Minutes should be sufficiently detailed to provide what was done, by whom, and why, in order to provide an accurate summary of the main points of the discussion. Minutes are written to provide a readable, concise record of lengthy meetings, and as such not every speaker's comments on every topic are included.

If a Board member wishes to ensure that a particular statement is included in the minutes, he or she should indicate, "For the record, I believe...." to signal the desire to have this comment included.

- B. Draft minutes presented for approval in the meeting packet may be amended if a legally sufficient reason to do so exists.

Once approved, that page of amended minutes will subsequently show the following wording next to the spot of the amendment: "Corrected - see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_."

#### **ARTICLE XII - Compliance with Laws**

All Board members shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, including but not limited to Chapter 49.60 RCW (Washington's Law Against Discrimination) and 42 U.S.C. 12101 et. seq. (ADA), BCC 3.92 (Code of Ethics), RCW 42.56 (Public Records Act), RCW 42.30 (Open Public Meetings Act), BCC 2.26 (Public Records) and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352).

#### **ARTICLE XIII - Communications**

- A. Communications with Council. The Board shall provide at least quarterly communications to the Council, either at Reports of Boards and Commissions or in written form. Reports should highlight major activities, future work plans, changes in work plans, and request any policy direction needed from Council.
- B. Communications among Board members. To avoid possible violations of the Open Public Meetings Act, Board members shall refrain from back-and-forth exchange of information, viewpoints, positions, or other dialogue via email, telephone, or in person among a quorum of the membership about the business of the Board outside of a public meeting. Communications among less than a quorum that are then relayed by a participant to other members, who together constitute a quorum, are also prohibited.

## ARTICLE XIV - Records

The term “public records” applies to any paper, correspondence, completed form, bound record book, photograph, film, audio or video recording, map drawing, machine-readable material, videostream, email, text message, or social media that has been created or received by any state or local government agency during the course of public business and legislative records described in RCW 40.14.100. The following requirements apply to the Board and its individual members:

- A. Public records are the property of the City and must be managed (preserved, stored, transferred, destroyed, etc.) according to the provisions of RCW 40.14.
- B. Tools are in place to manage all emails sent to the Board’s email account ([parkboard@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:parkboard@bellevuewa.gov)) according to state law.
- C. Board members are responsible for including Board staff on all Board-related communications, including forwarding any emails sent to the member in his/her individual capacity to the [parkboard@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:parkboard@bellevuewa.gov) address. Any hard copy records shall also be transferred to staff for long-term maintenance.
- D. Members may be required to produce emails or documents that relate to the activities or operations of the Board in response to a public disclosure request. Members may also be required to produce their personal notes taken at Board meetings that relate to the activities and deliberations of the Board. To the extent that those notes contain information that is purely personal or material that is exempt under the Public Disclosure Act, they may not need to be provided to the requestor.
- E. As required by WAC 44-14-04003(2) and the City’s Public Records Act Rules, the City must provide the fullest assistance in response to public disclosure requests. The City’s Public Records Officer and a representative of the City Attorney’s Office will review any documents that may be exempt from disclosure and will provide the necessary explanations of any exemptions to the requestor if access to particular records is denied. Courts may award monetary penalties should the City not respond fully or promptly.
- F. Board members are advised to establish a separate, clearly-named file within their personal email account and/or on the hard drive of their personal computer to which they file all materials relating to the Board.

## ARTICLE XV - Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation. Members shall be reimbursed for authorized travel or other expenses incidental to that service, which are authorized by the City Manager or City Council. Members should seek pre-authorization for any proposed expense.

## ARTICLE XVI - Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended, revised, or repealed by the entire Board at any regular meeting or any special meeting, provided that notice of such changes is included on the agenda and the

vote to change takes place at the next regular meeting. Amendments will not be valid unless two-thirds of the membership of the Board vote in favor of amending the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XVII - Validity**

If any part or parts of these Bylaws are found to be invalid, that part or parts will not invalidate the remainder of the Bylaws.

