



GREENWAY DAYS

FROM MOUNTAINS TO SOUND
JUNE 20-21, 2009

May 12, 2009

Honorable Mayor Grant Degginger
City of Bellevue
PO Box 90012
Bellevue, WA 98009

Dear Mayor Degginger,

On June 20 & 21, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will hold its 6th annual Greenway Days Festival, linking eleven communities along Interstate 90, a designated National Scenic Byway. A host of attractions and activities will be occurring over the weekend to celebrate the legacy of the 100-mile Greenway landscape. From the shores of the Puget Sound, to the high desert at Thorp in Central Washington, communities will showcase natural, cultural and historic assets preserved in their communities through public participation events and games.

The enclosed festival guide will be distributed to over 200,000 King County households and it covers the multitude of this year's various Greenway Days and Greenway Summer activities, including the Family Orienteering Adventure at Lewis Creek Park, and activities at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Kelsey Creek Farm, and the Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm. Several additional activities in Bellevue will be featured throughout the summer as Greenway Summer events and the Environmental Education Center and Bellevue's Botanical Garden will be designated Greenway Challenge Sites. Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm will once again serve as an official Greenway Days Information Center.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust would like to express its gratitude to the City of Bellevue for its continued support and cooperative partnership. For years, the City of Bellevue has worked with the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to link regional trails and green spaces, and to preserve and interpret our local history and heritage. Our success in pursuing this shared vision has enriched the lives of Bellevue residents and throughout our region, while benefiting the environment and economy.

For the last six years, Debbie Pettersson, Bellevue's Park Ranger, has coordinated activities in Bellevue for Greenway Days, and for the last five years, Debbie has been serving on the Greenway Days Organizing Team and leads our regional Greenway Days Steering Committee. Her extensive knowledge, experience, and ability to facilitate communications between diverse Greenway communities are a major contribution to the success of the festival.

I have attached this year's Greenway Days Proclamation, and invite the citizens of Bellevue to participate in celebrating our local and regional Greenway legacy. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Welti
Executive Director

cc: Steve Sarkozy, Bellevue City Manager
Patrick Foran, Director, Parks & Community Services
Shelley Marelli, Deputy Director, Parks & Community Services
Shelley Brittingham, Assistant Director, Parks & Community Services

Parks & Community Services Board
Cherie Clayton, Parks Recreation Program Manager
Debbie Pettersson, Park Ranger/Environmental
Education Coordinator

CITY OF BELLEVUE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust is committed to the preservation, protection, and stewardship of natural, cultural, and historic sites located on the I-90 corridor from the Cascade Mountains to the Puget Sound basin; and

WHEREAS; The City of Bellevue is also dedicated to fulfilling its Greenway and "*City Within a Park*" vision which aims to protect, preserve, and link natural, cultural, and historic sites within the City of Bellevue; and

WHEREAS; For over a decade, both the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and the City of Bellevue have shared a common vision and have worked to connect and link the Greenway corridor, optimizing the benefits for people, wildlife, the environment, and the economy; and

WHEREAS; On June 20 & 21, the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and the communities along the I-90 corridor will celebrate the Greenway by hosting the 6th annual *Greenway Days*, "Let Greenway Days be the Kick-off to Your Greenway Summer"; and

WHEREAS; Participation in the *Greenway Days* activities and events will help connect people to the Greenway, increasing their awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of our local and regional historic, cultural, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS; Continuous citizen awareness, support, and involvement in the Greenway are vital to its preservation and growth, and will enhance our quality of life and that of future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRANT S. DEGGINGER, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, do hereby proclaim *June 20 and 21, 2009*, as

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GREENWAY DAYS***

and encourage all citizens of Bellevue to observe these days, join in the fun and get to know the Greenway by participating in the celebrations and events along the Mountains to Sound Greenway, as well as urge them to promote, preserve, and celebrate this Greenway corridor.



Cynthia Welti, Executive Director
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

Grant S. Degginger, Mayor
City of Bellevue



MEMORANDUM

Phone: 452-5377
Date: June 1, 2009
To: Mayor Degginger and City Councilmembers
From: Patrick Foran, Director, Parks & Community Services
Cathy VonWald, Community Services Supervisor
Subject: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation

To bring attention to misconduct perpetrated against older adults, groups around the world are proclaiming June 15, 2009 as the fourth Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. This day is set aside in support of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA).

The main goal of INPEA is to increase society's ability, through international collaboration, to recognize and respond to the mistreatment of older adults in whatever settings it occurs, so that each individual can achieve an optimal quality of life in keeping with his or her cultural values and tradition.

