

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

July 11, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110th Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA



AGENDA

Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

<p>Boardmembers:</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>City Council Liaison:</p> <p>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</p> <p>Staff Contacts:</p> <p>Terry Smith – 425-452-5379</p> <p>Nancy Harvey – 425-452-4162</p>	<p>Tuesday July 11, 2017 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bellevue City Hall Conference Room 1E-113 450 110th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004</p>																																
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10. Discussion/Action Items (time for presentation/discussion)	
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16. Adjournment	

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**WELCOME TO YOUR
BELLEVUE PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MEETING**

Most Parks & Community Services Board business is conducted in public, and citizens are most welcome to watch and listen.

In order to hold a meeting, a quorum of at least four Boardmembers must be present. The Board follows the City Council's example, which operates under its own Rules and Procedures, and conducts its meetings according to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

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
June 13, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Heath, Vice-Chair Kumar, Boardmembers Deng, Nieuwenhuis, Synn, Trescases, Van Hollebeke

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Councilmember Robertson

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Brittingham, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Terry Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Sherry Grindeland

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Heath at 6:10 p.m.

Boardmembers welcomed the newest Boardmember, Heather Trescases, to the Park Board.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Boardmember Kumar to approve the May 9, 2017 Parks & Community Services Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion by Vice-Chair Kumar and second by Boardmember Van Hollebeke to amend page 6 of the meeting minutes, the sentence before Item B to read:

“By general consensus, Boardmembers elected ~~agreed that~~ Boardmember Synn ~~should report back to the~~ as the Planning Commission liaison.”

Motion carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the amendment to the main motion.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the meeting minutes as amended.

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

None.

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

Councilmember Robertson discussed some of the items that City Council has been working on, including:

- Downtown Livability Initiative
- 148th Avenue Puget Sound Energy project
- Environmental Impact Study
- Identifying a location for the homeless shelter
- Transportation loan

In addition, Councilmember Robertson encouraged Boardmembers to attend the Downtown Park Grand Opening and the Bellevue Family 4th of July Celebration.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

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

Mr. Foran distributed an aerial view of Sound Transit's current project at the East Channel Bridge/Enatai Beach Park. He noted that WSDOT has a right-of-way designation at Enatai Beach Park. Sound Transit will utilize this area, along with other parts of the park, for staging including a crane. There will also be work performed on the bridge columns. Mr. Foran noted that impacts to the park will be relatively minor. However, some adjustments may need to be made to parking during the column work. Councilmember Robertson clarified that the area designated for the staging and crane is not owned by the city. The work and staging area at Enatai Beach Park will begin in October, 2017 and is anticipated to continue for two years.

Mr. Foran encouraged Boardmembers to attend the Downtown Park Grand Opening and the Bellevue Family 4th of July Celebration.

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

Vice-Chair Kumar enjoyed the Lake-to-Lake Bike Ride and the 25th Anniversary Celebration for Bellevue Botanical Gardens.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke expressed his appreciation to Boardmembers for their patience while he lived in New York City for the past several months. He expressed his enthusiasm for the completion of Downtown Park and looks forward to the continued progress at Meydenbauer Bay Park.

Boardmember Synn commended staff for their work on the Downtown Park project. He also recently attended two Planning Commission meetings regarding the Downtown Livability Initiative and will provide a more detailed report later in the meeting agenda.

Boardmember Deng enjoyed Downtown Park with her Stroller Strides class that she offers. On behalf of the Board, Boardmember Deng and Boardmember Nieuwenhuis attended a recent City Council meeting to accept a Proclamation for National Kids-to-Parks Day. Lastly, Boardmember Deng enjoyed the 25th Anniversary Celebration for Bellevue Botanical Gardens.

Boardmember Nieuwenhuis enjoyed the Lake-to-Lake Bike Ride and the 25th Anniversary Celebration for Bellevue Botanical Gardens. He also participated in the Emerald City Bike Ride and commended Bellevue Police for their assistance with this event. Boardmember Nieuwenhuis discussed a recent news report that he saw on Q13 Fox News that highlighted Bellevue becoming a booming tourist destination. Boardmember Trescases also saw this newscast and encouraged Boardmembers to watch it.

Boardmember Trescases distributed fliers for the upcoming Eastside Heritage Center Strawberry Festival at Crossroads Park. She also recently hiked the Coal Creek Nature Area and commended the Parks Department for all of the hard work that has been put into the project, including the interpretive signs.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

A. Next Quarter's Agenda Items

Chair Heath suggested that the Board discuss the next steps for implementing the items discussed at the Planning Retreat at the next Board meeting.

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

A. Wilburton Citizen Advisory Committee

Vice-Chair Kumar noted that the Wilburton CAC recently reviewed the density information that was shared with the Parks Board at the May 9, 2017 Parks Board meeting. The Wilburton CAC also received a presentation regarding some of the transportation constraints in the project area. Vice-Chair Kumar encouraged Boardmembers to periodically visit the Wilburton area so they can provide valuable input and share their future visions.

Chair Heath encouraged Vice-Chair Kumar to identify park-related items in the Wilburton area so the Parks Board can provide input/feedback. Vice-Chair Kumar noted that the CAC has discussed impacts to some of the streams, wetlands, and lake.

B. Planning Commission Follow-Up

Boardmember Synn praised the Planning Commission for their hard work and dedication. He summarized his interactions with the Planning Commission regarding the Downtown Livability Initiative Land Use Code Update, including park impact fees. Out of the many discussions that occurred, Boardmember Synn reported that the Planning Commission sent City Council a Transmittal Memo to encourage them to consider park impact fees as a means for funding parks and open spaces. Boardmember Synn noted that the interactions with the Planning Commission have created a closer relationship between the Parks Board and Planning Commission. He added that the Planning Commission would also like the Parks Board to make a presentation to City Council.

At the last Parks Board meeting, there was discussion regarding the definition of “open space.” Councilmember Robertson read Land Use Code 20.50.038.O Definitions, which states:

“Open Space. Land area unoccupied by buildings, traffic circulation roads, or parking areas, including, but not limited to, woodlands, fields, sidewalks, walkways, landscape areas, gardens, courtyards, or lawns.”

Councilmember Robertson also discussed the Land Use Code and Comprehensive Plan and how the two items are related. There are also other factors to consider (i.e., Shoreline Master Plan, and other documents related to the Downtown and the Bel-Red corridor).

Chair Heath suggested that the next steps for the Planning Commission be discussed under Agenda Item 10d.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Goodbye/Thank You for Outgoing Boardmember Sherry Grindeland

Councilmember Robertson read a Commendation for Sherry Grindeland to thank her for serving on the Parks Board. On behalf of the Board, Chair Heath presented Ms. Grindeland with a plaque, and on behalf of staff Mr. Foran gave her framed pictures as a token of appreciation. In addition, Boardmembers and staff expressed their appreciation to Ms. Grindeland for her valuable contributions to the city and Board.