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Chair

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Director  
Parks and Community Services  
Department

\_\_\_\_\_, Board Staff



**Date:** November, 2017

**To:** Parks & Community Services Board

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**Subject:** 2017 Well K.E.P.T. Program Brief

## INTRODUCTION

The City of Bellevue's Well K.E.P.T. (Kids Environmental Project Training) program has completed another successful summer serving the Bellevue community. For 30 years, Bellevue Parks & Community Services has engaged youth and invested in our city's future by providing valuable employment opportunities to Bellevue youth through Well K.E.P.T.

The Well K.E.P.T. program is a summer youth employment opportunity offered through the Bellevue Parks' Natural Resource Division. The program is designed to provide Bellevue youth with education, job skills, and career development training in the field of park resource management. The work focuses on parkland restoration and maintenance. This summer, typical projects included forest enhancement, wetland restoration, and trail construction. Well K.E.P.T. combines on-the-job work experience with environmental education and career development to instill strong self-esteem, good work habits, and sound environmental ethics.

## 2017 PROJECTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### **Trail Maintenance Projects:**

- *Wilburton Hill Park:* transported and spread **140 yd<sup>3</sup>** of bark to resurface **5,000 ft** of trail.
- *Chapin Property:* transported and spread **45 yd<sup>3</sup>** of bark to resurface **1,350 ft** of trail.
- *Lake Hills Greenbelt:* transported and spread **30 tons** of gravel to resurface **860 ft** of trail.
- *Mercer Slough Nature Park:* transported and spread **40 yd<sup>3</sup>** of bark to resurface **2,000 ft** of trail.
- *Coal Creek Natural Area:* transported and spread **65 yd<sup>3</sup>** of bark to resurface **550 ft** of trail.

### **Noxious Weed Removal Projects:**

- *Kelsey Creek Park:* transported and spread **30 yd<sup>3</sup>** of mulch across **9,200 ft<sup>2</sup>** for noxious weed suppression
- *Georgia Zumdieck Park:* Removed invasive Himalayan blackberry, Portuguese laurel, and English holly from an area of approximately **42,600 ft<sup>2</sup>**
- *Lake Hills Greenbelt:* Removed English ivy from an area of approximately **4,900 ft<sup>2</sup>**
- *Airfield Park:* Removed English ivy from an area of approximately **1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>**
- *Tam O' Shanter Park:* Removed Himalayan blackberry from an area of approximately **4,600 ft<sup>2</sup>**

- *Lewis Creek Park*: Removed **75** Tansy ragwort plants from multiple patches
- *Lakemont-Stratford Open Space*: Removed Himalayan blackberry from an area of approximately **11,300 ft<sup>2</sup>**
- *Coal Creek Park*: Created English ivy “life rings” for approximately **20 mature trees**
- *Wildwood Park*: Removed Himalayan blackberry, Portuguese laurel, and English holly from an area of approximately **26,000 ft<sup>2</sup>**
- *Hidden Valley Sports Park*: Removed Himalayan blackberry from an area of approximately **16,700 ft<sup>2</sup>**
- Noxious weed removal projects help develop an understanding of plant physiology, introduce techniques of plant identification, and teach the importance of vegetation management for maintaining healthy forest and wetland ecosystems in expanding urban environments.

### **Bioswale Maintenance in Coal Creek Natural Area:**

- Removed weeds from the new bioswale to ensure functionality.
- Used the project as a teaching tool for the trainees to discuss Low Impact Development (L.I.D.) techniques related to stormwater management.
- Improved the area’s ability to remove silt and pollution from surface water runoff.



***Left:** Trainees remove weeds from a bioswale at Coal Creek Natural Area’s Red Cedar Trailhead. This project was part of a larger educational seminar about Low Impact Development techniques.*

### **New Trail Segment at Coal Creek Natural Area:**

City of Bellevue Parks Natural Resource Division, the City of Newcastle, and Quadrant Homes worked together to create a new shared trail access to facilitate access for citizens to experience the beauty of the Coal Creek Natural Area. The new trail connection provides improved access and increased natural buffering between the new Aldea community and trail users. Quadrant donated \$20,000 to the City of Bellevue to make the new trail possible. The donation helped fund a Well K.E.P.T. crew to implement this project.

- Built **918 ft** of new trail and transported/spread **45 yd<sup>3</sup>** of bark to surface trail.
- Coordinated with Quadrant Homes on optimal trail placement. The newly-constructed trail increases the setback buffer from new homes, and will eventually connect the development to the Coal Creek trail system.

