

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

January 10, 2017

6:00 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
450 110th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA



AGENDA

Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

Boardmembers: Stuart Heath, Chair Debra Kumar, Vice-Chair Yu Deng Sherry Grindeland Jared Nieuwenhuis Eric Synn Mark Van Hollebeke	Tuesday January 10, 2017 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Bellevue City Hall Room 1E-113 450 110 th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA
City Council Liaison: Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember	1. Call to Order of Meeting – Chair Heath 2. Approval of Agenda (1 minute) 3. Approval of Park Board Minutes (1 minute) <input type="checkbox"/> a. Minutes from the November 8, 2016 Regular Meeting	Page 1 N/A
Staff Contacts: Terry Smith – 425-452-5379 Nancy Harvey – 425-452-4162	4. Oral Communications/Public Comments <i>Note: Three-minute limit per person; maximum of three persons permitted to speak to each side of any one topic. Five minutes if representing a group.</i> 5. City Council Communication (5 minutes) 6. Director's Report (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow-up on Oral Communications/public comments from prior meetings 7. Board Communication (7 minutes) 8. Chair Communication & Discussion (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Quarter's Agenda Items• Follow-up on Oral Communications/public comments from prior meetings	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A
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	9. Discussion/Action Items (time for presentation/discussion)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Grand Connection/Wilburton Initiative (45/45, Board feedback requested) – Bradley Calvert (PCD)	7
	<input type="checkbox"/> b. Park Board Development/Retreat (5/25, discussion) – Chair Heath	N/A
	10. Boardmember committee/liaison reports	N/A
	11. New Business (1 minute)	N/A
	12. Other Communication	
	<input type="checkbox"/> a. CIP Project Status Report	9
	<input type="checkbox"/> b. Park Board memo to City Council re Preliminary 2017-2023 Parks CIP Budget	13
	<input type="checkbox"/> b. Email re Parks Scheduling Office and Paula Schoenrock	17
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	<input type="checkbox"/> b. Park Board Special Meeting – Retreat – February 11, Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> b. Next regular scheduled Park Board meeting – February 14.	
	14. Oral Communications/Public Comments	
	<i>Note: Three-minute limit per person; maximum of three persons permitted to speak to each side of any one topic. Five minutes if representing a group.</i>	N/A
	15. Adjournment	

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BELLEVUE PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MEETING**

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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
November 8, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Heath, Vice-Chair Kumar, Boardmembers Deng, Grindeland, Nieuwenhuis, Synn, Van Hollebeke¹

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Betsi Hummer, Loretta Lopez

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Heath at 6:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis and second by Boardmember Synn to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the agenda.

Chair Heath noted that Boardmember Van Hollebeke requested to participate in tonight's meeting remotely, since he is currently in New York City and not able to be physically present at the meeting.

Motion by Boardmember Synn and second by Vice-Chair Kumar to approve remote participation for Boardmember Van Hollebeke at tonight's meeting. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Vice-Chair Kumar and second by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis to approve the October 11, 2016 Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

¹ Via conference call.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chair Heath reminded Boardmembers about Vision 672 (7 Park Boardmembers, providing 8 volunteer hours per month, for 12 months out of the year, which equals 672 hours). Chair Heath would like Boardmembers to make decisions with sufficient information. He added that the Park Board's work need to be intentional, process and goal driven, and decisions need to be made with integrated and meaningful work.

Betsi Hummer, East Bellevue Community Council
14541 SE 26th Street, Bellevue, WA

On behalf of the East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC), Ms. Hummer distributed a copy of her presentation that was provided to City Council regarding the Larsen Lake restrooms. She made an official request to Council to keep the restrooms at Larsen Lake open year-round. Ms. Hummer was pleased to report that Council supports this request and will allocate the appropriate funding.

Ms. Hummer noted that she reviewed the Park Board meeting minutes over the past several years (starting in the 1970s), which reflected intentional work. She expressed her concern that Larsen Lake is a major wetland zoned residential area. However, it is currently recommended as commercially zoned. Ms. Hummer encouraged Boardmembers to evaluate the zoning and support residential zoning for the Larsen Lake community.

Lastly, Ms. Hummer reported that she recently attended a EBCC versus Puget Sound Energy hearing. She noted that Puget Sound Energy is questioning the validity of the Urban Boulevard Initiative. Ms. Hummer urged Boardmembers to keep the gems of the streets free from unsightly utility poles.