B. Board Elections

Chair Heath opened nominations for the Parks & Community Services Board Chair position.

Motion by Chair Heath to elect Boardmember Van Hollebeke as the Parks & Community Services Board Chair.

Motion by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis to elect Vice-Chair Kumar as the Parks & Community Services Board Chair. Vice-Chair Kumar declined the nomination.

Chair Heath requested other nominations for the Parks & Community Services Board Chair position. There were none. Therefore, nominations were closed.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (7-0) to elect Boardmember Van Hollebeke as the Parks & Community Services Board Chair.

Chair Heath opened nominations for the Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair position.

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke to elect Boardmember Synn as the Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair.

Motion by Vice-Chair Kumar to elect Boardmember Nieuwenhuis as the Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair.

Motion by Boardmember Deng to reelect Vice-Chair Kumar as the Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair Kumar declined the nomination.

Chair Heath requested other nominations for the Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair position. There were none. Therefore, nominations were closed.

At the question, motion carried (4-3) to appoint Boardmember Synn as the Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair.

The newly elected Board officers will begin their terms for the July meeting.

C. Review of Last Year

Chair Heath provided a PowerPoint presentation that summarized Board actions over the past few years. He prefaced his presentation noting that there was no blame to be placed from his presentation; it was merely information that has transpired over the past few years.

The presentation provided a 2014 Parks Board Retreat recap. Chair Heath noted that there was a retreat note stating “At a future Parks Board meeting the Board will distill these visioning ideas into themes to forward to the City Council.” Although the Board noted that they would get back to the retreat notes many times, this item was not discussed until the November 13, 2014 Parks Board meeting. Chair Heath further explained that Boardmember Van Hollebeke requested further Board Retreat follow-up regarding specific recommendations for visioning and the strategic plan discussed/created at the January 13, 2015 Board meeting. However, Boardmembers then decided that an additional Board Retreat was not necessary in 2015.

After Chair Heath became the Parks Board Chair, he attended a Planning Commission meeting. At that meeting, the Planning Commission Chair asked Chair Heath why the Parks Board was not involved with the Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Chair Heath noted that there were two park-related Comprehensive Plan Update amendments that were working through the Planning Commission and eventually recommended to City Council. However, the morning of the Council meeting, the Parks Board received a one-page memo regarding the meeting notification. Chair Heath reminded Boardmembers that the Board was outraged that they were not informed about this information. He clarified that Ordinance No. 6241 states: *“The Board shall review, advise, and make recommendations to the Council on policies regarding parks and open space and community services issues such as: long-range planning, including participation with the Planning Commission in preparing, reviewing, and recommending comprehensive plan updates and subarea plans.”*

The above examples (Board Retreat and Comprehensive Plan Update) are two examples that Chair Heath provided that prompted him to change the following agenda items:

- Oral Communications (In the event that the Board Chair determines follow-up is appropriate, a firm plan of action will be determined before the Oral Communications section of the agenda is complete.)
- Director’s Report
 - Follow-up on Oral Communications/public comments from prior meetings
- Communications from City Council, Community Council, Boards and Commissions
- Chair Communication & Discussion
 - Next Quarter’s Agenda Items
- Boardmember Committee/Liaison Reports (moved up)
- Establish Agenda for Next Meeting

As a result of the Board’s initiative, procedures were created for the following items:

- Board and Commission Liaisons
- Board Visioning and Planning
- Work Plan Council Reporting
- Work Plan Education

Chair Heath stressed the importance of everyone working together and being involved, including staff and Council. He explained that the new policies established above were done so to create more dialogue. Chair Heath provided an overview of a 12 month period and recommended procedures for Board Planning & Visioning.

Councilmember Robertson explained that the Parks Board would have been able to weigh-in on any substantive issues with the Comprehensive Plan if it went through a threshold review. She added that there are many anomalies that don’t always involve the Parks Board. Councilmember Robertson expressed her appreciation to the Board to improve transparency. However, she cautioned Boardmembers when trying to establish their own work plan/agenda. Councilmember Robertson clarified that Council establishes the work plan items for the Parks Board. If the

Parks Board wants a specific item included on their agenda then they should discuss this with Council.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke clarified that Chair Heath's leadership style is to be inclusive and build consensus. One of the Parks Board's goals is to listen and be an advocate for the community. Hopefully, the new policies will aid in these efforts.

D. Liaisons to Other Boards/Commissions

Boardmember Synn clarified that his representation to the Planning Commission has always been as a Parks Board representative. The Planning Commission requested that the Parks Board define "open space" and "plazas." Therefore, the Parks Board determined a definition of plaza at the last Parks Board meeting. Boardmember Synn reminded Boardmembers that there was general consensus that an open space should not be considered a park.

Boardmember Synn further added that the Planning Commission suggested that a Parks Board representative attend the City Council meeting where a Transmittal Memo regarding the Comprehensive Plan Amendments will be introduced. Although the Planning Commission is moving forward with the Parks Board's recommendations, Boardmember Synn noted that since the Parks Board does not report directly to the Planning Commission it is prudent to attend the City Council meeting, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

When Boardmembers determine they would like a parks and open spaces discussion add to a meeting agenda, staff will provide definitions and additional information for the discussion.

Motion by Boardmember Trescases and second by Boardmember Synn to extend the meeting until 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Boardmember Trescases requested clarification on why the Planning Commission suggested that a Parks Board representative attend the City Council meeting. Councilmember Robertson explained that Council will soon be briefed on the Downtown Livability Initiative Land Use Code Update. She noted that typically, a Board/Commission provides input to the Planning Commission and then the Planning Commission forwards recommendations to Council. After Council is briefed on the Downtown Livability Initiative Land Use Code Update, Councilmember Robertson will inform the Parks Board if input is desired/necessary. She noted that Parks Boardmembers are always welcome to attend Council meetings as private citizens.

Boardmember Synn reiterated the Planning Commission's request for the Parks Board to speak to Council. Mr. Foran reminded Boardmembers that the next steps for the Downtown Livability Initiative Land Use Code Update should come from Council.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke requested that a definition of open space be provided to Boardmembers. He would also like to discuss the park impact fees concept during a visioning and planning session. Although the Parks Board passed the Parks & Open Space Plan, Chair Heath noted that no one knows the definition of "open space." He suggested that an educational

session be added to a future meeting agenda to define “open space.” Vice-Chair Kumar encouraged Boardmembers to meet one-on-one with staff members when questions arise.

Motion by Boardmember Van Hollebeke and second by Boardmember Synn to extend the meeting until 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

E. “Emergency” Agenda Items Process

Boardmembers determined that if there is an emergency agenda item that needs to be dealt with the Board Chair and/or Vice-Chair will work with staff to determine the necessary steps.

