

The Echigoshimas
320 128th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98005

April 10, 2009

Parks & Community Services Board

P.O. Box 90012
Bellevue, WA 98009

Dear Board Members,

My son, Joey Echigoshima, just finished up a week long skate board camp at your Highland Skate Park.

I would like to compliment the program and the staff. Joey had a wonderful experience. His skating improved and he thoroughly enjoyed the program.

Each morning he was excited to get to camp! The staff is quite skilled in working with the kids and making it a very fun, positive experience.

You have a great program there.

Best Regards,



Lisa Echigoshima

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cc: Patrick Foran, Parks Director

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April 14, 2009

Lisa Echigoshima
320 128th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98005

Dear Ms. Echigoshima,

Thank you for your letter of April 10 to the Parks & Community Services Board regarding your son Joey's experience at skate board camp at the Highland Skate Park, and the positive relationship he shared with staff.

I will forward your letter to Joe Moorman and Steve Gonzales at the Skate Park, along with my appreciation. I feel we have excellent staff providing a variety of services throughout the City, however it's gratifying to receive feedback from satisfied users of these services.

Thank you for taking the time to write about Joey's experience at the Skate Park, and I hope he continues to enjoy these activities, as well as other programs Parks & Community Services has to offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Foran". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "F".

Patrick Foran, Director

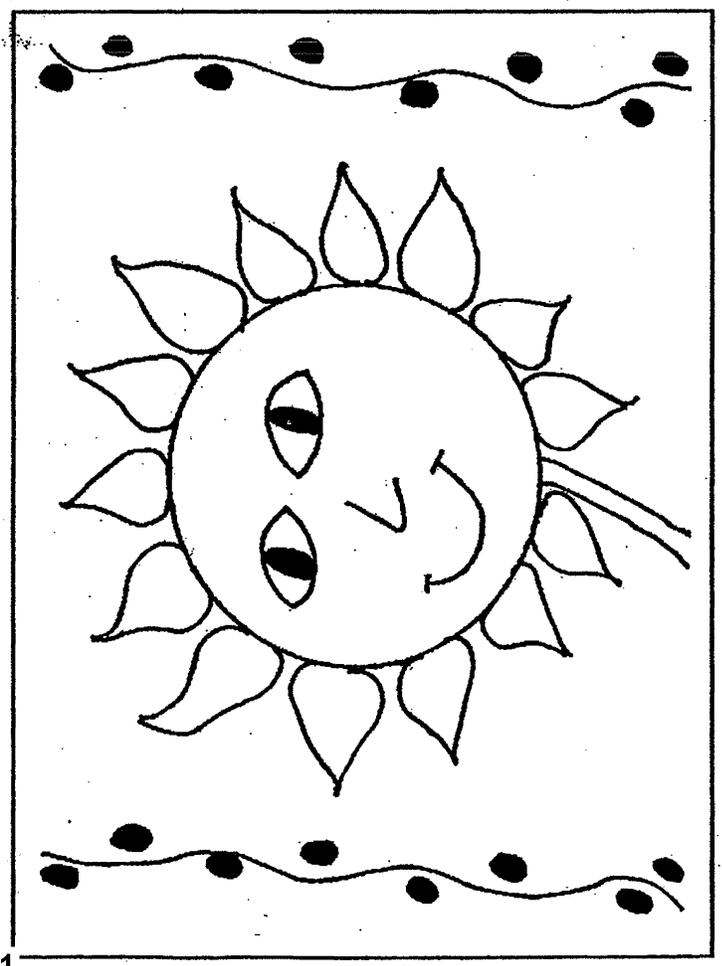
cc: Parks & Community Services Board
Terry Smith, Assistant Director
Joe Moorman, Skate Park Program Coordinator
Steve Gonzales, Skate Park Program Tech



Kids Art Inc.
800-803-7460
www.kidsartinc.com

ARTIST

Olivia Rosen



Dear Parker Dept -

What a perfect choice Christina Ryan Favel is as assistant Park Ranger at the Mercer Slough Ed. Center! A group of hikers/walkers explored the Mercer Slough Trails and then took in the beautiful new Education Center for "Sit, Sip & Stral". Christina greeted us with enthusiasm and expert knowledge about the facility, trails & wildlife. She was informative & delightful. Everyone enjoyed and learned from her presentation. Thanks!