- Transformed a dense Himalayan blackberry patch and forested area into a scenic trail.
- Trail design minimized erosion inherent in lanscape through constructing a post-retained foot path.
- Trainees enhanced their understanding of Bellevue’s natural environment while gaining new tool experience.
- The project provided practical experience in trail construction techniques, while increasing trainees’ understanding of the pivotal role intergrated trails have in the holistic management of Bellevue’s open space system.



***Left:** Conditions at the beginning of trail construction.*

***Right:** New trail segment at Coal Creek Natural Area after completion.*

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS**

The Well K.E.P.T. student internship provides educational opportunities to Bellevue youth. Educational seminars provided the students with more information about their projects, improved their environmental awareness, and developed their professional skills. After designing an evaluation instrument, we found that their professional skills improved dramatically. Educational seminars and workshops completed during the 2017 program are listed below:

## **Seminar or Workshop Topic(s)**

New Zealand Mudsail Training  
Trail-Building Techniques  
Invasive & Native Plant Identification  
Aquatic Invertebrates & Stream Health  
PSC Internships: LWWIP  
AmeriCorps & EarthCorps  
Resume, Cover Letter, & Interview Skills  
Wildlife Science  
Street Trees & Urban Forestry  
Personal Finance Seminar

## **Instructor(s)**

Kit Paulsen, C.O.B. Utilities Dept.  
Jay Heasty, C.O.B. Parks Dept.  
Rick Bailey, C.O.B. Parks Dept.  
Laurie Devereaux, C.O.B. Utilities Dept.  
Ian Schooley, Seattle Pacific Science Center  
Jammie Kingham, C.O.B. Parks Dept.  
Well K.E.P.T. Supervisors, C.O.B. Parks Dept.  
Curtis Kukal, C.O.B. Parks Dept.  
Melissa Kerson, C.O.B. Parks Dept.  
Abigail Richardson & Nicole Beall, C.O.B. Finance Dept.



*Above: The crew learning about aquatic invertebrates and stream health at Coal Creek Natural Area.*

## **Quality Community Outcomes**

The City of Bellevue's Well K.E.P.T. program is committed to providing exceptional public service and community stewardship. The 2017 Well K.E.P.T. program addresses the following city outcomes.

### **Responsive Government:**

- Addressed community needs including park maintenance and youth unemployment

### **Improved Mobility:**

- Constructed 918 ft. of new trail in Coal Creek Natural Area adjacent to new neighborhoods

### **Economic Growth & Competitiveness:**

- Student interns gained skills and experience for future employment
- Provided local youth with a first job opportunity and career development education



**Healthy & Sustainable Environment:**

- Worked to restore natural system functions and values by removing noxious weeds
- Fostered environmental awareness in Bellevue youth and their parents

**Safe Community:**

- Increased the safety and comfort local trails
- Provided a productive and safe summer activity for local youth

**Innovative, Vibrant, & Caring Community:**

- Mentored a group of young adults dedicated to improving community sustainability
- Engaged local youth in community pride through local park improvement projects