Motion by Chair Heath and second by Boardmember Synn to extend the meeting until 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

F. Community Services—Strategy and Vision

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Boardmembers requested that the following topics be included in the next meeting agenda:

- Revisit topics discussed at the Board Retreat, including planning and visioning.
- Review annual Work Plan
- Determine if there are other Boards/Commissions that Parks Boardmembers should interact with

In addition, Boardmembers asked staff to forward information about “open space” terminology to the Planning Commission.

13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Invitation to Downtown Park Grand Opening
- C. 2017 Election Activities and Public Disclosure Commission Rules
- D. National Kids to Parks Day Proclamation
- E. National Older Americans Month Proclamation

- F. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation
- G. Memo from staff re 2016 Visitor Centers and Environmental Programs review
- H. Correspondence from Pam Johnston
- I. Email from Sue J re Robinswood Park off-leash area

14. **INFORMATION:**

- A. List of upcoming Parks special events
- B. Next regular Parks Board meeting—July 11, 2017

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

None.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Chair Heath and second by Boardmember Synn to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).



Date: July 3rd, 2017
To: Parks & Community Services Board
From: Bradley Calvert, Community Development Program Manager
Planning and Community Development
Subject: Grand Connection Briefing
(Board action requested – feedback)

ACTION REQUESTED

The Parks & Community Services Board will be briefed on the Wilburton-Grand Connection planning initiative, including work to date on the Grand Connection visioning.

The Parks & Community Services Board will be asked to provide their feedback and input regarding the project.

BACKGROUND

The Wilburton-Grand Connection planning initiative was launched on December 7, 2015 as a Council priority. The project includes two primary elements, a re-visioning of the Wilburton Commercial Area and the visioning of the Grand Connection

Grand Connection – Framework Plan

The Grand Connection is envisioned as a non-motorized corridor that will begin at Meydenbauer Bay, connecting with Old Bellevue, the Downtown Park, Downtown Bellevue, and crossing I-405 into the Wilburton Commercial Area, and interfacing with the Eastside Rail Corridor. Planning and Community Development contracted with Balmori Associates, a landscape and urban design firm, to develop a high level vision for the proposed route. This vision is to include an overarching identity for the route, cohesive design strategies; including but not limited to paving, vegetation, and weather protection; improvement of existing public spaces, and to provide alternatives to cross Interstate 405 into the Wilburton Commercial Area. The work was separated into two sequences; Sequence One from Meydenbauer Bay to the Civic Center District, and Sequence Two from the Transit Center to Eastside Rail Corridor, including the I-405 crossing.

On June 20, 2017 staff released the draft *Grand Connection Framework Plan*. This plan documents the recommendations for the segment of the Grand Connection from Meydenbauer Bay to the Civic Center District. These recommendations include overall identity, cohesive design strategies, connectivity and mobility, and public space improvements. The document is available online (<http://www.bellevuegrandconnection.com/online-open-house>) for review, and can be downloaded by specific chapter. Staff has made the document available for public review and comment, and is also engaging with the City's boards and commissions for feedback and input.

Following review, staff will make amendments to the plan where applicable, and will return to Council in the Fall of 2017 for adoption. Tonight staff will present the structure of the document, as well as explain the process for review and refinement prior to adoption later in the year. As part of Sequence Two, the Interstate 405 crossing is not included as part of the framework plan. Updated plans are available in the document for context but will not be part of the review and adoption process of the framework plan.

Grand Connection – Interstate 405 Crossing

Sequence Two of the Grand Connection concerns the Interstate 405 crossing. Concepts for the Interstate 405 crossing have advanced considerably since the release of the last iterations in late 2016. The consultant has been tasked with providing three alternatives that vary in scale and complexity while pursuing the primary goals of developing a safe and comfortable crossing for pedestrians and cyclists, a signature design, and considering opportunities for open space.

Tonight staff will provide the Board with an update on the Interstate 405 crossings. Staff will be pursuing feedback and input from the board on the crossing alternatives. As part of Sequence Two, the Interstate 405 crossing will be evaluated independently of Sequence One, Meydenbauer Bay to the Civic Center District. The Interstate 405 crossing will be included as part of the Environmental Impact Statement process for the Wilburton Commercial Area planning initiative, and will be released as a second volume to the *Grand Connection Framework Plan*.

If you have any questions following this evening's presentation and discussion please do not hesitate to contact me at 425.452.6930 or bcalvert@bellevuewa.gov.



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 3, 2017

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Mark Van Hollebeke, Chair
Parks & Community Services Board

Subject: Parks & Community Services Board Visioning and Planning
(Board discussion requested)

Please review and reflect on the following list of topics captured during the 2017 retreat or raised during meetings as items Boardmembers wished to prioritize. The visioning and planning discussion during the July meeting will leverage this past work, and include time for brainstorming, discussion of individual priorities and group alignment activities in order to prioritize Board work for the next 1-2 year period. As proposed at the June 2017 meeting, this prioritization will be reviewed by the Board every 6 months.

This is merely suggested language; alternatives welcome.

**Parks & Community Services Board Agenda Items Planning
2017-2018**

Topic
City Council Directed
Wilburton Sub Area CAC
DTP Northeast Corner
Ashwood Park Master Plan Update
Board Bylaws adoption
2019- 2020 Budget
City Wide Initiatives
Grand Connection
Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC)
Diversity Advantage Plan update
Eastlink Update
Bel-Red Planning
Downtown Livability Initiative
Board Requested
Board Role and Purpose
Retreat Planning
Liaison(s) to other City Boards & Commissions
Quarterly Report to City Council
Board Visioning
Budget Process Review and Future Funding Strategy
Aquatics Center Feasibility Study Update (Mark)
Alternative Funding Sources - CIP projects and acquisition (Mark)
Community Services (Eric)
Department Presentations (education)
Bellevue Diversity Initiative
Crossroads Center –CAYA program
Eastside Pathways/Collective Impact
Bellevue Network on Aging
Community Partnerships
Natural Resources Division
Resource Management Division
Best Management Practices
Probation Division
Enterprise Division
Recreation Division
Human Services Division
2019-2020 Capital Budget
CIP/Parks Levy update
Human Service Needs Update
Choices Plan (for People living w Disabilities)
Bellevue Botanical Garden –



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT June 2017

Botanical Garden

The Urban Meadow and Main Street landscape projects are complete and open to the public.

Congregation for the Homeless (CFH) Temporary Center

Work on the temporary shelter at the City-owned Lincoln Center can now proceed after a 45-day delay due to the controversy surrounding the permanent shelter location. Plans have been permitted and construction on the Day Center is expected to begin in early July and extend for approximately 30-days. Once complete, the current Day Center will relocate to their new facility, allowing work to begin on the Overnight facility. This work is expected to extend into November, after which the CFH operations will continue here until a permanent shelter is complete. BOMA (Building Owners and Managers Assn) has agreed to participate on a volunteer basis to help reduce project costs.