Sandy Friedman with the IMCA group of walkers in Bellevue.

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Sandra Friedman
122 143rd Place NE
Bellevue, WA 98007

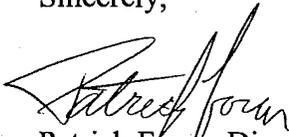
Dear Ms. Friedman,

Thank you for your letter regarding the YMCA walking group's experience at the Sit, Sip & Stroll program at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, and the positive relationship your group shared with Christina.

I will forward your letter to Christina at the Center, along with my appreciation. I feel we have excellent staff providing a variety of services throughout the City, however it's gratifying to receive feedback from satisfied users of these services.

Thank you for taking the time to write about your experience at our newest facility at the Mercer Slough, and I hope you continue to enjoy walking this and other trails within our park system throughout the City.

Sincerely,



Patrick Foran, Director

cc: Shelley Marelli, Deputy Director
Dan DeWald, Natural Resource Manager
Geoff Bradley, Community Parks Supervisor
Christina Dyson-Farrell, Assistant Park Ranger

From: Michelle Psychogeos [michellepsyhogeos@msn.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2009 3:10 PM

To: Fehrman, Pamela; Smith, Terry; Harvey, Nancy; Kost, Glenn; Matz, Nicholas; Degginger, Grant; Council; Balducci, Claudia; Bonincontri, Patsy; Chelminiak, John; Davidson, Don; Lee, Conrad; Noble, Phil; Sarkozy, Steve; Miyake, Brad; Paulsen, Kit; Arredondo, Charmaine

Subject: Eastgate Park

Dear City of Bellevue Mayor, City Council Members, City Administrators, City Board Members, and City Staff:

Regarding the proposed Eastgate City Park, my family and I support the option that will best provide the most baseball and ball field that this Park can hold. While our family owns a dog, our children and ball teams need more practice fields and more tournament fields, complete with night lighting, a command center for tournaments, a sound system, electronic scoreboards, a concession stand, and especially artificial turf so these baseball and ball fields will be useable year round. We can take our dog to other off-leash parks that are within a reasonable distance from this park. In fact, we take our dog to the Robinswood Park 2-4 times a week, as the current off-leash park there is large, safe, convenient and rarely crowded.

However, our children, team, and tournaments don't have enough baseball and ball fields in the City of Bellevue to practice on and hold tournaments on. We currently compete with other baseball and softball leagues, spring soccer, lacrosse, school programs, and other teams for a limited number of fields. We realize all this costs money but we need this new park to be outfitted as I've described. We need a place where our children can practice and our leagues can host tournaments. Please vote to support and design the new Eastgate Park to best service baseball and ball fields use.

Thank you,

Michelle Psychogeos 425-614-1629

Harvey, Nancy

Subject: RE: Killdeer nest - Pictures & Request to Not Mow in this marked off area of Surrey Downs -Many many thanks.

From: Ellen Stone [mailto:estone1@comcast.net]

Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2009 12:43 PM

To: VanderHyden, Scott; Ledbetter, Roger; Harris, Pat

Cc: Ellen Stone

Subject: Re: Killdeer nest - Pictures & Request to Not Mow in this marked off area of Surrey Downs -Many many thanks.

Dear Roger, SVanderHyden & Pat,

You are all wonderful.

Thanks for requesting the grounds keepers to not mow this marked off area at Surrey Downs by the courthouse. Roger said he thought Surrey Downs is on mowed on Thursdays.

Below are pictures of my boy working to protect the beautiful Killdeer nest with 4 eggs. Sam found the nest and is concerned the lawn mower would break the eggs and ruin the nest. He wanted to save them and you all agreed to let him by taping off this area so the mower would avoid it. Thanks for making my boy's day and empowering him to make a difference.