"Elder abuse" describes a range of offenses. The signs of abuse are sometimes hard to distinguish. In most cases, elder abuse is perpetrated by a known, trusted person, usually a family member. Neglect and self-neglect are the most common types of abuse, although emotional abuse and financial exploitation are fairly common too. Startling examples include the story of a Bellevue woman accused of convincing an elderly man suffering from dementia to marry him and empty his bank account the very same day; the retired firefighter convicted in April of beating his 90-year-old mother to death; and the 17-year-old teenager who was recently accused of taking a cell phone picture of his 87-year-old neighbor after allegedly robbing and stabbing her to death.

As community members, family, and friends, we all need to be vigilant. To identify mistreatment, experts recommend looking for clues like unexplained physical injuries or repeated accidents. Changes in behavior such as crying, isolation, deteriorating health, and hygiene sometimes point to mistreatment. Financial troubles that appear out of the blue can send up red flags signaling possible exploitation. Dilapidated homes with rodent infestations may indicate neglect or self-neglect.

If you suspect an older or disabled adult is being abused, neglected, or exploited, immediately call the State protective service hotline at 1-866-END-HARM (1-866-363-4276). Police also recommend calling 911 to request that the Police perform a "Welfare Check".

To learn more about Elder Abuse, turn to Bellevue TV, Channel 21, on Tuesdays at 12pm, 4pm & 8pm and watch the video "Elder Abuse: Neglect & Self-Neglect" which was produced by the City of Kirkland and promoted by the Bellevue Network On Aging.

Also, we invite Council, staff, volunteers, and all members of the community to join us in raising awareness and educating our residents about Elder Abuse.

Attachment

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was established in 2006 to encourage public awareness and action against elder abuse; and

WHEREAS; Bellevue's older adults are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and

WHEREAS; Abuse of older adults is a tragedy inflicted on a growing number of vulnerable, and crosses all socio-economic boundaries; and

WHEREAS; Combating abuse of older adults will help improve quality of life and will allow older adults to continue to live as independently as possible; and

WHEREAS; Bellevue's older adults should be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community; and

Now, therefore, I, Grant S. Degginger, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington do hereby proclaim Monday, June 15, 2009 as:

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

in Bellevue, and urge everyone to commit to building safer communities for our aging residents.

Grant S. Degginger
Mayor



MEMORANDUM

Phone: 452-5377; 452-4106

Date: June 9, 2009

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Patrick Foran, Director 
Cherie Clayton, Recreation Program Manager

Subject: Bellevue Family 4th Celebration at the Downtown Park

On July 4, 1776, the original 13 United States of America adopted the Declaration of Independence. This Fourth of July, 233 years after that historic day in Philadelphia, communities across the nation will celebrate the national holiday with parades, public ceremonies, picnics, and fireworks displays. On Saturday, July 4, the City of Bellevue, Bellevue Square, and the Bellevue Downtown Association will be producing the 18th Annual Bellevue Family 4th Celebration.

We invite the Parks & Community Services Board, volunteers, and all members of the community to come and enjoy live entertainment, food, and children's activities. Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone will provide free entertainment and activities for families which include: a roving stilt walker, jugglers, inter active children's games, and miniature golf. GI Johnny US Army, Ronald McDonald, and Carbon Yeti mascots will join the celebration. Educational fun signage with questions and answers regarding this great day will be placed randomly in the Fun Zone. For a minimal cost, families can try their skills on the climbing wall, get their face painted, or play on a variety of inflatable bounces. The US Air Force C-17 cargo air craft will fly over the park at 4pm. Bellevue's Fire Department Honor Guard will present the colors, setting the tone for the evening. At 10:05pm, the Eastside's largest fireworks display will begin, synchronized to a performance by the Bellevue Philharmonic.

This year's food court is hosting 18 vendors who will provide a diverse variety of ethnic and healthy food choices. The food court will be located in the southwest corner of the park, just below the children's play ground.

Free parking is available in the Bellevue Square parking garage after 6pm.

This event is a partnership with the City of Bellevue, the Bellevue Downtown Association, and Bellevue Square. This year's title sponsor again is Symetra Financial, with the event being named Symetra Bellevue Family 4th Celebration. Other sponsors include: Overlake Hospital Medical Center, Q13 FOX, KISS 106.1FM, 94.1 KMPS, The Seattle Times, The Bellevue Collection, Starbucks, and Z Tejas.