Downtown Park – Complete the Circle and Rotary Inspiration Playground Expansion

With great relief, staff is glad to report that construction is nearly 99% complete and ready for the Grand Opening on June 28th and July 4th festivities! After the 4th, there will be minor “punch list” items and several tasks to complete, including completion of the playground fencing and additional drainage scheduled in early fall. We will also monitor the landscaping during the warranty period, as well as mechanical and electrical equipment to make sure it performs as planned.

Kelsey Creek Playground Replacement

The old playground area has been removed and the turf has been restored. The new farm-themed playground is complete and opened for play on June 26th.

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

Demolition of two residential homes along 99th St. are complete. Initial grading is underway and in-water work will begin July 17. We discovered and removed a large plume of contaminated soil from the site that was apparently the result of a leaking diesel line used to fuel coast guard ships during the 1940's. We are also working with PSE to finalize plans to underground the overhead wires along Lake Washington Blvd, with work scheduled this fall. Plans are also being finalized to remodel the Whaling Building to include public restrooms, a meeting room and small boat rental facility. This project will be complete when the remaining park is complete.

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. A new video wall has been installed and is now complete and operational.
- **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/140th Ave Property:** Project complete.
 - **Bridle Trails Corner Park:** Project complete.
 - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** 99% complete
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Complete
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** See below.

Surrey Downs Park Development

Design is ongoing, and application for construction permits has begun. 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 has begun meeting with the neighbors.

Renovation Program

51 projects were completed in 2016. The following 7 were deferred into 2017:

Project Status: Planning: (P) Under Construction: (U) Complete: (C)	
Coal Creek Nature Park	• Trail head construction (C)
Highland Park	• Fire escape replacement (P)
Kelsey Creek	• Playground replacement (C)
Mercer Slough Nature Park	• Sweyolocken boat launch A&E (P)
Robinswood Park	• Shelter for Small Dog OLA (C)
SE 40 th St Boat Launch	• Parking lot repairs (U)
Various Beach Parks	• Dock repairs at Chesterfield, Newcastle, SE 40 th St, Enatai & Chism (P)

60 projects have been approved for the 2017 program, as follows:

Programmatic	• Re-coring of parks facilities (U)	• NPDES requirements (U)
	• Multi-site drinking fountain (P)	• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New parking lot light fixtures (P) • Security system upgrades (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm Springs Pool: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump Replacement (P) • Add UV treatment (P) • Replace Chiller (P) • Pro shop air handler repl (Cancelled)
Bellevue Golf Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking lot sealcoat & restripe (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Par 3 Course Furnace Repl (P) • Ticket booth & deck (P)
Cherry Crest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurface sport courts (P) 	
Crossroads Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace Doors at Int'l RR (U) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking fountain replacement (P)
Eastgate park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace carpet at SBCC. (P) 	
Forest Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail repair due to landslide (P) 	
Goldsmith Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation Replacement (U) 	
Hidden Valley Sports Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New security lighting fixtures (P) 	
Highland Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealcoat upper parking lot (P) • Indoor & outdoor skate pk impr. (C) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace flat roof at gym (U) • New exterior lighting fixtures (P)
Kelsey Creek Farm Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace irrigation controller (P) • A&E for Educational Barn Imp. (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fraser cabin log repairs (P)
Killarney Glen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealcoat parking lot (P) 	
Lakemont Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealcoat parking lot (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail at Summit Tract A (P)
Lewis Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealcoat parking lot (P) 	
Mercer Slough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSEEC Sullivan deck repl (C) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSEEC Interpretive signs (P)
Meydenbauer Marina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whaling Building remodel (P) 	
NW Arts Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&E for code upgrades (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temp registration area fix (P) • Boiler & AHU replacement (U)
North Bellevue Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooring Replacement (C) • Kitchen Improvements (C) 	
Robinswood Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phased irrigation sys. Repl. (P) • Robinswood House, door repl. (C) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis bubble replacement (Cancelled) • Tennis indoor court resurface (P)
Saddleback Mini	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace play equipment (U) 	
Sunset Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace play equipment (U) 	
Wilburton Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&E soccer turf replacement (P) • Sealcoat parking lot (P) • McDowell House repairs (P) • BBG re-stain Tateuchi Pavilion (C) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBG repair RILL (U) • BBG re-stain Visitors Center (P) • BBG paint Shorts House (C)

4 additional projects have been added to the program since the beginning of 2017:

Ashwood Plaza

- Repair Fountain (**C**)

Hillaire Park

- Replace Swings (**U**)

Bellevue Youth Theater

- Video Wall (**U**)

Northwest Arts Center

- Kiln Exhaust Fan Replacement (**P**)



DATE: July 10, 2017

TO: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers

FROM: Patrick Foran, Director, 425-452-5377
Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation

“I remember a hundred lovely lakes, and recall the fragrant breath of pine and fir and cedar and poplar trees. The trail has strung upon it, as upon a thread of silk, opalescent dawns and saffron sunsets. It has given me blessed release from care and worry and the troubled thinking of our modern day. It has been a return to the primitive and the peaceful. Whenever the pressure of our complex city life thins my blood and benumbs my brain, I seek relief in the trail; and when I hear the coyote wailing to the yellow dawn, my cares fall from me - I am happy.”

—Hamlin Garland, *McClure's*, February 1899

In 2009, the US House of Representatives passed a resolution designating July as National Parks and Recreation Month. Since 1965, Bellevue’s parks and recreation system has been embedded into the cultural, physical, and economic landscape of this city. While most services offered primarily attend to the needs of Bellevue residents, their benefits far exceed the boundaries of city limits. The positive effects of parks and recreation systems on the environment, physical health, social well-being, economy, mental health, and youth development have lasting and extensive benefits.

Public parks and recreation services play a central role in promoting and providing physical activity, which improves overall physical health. It’s been well documented that America faces a major health crisis, as more than one-third of adults in this country are clinically obese and the statistics for children are similarly grim, with one-third of American children overweight and one in six obese. Multiple studies indicate that time outdoors is the strongest correlate of physical activity (especially for children). In one study, just a half-hour forested walk resulted in large drops in blood glucose levels in diabetic study participants. Exposure to nature and physical activity clearly has a soothing effect on our minds, our bodies, and our spirits.