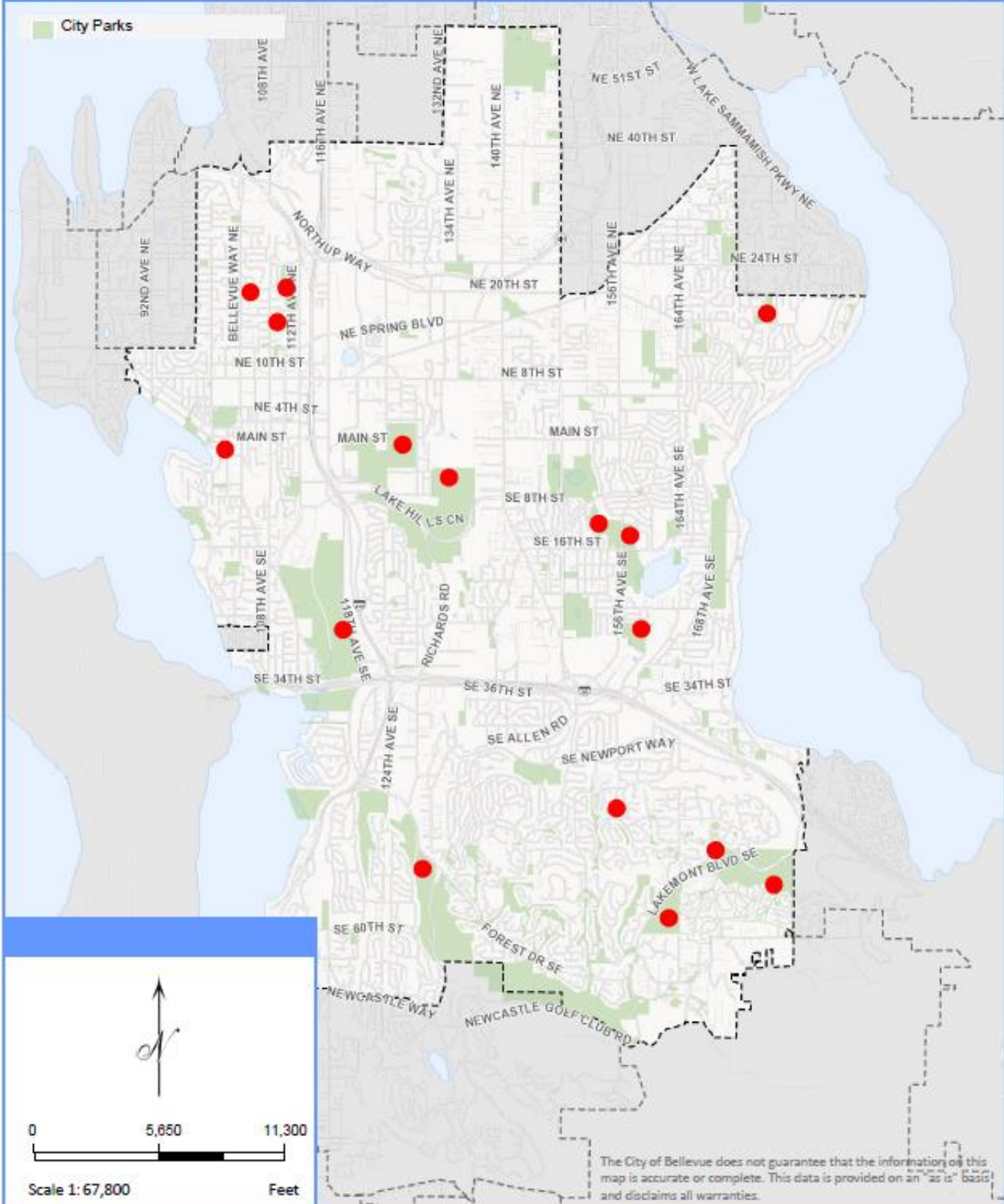
**Quality Neighborhoods:**

- Local youth became more active members of their community
- Helped to slow the spread of the noxious weeds that degrade our neighborhoods

**CONCLUSION**

Bellevue's Well K.E.P.T. program is an innovative program that provides an exceptional first employment opportunity for Bellevue youth. The program serves many adolescents who may otherwise have limited opportunities for career development. Well K.E.P.T. is an integral component of the Natural Resource Division's environmental education and community outreach that inspires citizens to engage in the stewardship of Bellevue's Parks. By instilling strong environmental values and a positive work ethic in tomorrow's leaders, the Well K.E.P.T. program provides cost-effective stewardship of our City in a Park.

# Well KEPT Work Sites - 2017



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# New Trail at Coal Creek Natural Area



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**From:** Jaskaran S  
**Sent:** Monday, October 09, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** Foran, Patrick <[PForan@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:PForan@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Thank You!

Hi Patrick,

I didn't get a chance to personally say "Thank You" for providing us such a wonderful Parks.

I was at Bellevue Essentials on Saturday, I am the father of 2 energetic boys 5 & 9-Year-old. We have a park next to our house still we go out for a new park in Bellevue every month.

Parks are very well maintained and Kid area is very safe.

Thank You  
Jimmy S

**From:** Foran, Patrick  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 4:28 PM  
**To:** Jaskaran S>  
**Cc:** McVein, Shelley <[SMcVein@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:SMcVein@bellevuewa.gov)>; Harris, Pat <[PHarris@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:PHarris@bellevuewa.gov)>; Walker, Colin <[CWalker@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:CWalker@bellevuewa.gov)>; Brittingham, Shelley <[SBrittingham@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:SBrittingham@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Thank You!

