



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 6, 2008
To: Parks & Community Services Board
From: Terry Smith/Assistant Director
Parks & Community Services
Subject: WRPA Awards

At the April Parks & Community Services Board meeting, Patrick Foran mentioned that Bellevue won a few of the Washington Recreation & Parks Association (WRPA) awards. The awards were presented at the WRPA Conference last month. We would like to thank the Board for supporting these programs and facilities:

- **Robinswood Synthetic Sportsfields** – “Best Sports Complex” in the Spotlight Facility and Park Awards category. This category honors public agencies for excellence parks and recreation facility design and development. Projects must have been completed in the past two years.
- **MyParksAndRecreation.com** – “Best Website” in the Spotlight Media Awards category. Nominated on behalf of the eGov Alliance, Bellevue is a co-recipient with other partner agencies. Media awards are granted for excellence in printed or online materials that encourage participation in parks and recreation activities and program. Materials submitted for consideration must have been completed in the past two years. All media entries were judged on innovation and creativity, as well as the ability to convey information and to complement the intended message or program.
- Spotlight Program Awards - Program Excellence Awards spotlight public agencies for achievements in parks and recreation program coordination.
 - **Garden d'Lights** (Bellevue Botanical Garden Society) – “Best Event/Festival” in the Spotlight Program Award category.
 - **Wrap-Around Services** – “Best Youth/Adult Program” in the Program Award category

Also, each year the WRPA awards its highest citizen honors to an individual who "has been seen as an effective civic leader and who has contributed to the health and well-being of parks and recreation in their community or throughout the state." The awards committee evaluates nominations based on the following criteria:

- Extent to which health and well-being of parks and recreation, particularly in the nominee's neighborhood, benefited from the nominee's activities.
- Demonstrated effective park and recreation leadership in his/her community or service area.
- Volunteered service on behalf of parks, recreation and community

Bellevue Parks & Community Services nominated long-time community volunteer **Sherry Grindeland** for this honor. Sherry has been selected as the recipient of the 2008 WRPA Citation of Merit - Citizen award.

SPOTLIGHT AWARD *in* of *merit* MERIT

Washington Recreation & Park Association

recognizes

**Lake Hills Produce Stand
Bellevue Parks and Community Services**

as a 2008 recipient of the
Certificate of Merit

WRPA Spotlight Special Use Award


Jennifer Schroder
WRPA President



Washington Recreation
& Park Association


Peter M. Mayer
WRPA Past President

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Lewis Creek Visitor Center
Bellevue Parks and Community Services

as a 2008 recipient of the

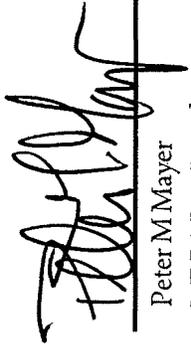
Certificate of Merit

WRPA Spotlight Facility Award


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