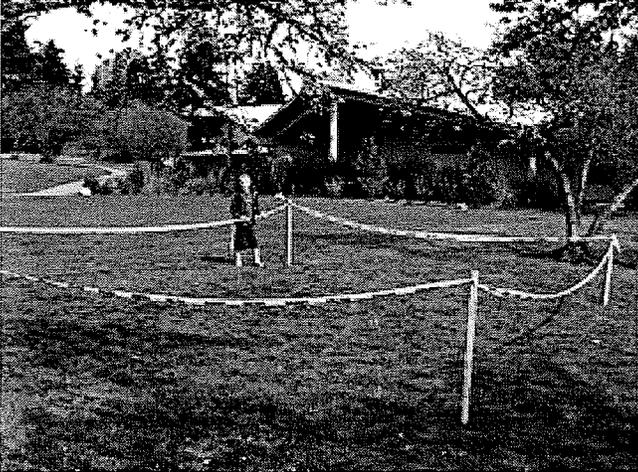
This morning Sam set up the stakes around the mama bird's nest. Sam felt great. Sam's friends protected the nest last weekend too, telling other kids to leave it be. So there is more than one young man invested in saving these baby birds. We'll visit Surrey Downs a few times a week to see if they hatched and send along picture updates to you all too. :)

Roger, i lost Rose's email... would you please forward these pictures on to her. I wanted to thank her for helping me too.

Warm Regards,
Ellen Stone
2215 104th Place SE
Bellevue, WA 98004
425-679-6688

Sam and the bird on the nest in the first picture..





On Apr 18, 2009, at 8:28 AM, <SVanderHyden@bellevuewa.gov> <SVanderHyden@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

Pat, anything we can do to help out on this matter?

From: Ledbetter, Roger
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2009 2:12 PM
To: VanderHyden, Scott
Cc: estone1@comcast.net
Subject: Killdeer nest

Ellen Stone came into the office and said her young son found a beautiful bird nest on the lawn at Surrey Downs. She showed it to me, and it is beautiful. It is a Killdeer nest. She would like to protect it by putting a couple of stakes with tape around it. I told her that could help keep the lawn mower from running over it. They live near by and will probably visit the nest to observe the chicks hatching if we can keep it from being mowed. This could be a really positive learning experience for her son. I wasn't sure who to contact, and thought of you. Do you know who I should talk to? How can we get the word out to the folks who mow the lawn?

Thanks, Roger Ledbetter
425 452-7192

-----Original Message-----

From: Nissley, Jerry

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2009 12:30 PM

To: Dougherty, Keith E

Cc: Harris, Pat; Ransom, Randy; Cruse, Jim; Beck, Craig; Wilkinson, Justin; Marelli, Shelley

Subject: RE: Great Grounds Crew

Hi Keith,

Thank you very much for taking the time to contact me. I really appreciate your comments and complement. I too am very pleased with the efforts of Craig and his staff, and the many other employees we have who participate in caring for our sports fields and parks in general. Rest assured I will pass your compliments along. I am copying many of them on this email, and ask that they forward your good words on down the line to all staff involved. We appreciate the partnership we have with the school district. Collectively, we are better able to serve the needs of the community with field scheduling, use and availability.

Thank you once again for your very positive comments.

Jerry Nissley

Parks Resource Manager

Bellevue Parks Resource Management Division

425-452-6855

-----Original Message-----

From: Dougherty, Keith E [mailto:doughertyk@bsd405.org]

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2009 12:09 PM

To: Nissley, Jerry

Subject: Great Grounds Crew

Dear Jerry,

I have been working for Bellevue School District for the past year and before that I worked at Issaquah High School. I have had the chance to work with a lot of talented groundskeepers, but I have noticed that Craig Beck and his crew are among the best in the area. The softball fields behind Sammamish High School have consistently been well taken care and I respect the effort your people put into keeping these fields in great condition.

Sincerely,

Keith Dougherty

Stadium Manager/Athletic Fields Technician - Interlake and Sammamish High Schools

Harvey, Nancy

From: Dewald, Dan
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2009 10:21 AM
To: Harvey, Nancy
Subject: FW: urban forestry

From: Jo Scott [mailto:jos7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, May 01, 2009 10:04 AM
To: Dewald, Dan
Subject: RE: urban forestry

Thanks so much, Dan!

Really an impressive report. To think 20% of the tree canopy is gone, since we moved here in 1986. Hoping the commitment to environmental stewardship will propel us in the direction of restoration!