Thanks for those kind words Jimmy. I'll pass them on to our maintenance folks. They like hearing that people appreciate the value of the work they do. Thank you for participating in the Bellevue essentials program. Civic engagement makes for a very strong community.

***Patrick Foran***  
***Director, Parks & Community Services***  
***City of Bellevue***  
***[pforan@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:pforan@bellevuewa.gov)***  
***425-452-5377***



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**NOVEMBER 2017**

- Nov 1**      **Circle Dance Workshop**, 10:30 a.m. – noon  
*Bellevue Main Club Center, Art Room, 209 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*  
During this hands-on (and feet-on!) workshop, participants will engage in simple dance moves designed to build strength and community. Seated dance options are available. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 3**      **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Very Hairy Bear,”**  
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Look, listen and create during an indoor hour of stories and crafts. Do you know that black bears live on Cougar Mountain? Join us for some stories about bears! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 118747 or 118748. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 27-Nov 5** **“The Pied Piper of Hamelin” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**  
*October 27, 28, November 3, 4 at 7 p.m.; October 29, November 4 and 5 at 2 p.m.*  
*Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street*  
This show follows the delightful story of a town overrun with rats and a bad mayor. The Pied Piper saves the town but not before helping the town realize what truly matters. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12. Price increases to \$15 on October 23. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 4**      **Cartooniversity Saturday Workshop**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
This workshop will include character development, expression, directional views, action poses, background, and letter. Projects include blank puzzles, flip-book animation, character profiles, comic strips, and more! All supplies included. Bring snacks. **Ages:** Ages 9-14 years old. **Cost:** \$75/resident; \$90/non-resident. Each additional family member is \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.

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- Nov 4**      **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon  
*Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.  
**Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us!  
**Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 5**      **Running-Bellevue Youth Cross Country Event**, noon – 2 p.m.  
*Wilburton Hill Park, 12400 Main Street*  
Come join Bellevue Youth Sports for an exciting outdoor cross country race at beautiful Wilburton Hill Park. The race will take you through some of the wonderful and well-maintained trails of the park. Runners can choose to participate in either the half-mile or mile race. Registration/check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. Parking is limited; please arrive early. **Ages:** Ages 5-13. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885 or <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 119144.
- Nov 5**      **Living with Wildlife: Coyotes**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
So... there's a coyote in the yard... should I be worried? Nope, but there are definitely some tips and tricks to keep this fascinating urban creature as wild as possible. Join us to learn how! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 7**      **Wisdom Café Themed Conversation: Life Purpose**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
*Bellevue Main Club Center, 209 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*  
Reflecting on what we are meant to do can help us clarify goals for our present lives. Knowing our essential values and knowing what “turns us on” can be a path to self-discovery. These cafes provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others while discussing universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea, and treats will be provided! Cafes are offered in partnership with the King County Library System. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free!  
**Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.