Parks and recreation systems support young people by building cognitive, social, and emotional skills that will allow them to contribute to society. Studies indicate participation in recreation programs is associated with autonomy and identity development, positive social relationships, learning conflict resolution, academic success, mental health, and civic engagement for young people. Community violence and anti-

social behavior occurs less frequently among youth with access to strong parks and recreation systems. Using a conservative cost-benefit analysis, researchers conclude that every dollar invested in afterschool programs saves society \$2.50 in future costs related to juvenile crime. Students who participate in at least one hour of extracurricular activities per week are 49% less likely to use drugs and 37% less likely to become teen parents.

Local benefits from Bellevue's parks on property values and taxes, and increased economic development from tax revenues from tourism, improve the quality of life for our citizenry. Publicly available and accessible services create a healthier and more interconnected citizenry. These factors exponentially enhance the City's ability to proactively respond to the progressively more challenging social, economic, and environmental issues faced today, and provide solutions for Bellevue's future.

The City of Bellevue's parks and recreation system is iconic to the character of this area. As a "city in a park," this system boasts regional and national accolades for its excellence in parks, services, and well-maintained amenities. Bellevue's comprehensive and diverse services and offerings provide lasting value to residents and visitors alike. The City and its residents reap a myriad of individual and collective returns on these investments.

Please join us in celebrating Parks & Recreation Month by attending a special event, taking a walk on a trail, visiting a neighborhood park, canoeing the Mercer Slough, participating in a recreation program, or simply taking a walk with nature.

cc: Parks & Community Services Board

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The US House of Representatives has designated July as Parks & Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS: Parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS: Parks and recreation programs partner with the community, providing places for people to gather, celebrate, and volunteer their time and talents to make a difference; and

WHEREAS: Parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities and aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for the disabled, and improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS: Parks and recreation programs enhance a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS: Our parks and natural areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS: Bellevue has long been seen as a *City in a Park*, and parks and natural recreation areas are fundamental not only to the ecological beauty of our community, but also to its environmental wellbeing by improving air and water quality, protecting groundwater, preventing flooding, and providing vegetative buffers and habitat for wildlife; and

Now, therefore, I, John Stokes, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **July 2017** as:

Parks & Recreation Month

in Bellevue, and urge everyone to enjoy and recognize the many benefits of Bellevue's parks and recreation facilities and programs.

John Stokes
Mayor

From: Katherine A
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Parksweb <parksweb@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Thank you!

Hello:

I live near Lewis Creek Park and I just want to say thank you for designing and maintaining such a beautiful park. It is very unique in that it has a visitor center, wetland, forest, playground, and play field. The vegetation is stunning and the park is well manicured. Thank you for making Bellevue a beautiful and fun place to live.

Sincerely,
Katherine A

JULY 2017

- July 1** **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.
- July 4** **Bellevue Family 4th of July, Presented by The Bellevue Collection**,
2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
With rockets' red glare, bombs bursting in air, and a jam-packed lineup of festivities, the Bellevue Family 4th, presented by The Bellevue Collection, will bring the Eastside's largest Independence Day celebration and fireworks show to the Bellevue Downtown Park. The event features the Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone, live entertainment, food vendors, and a formal Presentation of the Colors. When twilight fades, the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra will play a rousing Independence Day tribute set to the Eastside's largest fireworks display. This event is co-produced by the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Downtown Association. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free entrance; prices vary for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, or <http://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/family-4th/overview> .
- July 7** **Lewis Creek Story Time: "Life in the Forest Floor"**,
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 hour of stories and crafts. You might be amazed by how much life goes unnoticed in the woods just because it's under our feet! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 117750 or 117751. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 8** **Wilderness Tea Party**, 10 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you'll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. **Ages:** Best for children ages 3-7. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 117759. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- July 8** **Family Discovery Series: Who’s Humming?**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Did you know that hummingbirds flap their wings 80 times per second? This is why you hear that humming sound when they are nearby. These small colorful birds are fascinating to watch as they eagerly drink nectar from flowers or visit backyard feeders. Join a Park Ranger to discover more fun facts, enjoy some crafts, and take a stroll in nature to listen for some humming... birds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 11** **Eric Ode’s “The Build a Better Dog House Show” (Children’s Program)**,
 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents entertainer Eric Ode and his puppet friend, Benjamin D. Dog. Eric and Benjamin set out on a musical adventure to build the world’s most amazing dog house. Join children’s author and award-winning songwriter Eric Ode in this high-energy, music and poetry-filled concert. **Ages:** 3-8 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 11** **Sound of Swing Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
 The “Sound of Swing” will perform live music for your dancing pleasure! **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 admission, collected at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- July 11** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Sing”**
 Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
 Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .

- July 12** **Garden Explorers Class: A Sensory Discovery Program for 5-8 Year-Olds,**
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Experience nature at the Garden with children with our newest program, Garden Explorers. These classes are a great way for kids and their caregivers to spend time together while discovering more about nature at the Botanical Garden. This class is focused on **Scent**. Being in the garden is an exciting time to explore your sense of smell. From roses to lesser-known aromas, your nose will be delighted. You will enjoy sharing this aromatic journey with your child. Each class will have an activity with an item to take home. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members: \$14/child, and \$8/each additional child. Non-BBGS members: \$18/child, and \$12/each additional child. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 12** **ChowDown(Town) Food Truck Round-Up,** 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Ashwood Park, 10895 NE 12th Street
Enjoy an evening of live music and food! A variety of food trucks will be available to offer you food that is new or familiar. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission and entertainment. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Jon Wilson – jwilson@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4278.
- July 14** **Who’s in Your Backyard: Cousin Coyote,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Coyotes sure look like dogs, but they are a very different beast! Come learn what makes a coyote so different, and learn about some other wild animals that look like house pets. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 117603. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.
- July 15** **Garden Class: “A Walk in the Garden with Our Garden Manager”,**
10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join us for a very special walk in the Garden with Nancy Kartes, Manager of the Bellevue Botanical Garden, as we celebrate the Garden’s 25th anniversary! Nancy will talk about the original property that was gifted to the Garden, how we planned and designed the additions to the Garden, and why we emphasize the plants and areas we showcase. This walk is an inside look at garden planning in the Northwest! **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

July 15 & 22 Cultivating Clay Workshop, 10 a.m. – noon both days

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

In this two-day workshop, you will be introduced to a variety of hand building and surface decoration techniques to familiarize yourself with clay and create your one-of-a-kind artwork. Once the workshop has finished, you can pick your favorite piece and have it fired. Pieces will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. Materials are included in the class fee. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** \$73/resident; \$87/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

July 15 Fraser Cabin Heritage Program, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

July 15 Family Discovery Series: Who's Humming?, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

Did you know that hummingbirds flap their wings 80 times per second? This is why you hear that humming sound when they are nearby. These small colorful birds are fascinating to watch as they eagerly drink nectar from flowers or visit backyard feeders. Join a Park Ranger to discover more fun facts, enjoy some crafts, and take a stroll in nature to listen for some humming... birds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