The interpretive panels at Kelsey will be so helpful. Would also be terrific to see those photos in a slideshow, if your web wizards could weave their magic... Years ago after my aunt and uncle passed away, we donated their farmland in northeastern ND to the Fish & Wildlife Service. They restored the wetlands on those parcels. Their private lands biologist recorded the process in photos. It's really quite awesome to see the transformation.

Have a great weekend.

Thanks again,
Jo

--- On Wed, 4/29/09, DDewald@bellevuewa.gov <DDewald@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

From: DDewald@bellevuewa.gov <DDewald@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: RE: urban forestry
To: jos7@yahoo.com
Cc: DDewald@bellevuewa.gov
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 4:26 PM

Jo,

Nice to hear from you. The American Forest tree canopy study (you can download it) is on the City of Bellevue's internet site - www.ci.bellevue.wa.us When you open up the COB internet page look at the left hand column and you will see Environmental (click) and a drop down menu will have choices (click Overview) and it will take you to the Environmental Stewardship page where you can download the Urban Ecological Analysis project. If you have trouble opening the file on the Urban Ecological Analysis, let me know, I can mail you a hard copy.

I didn't video-record the Kelsey Project but did take hundreds of photos. The next phase of the project will be the development of several interpretive panels about the restoration project and the values and benefits of Bellevue's streams and wetland. We hope to start on this soon.

I am looking forward to some warmer weather.

Regards,

Dan DeWald

From: Jo Scott [mailto:jos7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2009 2:12 PM
To: Dewald, Dan
Subject: urban forestry

Greetings, Dan!

You probably know about the symposium May 11th, but just in case, will forward this announcement to you.

It's been awhile since we corresponded, but I'm wondering if the American Forest tree canopy study is now available as public information. If so, I'd enjoy seeing it.

Hope all's going well for you. People I meet at Kelsey (some returning after several years away) are very positive about the restoration. It's so nice to listen to the "rejuvenated" tributary and hear the sounds of so many birds. On a related note, did your team do a videorecording of the restoration process? Would be great for local schools and other agencies.

Thanks much!
Jo

----- Forwarded message -----
From: <cuh-outreach@u.washington.edu>
Date: Mon, Apr 27, 2009 at 5:21 PM
Subject: [CUH-Outreach] (no subject)
To: CUH-Outreach@u.washington.edu

Center for Urban Horticulture Public Education

Updates on Urban Forest Symposium:

- **Early registration deadline - this Friday, May 1st** to save \$15 off registration fee.
- **Tree ordinances** will be discussed in a panel discussion in the afternoon.

Get the latest information on urban forest management issues and solutions at this one-day symposium, **Monday, May 11, 9 am - 4 pm**, at the UW Botanic Gardens' Center for Urban Horticulture.

Hear from well-known speakers in the field, and network with others from around the region in afternoon roundtable discussions. Topics include communicating the value of trees, trees and climate change, protecting trees during construction projects, and tree risk assessment.

Speakers include:

- Paul Ries, Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager, Oregon Department of Forestry, keynote speaker: "If Green is the New Gold, Why aren't We All Rich?"
- Dr. Kathy Wolf, UW College of Forest Resources: the social and economic value of trees
- Dr. Soo Hyung Kim, UW College of Forest Resources: "Ecosystem Services of Urban Trees and Climate Change"
- Tom Cook, "Killing Trees With Good Intentions"
- Brian Gilles, "Tree Risk Assessment for the Non-Arborist"

For management-level professionals, on-the-ground technical staff, and community organizations. Register before May 1 and save \$15 off the symposium fees: \$50, or \$40 for nonprofit staff. Registration fees after May 1st are \$65, \$55 for non-profits. Lunch is an additional \$10, and must be ordered by May 1st.

To register, visit uwbotanicgardens.org or contact Jean Robins at jrobins@u.washington.edu or 206-685-8033.

A partnership of Plant Amnesty and UW Botanic Gardens; sponsored by Washington State Department of Natural Resources, International Society of Arboriculture, City of Seattle, and Seattle Releaf.

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Education and Outreach Manager

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