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- Nov 8**      **Pony Pleasure (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111280. **Info:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Nov 10-19**    **“As You Like It” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,  
*November 10, 17, 18 at 7 p.m.; November 12, 18, 19 at 2 p.m.*  
*Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Our production is classic Shakespeare with a BYT twist. This fun and enjoyable comedy has great moments and lines which include “all the world's a stage” and “too much of a good thing.” Deception and disguises lead to a delightful time in the theatre. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 8 and older. **Cost:** All tickets are \$10. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 11**      **Lakemont Highlands Open Space Ranger-Led Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon  
*Meet at: Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. A Park Ranger will guide you through friendly neighborhood greenbelts. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate-Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 11**      **Family Discovery Series: Swim to Spawn**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Salmon were once abundant here in the Pacific Northwest, but they've been on a rapid decline in most of our region. Come learn more about the salmon that make the arduous journey from the ocean to the Mercer Slough, where they will eventually spawn in the shallow waters of Kelsey Creek. Learn about the different stages of our salmon and what you can do to help aid in their survival. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 12**      **Let's Plant a Tree!**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Learn some local trees with a Park Ranger! We'll go for a short walk through the forest at Lewis Creek Park, and then each participant will plant a willow tree. Please wear waterproof shoes. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 12**      **Author Talk – “Waterway: The Story of Seattle’s Locks and Ship Canal,”**  
(Eastside Heritage Center program), 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Why does a city surrounded by water need another waterway? Find out what drove Seattle’s civic leaders to pursue the dream of a Lake Washington Ship Canal for more than sixty years, and what role it has played in the region's development over the past century. Jennifer Ott, co-author of “Waterway: The Story of Seattle’s Locks and Ship Canal,” will be joining Eastside Heritage Center for this program and will discuss “decades of false starts and political shenanigans – as well as the far-reaching social, economic and environmental impacts – of the Lake Washington Ship Canal.” This program will also discuss Eastside Heritage Center’s social studies curriculum program, “Change Over Time,” developed in partnership with the Bellevue School District for sixth and seventh grade students. Light bites and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. This event is supported by 4Culture and presented in partnership with Making the Cut and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Cost:** Free and open to the public, but a suggested donation of \$5-\$10 is warmly appreciated. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** [info@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:info@eastsideheritagecenter.org) or 425-450-1049. **Info:** <http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org/>
- Nov 15**      **Thankful for Our Animal Friends (Early Release Wednesday),**  
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111281. **Info:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Nov 17**      **A Trail of Autumn Leaves,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Why do trees lose their leaves in the Fall? Come learn more about the Autumn season, and what brings about this great change to our forests each year. For our leaf print craft, we will search the Lake Hills Greenbelt Trail for fallen leaves, but feel free to bring your own from home as well! **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Please register with your child. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** [parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6993.

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- Nov 17**      **Nature Movie Night: “My Life as Turkey,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Based on a true story, this beautiful, thought-provoking film explores one of those rare moments when man and animal become more closely linked than nature normally allows. Follow one man’s incredible journey raising wild turkeys from hatchlings to adulthood. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 18**      **Visions of Sugarplums,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Jelly bellies, gumdrops and peppermint FUN! Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season to make a mini gingerbread house, sing songs, dance and eat yummys for your tummies! Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome fun! **Ages:** Ages 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident; \$30/non-resident. Each additional family member is \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 18**      **Family Discovery Series: Swim to Spawn,** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Salmon were once abundant here in the Pacific Northwest, but they’ve been on a rapid decline in most of our region. Come learn more about the salmon that make the arduous journey from the ocean to the Mercer Slough, where they will eventually spawn in the shallow waters of Kelsey Creek. Learn about the different stages of our salmon and what you can do to help aid in their survival. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 18**      **Let’s Plant a Tree!,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Learn some local trees with a Park Ranger! We’ll go for a short walk through the forest at Lewis Creek Park, and then each participant will plant a willow tree. Please wear waterproof shoes. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 23**      **Free Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycle Classes (benefits kids in need),**  
7 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m.  
*South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way*  
Burn 600+ calories before your Thanksgiving feast! Classes will be held at South Bellevue Community Center. Class times on Thursday, Nov. 23 are: 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. All fitness levels are welcome! Doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start of class. Participants should park by the tennis courts off of Newport Way and walk up to the gym door closest to the tennis courts. The rest of the facility will be closed and locked. Please bring a standard-sized water bottle and a towel. Dress in layers that can be removed as you warm up. Pedals are SPD compatible. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Classes are FREE! Please bring a Target or Fred Meyer gift card which will be used to purchase holiday gifts for disadvantaged kids in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue at SBCC. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Please call 425-452-4240.
- Nov 23**      **Laps Before Naps Masters Swim Workout, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**  
*Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE*  
Join us for this two-hour Masters swim workout on Thanksgiving Day. All abilities are welcome. **Ages:** 19 years and older. **Cost:** \$12/person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – 425-452-2806.
- Nov 24**      **Youth Appreciation & Safety Day, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
*Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE*  
This event promotes water safety and proper lifejacket use. Come for swimming, raffles and water safety demonstrations. Free water-related t-shirts for the first 50 children (12 years and younger)! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** 12 years and younger – free! 13 years and older - \$7/person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Julie Byers – 425-452-4444.
- Nov 24-Dec3**      **“’Twas the Night Before Christmas” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**  
November 24, 25, December 1, 2 at 7 p.m.; November 26, December 2, 3 at 2 p.m.  
*Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Join us for the endearing story of a parent’s love. Christmas is the backdrop for this wonderful story of Clement C. Moore, his family, and the beloved poem. This show is filled with traditional Christmas carols. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12. Price increases to \$15 on November 20. All seats are reserved. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- Nov 25**      **Ceramic Ornament Workshop**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Create a one-of-a-kind gift or keepsake using a variety of tools and techniques that will help you capture how you celebrate the holiday season. Pieces will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. Limit of two objects per person. Materials included. **Ages:** Youth/Teens/Adults – ages 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$45/resident; \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 25 – Dec 31**      **Garden d’Lights**, 4:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., every evening including holidays  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Garden d’Lights features over half a million lights that transform the Bellevue Botanical Garden into a blossoming winter wonderland. Each holiday season, thousands of visitors enjoy this dazzling display. This year, the route has changed, critters added, and the lights more magical than ever. **Cost:** \$5/person; children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the event. **Free nights:** November 27-30 and December 4-7. **Parking:** \$5 for on-site parking; free parking at Wilburton Hill Park. **Tickets and general information:** <http://www.gardendlights.org/>
- Nov 26**      **Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
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**Nov 29-Dec 2 Hilltop Holiday Craft Show**, November 29-December 1, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.;  
and December 2, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*

Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 60 selected Northwest crafters. This show features one-of-a-kind products, including: holiday ornaments, decorations, pottery, jewelry, wood and knit items, and more. **Cost:**

Admission and parking are free; craft items vary in price. **Info:**

[NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106. **Crafter application and**

**information:** [hilltop.crafts@frontier.com](mailto:hilltop.crafts@frontier.com) or

<http://www.bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com/>

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- Dec 1 Who’s in Your Backyard: Bobcats and Cougars**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Two types of wild cats live right here in our Bellevue parks. Do you know how to tell them apart? Come learn about our local woodland felines and what to do if you come across a mountain lion! **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Please register with your child. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** [parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6993.

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- Dec 1**      **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Let It Snow!”**  
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Look, listen and create during an indoor hour of stories and crafts. It’s winter, all right... Join us for stories about snow and wildlife! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free!  
**Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:**  
<http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 118749 or 118750.  
**Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 2**      **Garden Class: “Holiday Wreath-Making”,** two sessions; choose one  
10 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. -3 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Start the holiday season right with a beautiful holiday wreath! Attendees will decorate and take home a lovely wreath made of natural greens. Decorations, ribbon, directions and ideas will be provided. **Cost:** \$60 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$70/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Dec 2**      **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike,** 10:30 a.m. - noon  
*Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.  
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**Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 2**      **When Rivers Disappear** (Eastside Heritage Center program),  
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
What happened to the Eastside when the Lake Washington Ship Canal and Locks were completed, and Lake Washington’s water level dropped by nine feet? How did the changing shoreline affect businesses and individuals from Kirkland to Renton? Historian Richard Blumenthal will discuss his new book, *How Many Islands? A History around Lake Washington*, at this Heritage Programming Author Talk event hosted by the Eastside Heritage Center. This event is supported by 4Culture and presented in partnership with Making the Cut and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Cost:** Free and open to the public, but a suggested donation of \$5-\$10 is warmly appreciated. **Pre-registration:** RSVP strongly encouraged. **To RSVP:** [info@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:info@eastsideheritagecenter.org) or 425-450-1049. **Info:** <http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org/>