July 16 Wilderness Tea Party, 10 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you'll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. **Ages:** Best for children ages 3-7. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 117760. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- July 18** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Storks”**
 Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
 Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .
- July 19** **Garden Class: “Gardening in Small Urban Spaces”,** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Noriko Marshall, the principal of Noriko Marshall Landscape Architecture. You don’t need a large yard to enjoy gardening. There are many ways to enjoy gardening in a small space! There are advantages to this kind of gardening, too. Taking care of a smaller number of plants gives you more time to actually enjoy your garden. Finding and managing garden pests are much easier than doing so in a large garden. Noriko will give you many ideas to maximize small spaces so you can enjoy gardens and gardening no matter how much space you have to work with. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 21** **Ranger-Led Hike: Nightfall in Lewis Creek Park,** 8:30 p.m. – 10 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 headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4 for Bellevue residents; \$5 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 117764. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- July 22** **Garden Class: “Organic Pest Management for the Vegetable Garden”,**
10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Tilth Alliance (formerly Seattle Tilth). Now that your garden is growing, all you have to do is sit back and watch, right? But wait, who’s eating holes in your broccoli, and what about all of those weeds? Learn how to use plants to attract beneficial bugs that can pollinate your crops and eat damaging insects, as well as how to deal with the pesky pests who eat your veggies. Leave with a basic understanding of organic pest management practices to deal with pest, weed, and disease control in the vegetable garden. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 22** **Adult Enrichment: Gardening for Wildlife,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Providing the four components of habitat – food, water, shelter, and space – will help to create a wonderful, wildlife-friendly garden. Managing your garden in an environmentally-sustainable way will also ensure that the soil, air and water that native wildlife depend on stays clean and healthy. Join us to learn more about how you can garden for wildlife. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 23** **Coal Creek Natural Area Ranger-Led Hike,** 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Discover Bellevue’s largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 24-28** **Youth Link Leadership Academy,** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE
This week-long academy offers youth leadership and community service training for middle and high school students. Participants will learn about leadership through hands-on interactive modules, group exercises, a field trip, low and high ropes challenge course, and planning community projects with other students. We highly recommend (but don’t require) this program for students interested in the Bellevue Youth Council. **Ages:** 11-17 years old. **Cost:** \$105 for Bellevue residents; \$120/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required – space is limited! **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 118787. **Info:** Patrick Alina at palina@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5254.

- July 25** **Elephant Umbrella: “We’re Working on a Building” (Children’s Program),**
 11 a.m. – noon
Robinswood Barn at Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE
 Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents Elephant Umbrella as they go on a magical, musical adventure around the country exploring railroads, bridges, dams, and skyscrapers. **Ages:** 2-12 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 25** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Angry Birds Movie”**
 Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
 Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .
- July 26** **Garden Explorers Class: A Sensory Discovery Program for 5-8 Year-Olds,**
 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Experience nature at the Garden with children with our newest program, Garden Explorers. These classes are a great way for kids and their caregivers to spend time together while discovering more about nature at the Botanical Garden. This class is focused on **Sight**. Unleash your sense of wonder through your sense of sight. We rely on our sense of sight the most, but what do we really see? Marvel at everyday sights by looking at the Garden in a new and fun way. Each class will have an activity with an item to take home. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members: \$14/child, and \$8/each additional child. Non-BBGS members: \$18/child, and \$12/each additional child. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 28** **Nature Movie Night: “Super Hummingbirds”,** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 These flying jewels are acrobats of the air and partners with countless flowering plants. With high-speed camera work and breakthrough science, this film offers a close-up look at these tiny pollinators. For the first time, we see them mate, lay eggs, and raise families in intimate detail. Hummingbirds are by far one of the most remarkable birds on our planet. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

July 29 **Garden Class: “Create a Custom Garden Journal”,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Chris Greene will teach you how to create your own one-of-a-kind journal. No experience needed! Each student will learn how to make a beautiful bound book to take home and share. All supplies will be provided. Choose from a wide variety of colors of batik fabrics. Beads and charms will also be available to embellish your project. Ribbon will be used to bind pages and covers together. Pages can be used for sketches, notes, clippings or photos. Use your imagination! Be inspired to make gifts for friends and family. Recommended for adults. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

July 29 & Aug 5 **Cultivating Clay Workshop,** 10 a.m. – noon both days
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
In this two-day workshop, you will be introduced to a variety of hand building and surface decoration techniques to familiarize yourself with clay and create your one-of-a-kind artwork. Once the workshop has finished, you can pick your favorite piece and have it fired. Pieces will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. Materials are included in the class fee. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** \$73/resident; \$87/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

July 29 **Adult Enrichment – Guided Walk: Know Your Trees,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Do you ever wonder what tree species are in your neighborhood park or greenbelt? Want to learn more about native trees for landscaping? Join a Park Ranger and go on a guided walk to learn more about Bellevue’s native trees. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

AUGUST 2017

- August 1** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Monster Trucks”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .
- August 2** **Garden Explorers Class: “Sounds in the Garden,”** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Experience nature at the Garden with children in our newest program, Garden Explorers, a sensory discovery program for 5-8 year olds. These classes are a great way for kids and their caregivers to spend time together while discovering more about nature at the Botanical Garden. This class is focused on Sound – listen to the garden come alive with the lovely and sometimes rhythmic chorus of nature Hoot, ribbit, chirp! Search out these chatterboxes and uncover their connection to the garden. Each class will have an activity with an item to take home. **Ages:** 5-8 years old. **Cost:** For Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - \$14/child; each additional child is \$8. For non-BBGS members - \$18/child; each additional child is \$12. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org>
- August 2** **Theatre on the Green: “The Three Little Pigs”**
Free craft activities for children at 6 p.m.; show time is 6:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Bring your picnic and enjoy a night out on the “Green” in a peaceful, family-friendly environment. This adaptation of the familiar story features the adventures of the three pigs as they build the home of their dreams. It is a STEM-themed program that references measuring, math, and architecture. Presented by Last Leaf Productions, the shows in this series start at 6:30 p.m. and last for 40 to 60 minutes. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