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- Dec 2**      **Ornaments for a Cause (Fundraiser)**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
*Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road*  
Come join us to exercise your creativity, make memories, and contribute to a good cause. You will be given two ornaments; one for the giving tree, and the other is yours to take home. Get inspired by provided examples, or let your imagination soar. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support recreation programs for people living with disabilities. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** No fee; donations accepted at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-6105.
- Dec 3**      **Seafair’s Holiday Cruise**, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
*Meydenbauer Yacht Club, 9927 Meydenbauer Way SE*  
This annual event serves individuals over 16 years old living with intellectual disabilities. Meydenbauer Yacht Club provides the ships and volunteers to join the parade along the Lake Washington shoreline. Individuals interested in attending must pre-register. Those utilizing a wheelchair or walker need to register directly through Seafair. Space is limited. Interested volunteers should contact Mary Boyle at 425-452-4118. **Ages:** Ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Mary Boyle – [Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4118. **Info:** – 425-452-7686.
- Dec 3**      **Christmas Ship Festival**, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; ship arrives off-shore at 3:40 p.m.  
*Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE*  
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir’s performance. Beach fire provided! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 8**      **Holiday Ball**, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
*Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road*  
Get out your holiday best, pack your festive spirit, lace up your dancing shoes, and join us for our annual holiday ball. The Highland Community Center facilitates this event each year for adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** Ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/resident; \$11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Mary Boyle – [Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4118. **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- Dec 8-17**    **“Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,  
*December 8, 9, 15, 16 at 7 p.m.; December 10, 16, 17 at 2 p.m.*  
*Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Is Macy’s Santa real or just hired? This work by Meredith Wilson includes some classics such as “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas.” **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12. Price increases to \$15 on December 4. All seats are reserved. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- Dec 9**      **Ceramic Ornament Workshop**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Create a one-of-a-kind gift or keepsake using a variety of tools and techniques that will help you capture how you celebrate the holiday season. Pieces will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. Limit of two objects per person. Materials included. **Ages:** Youth/Teens/Adults – ages 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$45/resident; \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 9**      **Family Discovery Series: Whooo is in the Forest?** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue's parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that's yours to keep. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 13**      **Happy Holidays for All (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111282. **Info:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Dec 15**      **Winter Visitors**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Some animals, such as the snow goose, travel incredible distances in the changing seasons. Come learn about some of these migrators and what brings them to the Pacific Northwest for the winter. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Please register with your child. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** [parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6993.

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- Dec 15**      **Night Hike**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamps, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident; \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/course/118764>. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 16**      **Family Discovery Series: Whooo is in the Forest?**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue's parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that's yours to keep. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 17**      **Life in the Forest Understory**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
There's an entire world in the understory of our Bellevue forests. We'll learn about fungus, nurse logs, ferns, salamanders, moss, slugs, millipedes, and more as we explore Lewis Creek Park's forest. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 29**      **Nature Movie Night: "Christmas in Yellowstone,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
NATURE presents Christmas in Yellowstone, a breathtaking look at wintertime deep within America's first national park. This film has some graphic predator-prey interactions so may not be appropriate for some younger viewers. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 30**      **Life in the Forest Understory**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
There's an entire world in the understory of our Bellevue forests. We'll learn about fungus, nurse logs, ferns, salamanders, moss, slugs, millipedes, and more as we explore Lewis Creek Park's forest. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Dec 31**      **“A New Year’s Hike” at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. - noon**  
*Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Join a Park Ranger to reflect on the passage of time in nature. We’ll ponder seasonality, forest changes, and the bygone residents of the area. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 31**      **Family-Friendly Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

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- Jan 7**      **Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Jan 12**      **Lions, Coyotes and Bears, OH MY!** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Come learn about some of the local large wildlife that make their home in Bellevue's Parks. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Please call 425-452-6993.
- Jan 17**      **Garden Lecture: "The Flora of Seattle in 1850: Major Species and Landscapes Prior to Urbanization"**, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Ray Larson, Curator of Living Collections at the UW Botanic Gardens, will lead us on a pictorial historical tour of Seattle landscapes. This lecture is presented by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and open to the public. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Jan 20**      **Garden Class: "Growing Mushrooms at Home,"** 10 a.m. - noon  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
This workshop, taught by Tristan Woodsmith, focuses on growing gourmet mushrooms at home, both indoors and outdoors. Learn the mushroom life cycle, various substrates used for growing mushrooms, and low-tech methods for generating mycelium including spores, spawn and stem-butts. Species covered include oyster mushrooms, shiitake, lion's mane and more! **Cost:** \$60 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$70/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- Jan 20**      **Breakfast for Birds**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
The Mercer Slough provides critical habitat for both residential and migratory birds year-round. The harsh environment and lack of adequate food during the winter months makes survival challenging. Join us to find out more about our winter birds and what you can do in your own backyard to help them survive tough times. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Jan 26**      **Nature Movie: “From Pole to Pole,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
This first episode of *Planet Earth* illustrates a journey around the globe, revealing the effects of gradual climate change and seasonal transitions. Narrated by David Attenborough. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.