- August 3** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Finding Dory”**
 Free family activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
16000 NE 10th Street
 Bellevue Parks & Community Services partners with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring this Movies in the Park series to our community! Grab a blanket, a lawn chair, and your family, friends, neighbors or co-workers to watch blockbuster movies under the stars on a huge screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Kristina DeFlorio at 425-452-4240, outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .
- August 4** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Swimming Salmon”,**
 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 hour of stories and crafts. Each fall, salmon swim up Bellevue’s streams to spawn. Learn why and how we can help them during their journey. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 117752 or 117753. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 4-20** **“Alice in Wonderland” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
 August 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 7 p.m.; August 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
 This delightful journey includes all your favorites, from the White Rabbit to the Mad Hatter. This show includes actors of all ages and is suitable for the whole family. However, this show has three casts. If you are coming to see someone in the play, ask the Box Office which weekend they are performing. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** \$10. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- August 5** **Garden Class: “Lavender in the Pacific Northwest – An Exhilarating, Multi-Faceted Adventure,”** 10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Join us to hear the fascinating story of how a small lavender farm on San Juan Island has inexplicably grown into a nationwide operation, celebrating agricultural sustainability as it broadens public awareness of this amazing plant’s extraordinarily wide range of natural properties. Stephen Robins, owner of Pelindaba Lavender, will focus on specific lavender varieties for different applications, lavender in the Pacific Northwest, cultivation, and lavender history, interwoven with captivating stories. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

- August 5** **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.
- August 5** **Family Discovery Series: Hunters of the Sky**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Dragonflies are beautiful and intriguing to watch, but did you know they are also ferocious predators? They can judge the speed and trajectory of their prey with such precision that they adjust their flight accordingly and ambush unsuspecting insects in mid-air. Join a Park Ranger for a fun-filled hour to learn more about these aerial hunters. **Ages:** All ages welcome.. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- August 6** **Let's Be Trees!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Learn all about trees... be becoming one! After going into the park with the Park Ranger to learn the parts of a tree, we'll become a forest by making costumes to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-9 with adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 8** **Nancy Stewart's "Raise the Roof and Sing!" (Children's Program)**,
 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, welcomes you to join Northwest singer-songwriter Nancy Stewart for a joyful sing-along concert. Learn fun trivia about how songs have been powerful tools to help clean a river, quiet crying babies, and connect us to each other and our past. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- August 8** **Downtown Movies in the Park: "The LEGO Batman Movie"**
 Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
 Join us at Bellevue's Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit's wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG.
Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .

- August 9** **ChowDown(Town) Food Truck Round-Up**, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Ashwood Park, 10895 NE 12th Street
 Enjoy an evening of live music and food! A variety of food trucks will be available to offer you food that is new or familiar. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission and entertainment. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Jon Wilson – jswilson@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4278.
- August 9** **Theatre on the Green: Shakespeare’s “A Comedy of Errors”**
 Free craft activities for children at 6 p.m.; show time is 6:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Bring your picnic and enjoy a night out on the “Green” in a peaceful, family-friendly environment. *A Comedy of Errors* is Shakespeare’s zaniest comedy, in which two sets of twins separated at birth find themselves in the same city on the same day. This leads to a string of mistaken identities, over-the-top slapstick and false accusations. This Shakespeare comedy is performed in the style of ‘Commedia dell’arte.’ There will be a donation opportunity for Last Leaf Productions and a chance to meet the actors following the show. Presented by Last Leaf Productions, the shows in this series start at 6:30 p.m. and last for 40 to 60 minutes. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 10** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Zootopia”**
 Free family activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
16000 NE 10th Street
 Bellevue Parks & Community Services partners with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring this Movies in the Park series to our community! Grab a blanket, a lawn chair, and your family, friends, neighbors or co-workers to watch blockbuster movies under the stars on a huge screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Kristina DeFlorio at 425-452-4240, outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .
- August 11** **Living with Wildlife: Coyote in Your Neighborhood**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
 Did you know that you likely have coyotes in your neighborhood? Do you ever see coyotes? Join us at the Lake Hills Ranger Station to learn about coyotes, avoiding conflict with coyotes, and how to keep your pets safe in coyote country. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Please call 425-452-6993.

- August 11** **Ranger-Led Hike: Nightfall in Lewis Creek Park**, 8 p.m. – 9:30 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 headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4 for Bellevue residents; \$5 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 117766. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 12** **Garden Class: “Learn to Make Herbal Salves,”** 10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Tilth Alliance (formerly Seattle Tilth). In this class we will learn how to identify, harvest and process herbs for salves, discuss beneficial and healing properties of different herbs. We’ll see, smell and feel different oils and waxes you can use for infusions, salves and ointments. Finally, we’ll make a simple recipe you can replicate at home. Leave with a small sample to try out! **Cost:** \$30/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$40/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org>
- Aug 12 & 19** **Cultivating Clay Workshop**, 10 a.m. – noon both days
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 In this two-day workshop, you will be introduced to a variety of hand building and surface decoration techniques to familiarize yourself with clay and create your one-of-a-kind artwork. Once the workshop has finished, you can pick your favorite piece and have it fired. Pieces will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. Materials are included in the class fee. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** \$73/resident; \$87/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 12** **Family Discovery Series: Hunters of the Sky**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Dragonflies are beautiful and intriguing to watch, but did you know they are also ferocious predators? They can judge the speed and trajectory of their prey with such precision that they adjust their flight accordingly and ambush unsuspecting insects in mid-air. Join a Park Ranger for a fun-filled hour to learn more about these aerial hunters. **Ages:** All ages welcome.. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- August 12** **Let’s Be Trees!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Learn all about trees... be becoming one! After going into the park with the Park Ranger to learn the parts of a tree, we’ll become a forest by making costumes to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-9 with adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- August 13** **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.
- August 13** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th 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 or 425-452-2565.
- August 15** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Secret Life of Pets”**
 Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
 Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .
- August 16** **Garden Class: “Creative iPhoneography Workshop,”** 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Charles Needle. Learn how to craft creative, expressive flower and garden images using nothing more than your iPhone! The workshop begins with an in-depth classroom lecture covering some of the technical aspects of iPhoneography (equipment, accessories, and apps). The second half of the class is outside in the garden, with one-on-one help. Dinner is included with registration. **Cost:** \$110/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$130/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required; space is very limited. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org>

- August 16** **Theatre on the Green: “The Magic Hat”**
 Free craft activities for children at 6 p.m.; show time is 6:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Bring your picnic and enjoy a night out on the “Green” in a peaceful, family-friendly environment. *The Magic Hat* is an original musical developed in conjunction with the Shapiro Foundation for Anti-Racist Education. It follows our hero, Balfour, who has a special hat that can change its shape to fit into any group. The hat allows Balfour to make friends with different groups of people who have very strange and often untrue ideas about each other. Presented by Last Leaf Productions, the shows in this series start at 6:30 p.m. and last for 40 to 60 minutes. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 17** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Pete’s Dragon”**
 Free family activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
16000 NE 10th Street
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- August 19** **Garden Event: Fuchsia Show and Plant Sale, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 See fuchsia blossoms of all shapes and colors, and purchase hardy fuchsias for your home garden. Event is hosted by the Eastside Fuchsia Society. **Cost:** Free admission; costs for plants varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/societies.htm>
- August 19** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

- August 19** **Adult Enrichment Series: Happy Trails – Tips for Hiking with Kids,**
 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Spending a day out on the trail in unfamiliar territory with the kids can often feel daunting and exhausting before you even head out the door. The good news is that it doesn't have to be. Come and find out how to prepare, the best places to go, and how to practice proper trail etiquette so that your next adventure will be safe and successful. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- August 22** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Middle School”**
 Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
 Join us at Bellevue's Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit's wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .
- August 23** **Garden Class: “From Far and Near: Native and Not-So-Native Plants for the Pacific NW Gardener,”** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Daniel Mount will educate gardeners on the benefits and pitfalls of using native plants. You will learn which plants perform best in which locations, how to plant and care for natives, and how to balance the desire for a garden that supports native plant communities, as well as a desire for a beautiful garden that meets the myriad needs of the modern gardener. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org>
- August 24** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Moana”**
 Free family activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
16000 NE 10th Street
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- August 25 Nature Movie Night: “Sky Hunters: The World of the Dragonfly”,**
 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 They hover over ponds and pools of fresh water, living near the banks of wetlands, streams and rivers. Their dazzling colors and iridescent wings sparkle in the sunlight. They are skilled fliers and ferocious hunters. This film presents dragonflies as they have never been seen before. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- August 26 Lake Hills Greenbelt Evening Ranger Hike, 8 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
 Spend the later part of your day going on a walk with a Bellevue Park Ranger. Listen for nocturnal animals, smell the cool evening air, and see the park in a different light. Also, come learn what it takes to be a creature of the night in Bellevue parks! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.
- August 26-27 Garden Event: Arts in the Garden, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Enjoy this opportunity to see art in a natural setting, meet the artists, and get inspired to bring art into your own home and garden. Discover about 40 artists and a wide variety of sculpture and garden art available for purchase among the flowerbeds and woodlands of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Purchase art for your home and garden, while enjoying music, food and libations. **Cost:** Free admission and parking; prices vary for artwork for sale. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.artsinthegardenbellevue.org/>
- August 29 Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Sandlot”**
 Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
 Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .

SEPTEMBER 2017

- Sept 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Fly, Chick, Fly!”**,
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 hour of stories and crafts. Join us for two books about baby birds: a family of hatchling ducks learns to swim, and a clutch of owls learns to fly. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 118743 or 118744. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 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. **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.
- Sept 2-3** **Big Backyard Community Campout, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. to Sept 3 at 9:30 a.m.**
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE
Come experience Bellevue’s Community Campout! This event is perfect for first time campers or experienced campers looking for a fun time with family and friends. This year we are camping at Newcastle Beach Park, so join us for a night of camping out under the stars in the great outdoors. Dinner, breakfast, and campfire treats are included. Limited camping gear is available upon request. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$20 for Bellevue residents; \$25/non-residents. Children under 5 are \$5. **Pre-registration:** Required – space is limited! **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 117792. **Info:** Carrie Sabochik at csabochik@bellevuewa.gov
- Sept 3** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology; we’ll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. 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.

- Sept 8** **Swim, Salmon, Swim!** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
 Autumn brings some of the best months to see wild salmon returning home. They may travel thousands of miles to lay eggs and spawn. Come learn about this incredible journey and why the salmon cycle is so important to life in the Pacific Northwest. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.
- Sept 9** **Master Gardener Clinic,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Get answers about what plants are best for you, plant identification, how to solve tough growing challenges, and lots more. If you're bringing a plant sample, please put it in a plastic bag. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Sept 9** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Did you that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology; we'll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. 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.
- Sept 10** **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.
- Sept 13** **Garden Class: "Walk the Garden",** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Patricia Burgess. The Waterwise Garden at the Bellevue Botanical Garden demonstrates how homeowners can have healthy, attractive landscapes while conserving resources and protecting the environment. This class will focus on waterwise basics, plants, and issues to consider. During a walk through the Waterwise Garden, Patricia will discuss the design, maintenance, and what the garden has taught us over time, including plant selection, soil preparation, and proper irrigation. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

- Sept 16** **Garden Class: “Fall in the Border”**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Jen Boardman. Beauty in the fall garden is found in the changing leaves, fading flowers, and seed pods of dormant perennials. There will be a brief slideshow, followed by a stroll through the perennial border to discuss favorite fall plants with information about what to divide, cut back, and leave alone. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Sept 16** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- Sept 16** **I’ve Got that Fall Feeling**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Have you ever wondered why leaves change colors in the Fall or what happens during photosynthesis? This program will provide you with the answer to those questions and many more. Enjoy a guided walk to see the fabulous Fall foliage in the Mercer Slough, followed by a crafting activity in our community room. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
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- Sept 22** **Ranger-Led Hike: Nightfall in Lewis Creek Park**, 8 p.m. – 9:30 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 headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4 for Bellevue residents; \$5 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 118762. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 23** **I've Got that Fall Feeling**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Have you ever wondered why leaves change colors in the Fall or what happens during photosynthesis? This program will provide you with the answer to those questions and many more. Enjoy a guided walk to see the fabulous Fall foliage in the Mercer Slough, followed by a crafting activity in our community room. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 24** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th 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 or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 28** **Visual Journaling (watercolor/sketching), Hands On – Minds On Workshop**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, 209 100th Avenue NE
 This workshop is designed for participants to learn by doing and interacting with others. Bring your life experiences, creativity and friends. During this hands-on workshop, participants will learn basic drawing and watercolor skills, and explore ways to create a journal of daily activities by using ink, collage and watercolor. All materials included. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

- Sept 28** **Garden Class: “Propagation 101”**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Gordon Polson. This presentation will de-mystify how to propagate plants using the various forms of plant propagation. Gordon’s step-by-step demonstration will include tools to use, options for rooting solutions, and the most successful types of plants to propagate in our area. Participants will learn successful propagation techniques and will take home a handout with instructions to try propagating on their own. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Sept 29** **Nature Movie Night: “Bees: Tales from the Hive”**,
 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Honeybees have been mysteriously disappearing across the planet at alarming rates in the past decade or more. This phenomena is referred to as Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). While endless hours and years of research have been dedicated to solving this mystery, a definitive answer has not been found. Come learn more about what may be leading to their demise, what it means for our future, and what we can do to help save the bees. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 30** **Adult Enrichment Series: Native Plant Walk**,
 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Have you ever wished you could identify more of our local plants? Join a Park Ranger on a walk through Mercer Slough Nature Park to learn more about the native trees and shrubs that thrive in the forest, meadow, and wetland. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 30** **Living with Wildlife: Crows**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
 Crows are one of our city’s most common wildlife residents. They have more advanced cognitive abilities than many mammals, have amazing memory, and are very social. Find out why crows gather in huge numbers, and what the fuss is all about. Learn what crows know, and discover how we can get along together. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Please call 425-452-6993.