Loretta Lopez, 13419 NE 33rd Lane, Bellevue, WA
Bridle Trails Community Club

Ms. Lopez encouraged Boardmembers to request funding for the Bridle Trails 140th Avenue NE Neighborhood Park. She reminded Boardmembers that the community is in support of this project and a Master Plan is complete for the project.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

In response to previous Oral Communications and staff follow-up items, Mr. Foran provided the following report:

- There was a recent communication sent to Council regarding the Kelsey Creek playground. Staff is monitoring any Council decisions.
- Council did not approve funding for the restrooms to be open year-round at Larsen Lake. However, Council did request further information from staff regarding park facility restrooms that are open and/or closed throughout the year.

- In regards to the Mercer Slough and Enatai Beach Park being utilized for the East Link Project, Councilmember Robertson had clarified at an earlier Park Board meeting that this is a Council issue, not a Park Board issue. Council is evaluating the information and will make any final decisions.

6. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Vice-Chair Kumar enjoyed many Bellevue parks over the last month, while walking her dog.

Boardmember Grindeland recently visited Ivanhoe Park.

Boardmember Synn spent time over the last month reviewing the budget.

Boardmember Deng attended the Great Pumpkin Hunt at Northwest Arts Center as well as the ice arena meeting. She will also be graduating next week from the Bellevue Essentials Program.

Boardmember Nieuwenhuis commended the Parks Department for resolving the drainage issues on the pathways around Larsen Lake. He also recently attended the ice arena meeting and meeting regarding the proposed men's shelter in the Eastgate area.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke commended staff for listening to the community and being willing to amend the plans, based upon community feedback, for the Kelsey Creek playground.

7. CHAIR COMMUNICATION:

In response to some of the confusion expressed at previous Board meetings regarding the relationship between the Park Board and the Human Services Commission, Chair Heath met with the Chair of the Human Services Commission to gain some perspective about the two Boards.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Budget/CIP

Mr. Sanner provided an overview of the Preliminary 2017-2023 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan and the Council process until budget adoption in December. He also summarized the proposed memo from the Park Board to City Council, which requests funding for neighborhood parks in Bridle Trails and Newport Hills.

Mr. Sanner noted that the proposed Budget/CIP includes a \$7M contingency fund that would be the source of funding for the two neighborhood parks, and also includes the following projects:

- Multicultural center feasibility study
- Pacific Northwest Ballet
- Housing Development Consortium

Motion by Boardmember Grindeland and second by Boardmember Kumar to approve the Park Board's memorandum to City Council on the 2017-2023 Parks Capital Investment Program.

Boardmember Synn reiterated his request to have the budget funding restored to the same levels that they were before the levy was passed. Voters approved the levy with the assumption that they were enhancing the park funding. Boardmember Synn views the proposed memo to Council as very limiting. In particular, the Spring District and Grand Connection are not mentioned in the memo. Boardmember Synn views the memo as too "small-picture" and thinks that the memo limits the Board's ability to ask for specific projects. He suggested that the Board request a specific budget allocation that allows the Board to appropriate the dollars rather than request budget amounts for specific projects. Boardmember Synn views a budget allocation as an opportunity where the Board can provide insight and direction, therefore bolstering its value and presence.

Motion by Vice-Chair Kumar and second by Boardmember Deng to amend the Parks Capital Improvement Program memo to Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers and include a reference about the Grand Connection in page 2, paragraph 3 of the memo. At the question, motion carried unanimously (7-0).

At the question, motion carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the Preliminary 2017-2023 Parks Capital Improvement Program memo to Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers as amended.

Chair Heath thanked staff for facilitating the budget process. On behalf of the Board, Chair Heath will attend the November 21, 2016 Council meeting where the Board's memo will be presented. In addition, Boardmembers would like to send an ongoing message to Council that more funding is needed for parks.

B. Park Board Development

Chair Heath provided highlights from his recent meetings with the Human Services Commission Chair. He noted that the Human Services Commission mainly provides the Needs Update and funding for the community. Mr. Smith added that the Needs Update provides a valuable perspective for the community, especially those in need. It also provides information about the community members that visit Bellevue park facilities and attend various community events.

Boardmembers requested that a template be prepared for them to establish bylaws. Chair Heath clarified that the City Attorney's Office is working on the project now. The City Clerk has stated that a template should be ready in December.

Chair Heath reminded Boardmembers that the Annual Holiday Celebration for the Park Board and Human Services Commission will be held on December 6, 2016. He stressed the importance of Boardmember attendance at the event.

Chair Heath proposed the following agenda items for the Board retreat:

- Bylaws, Policies and Procedures—topics may include:
 - Clarity around scope, roles and responsibilities of Board.
 - Threshold for what gets communicated to the Board.
 - What can the Board actually do?
 - What about the community services piece?
 - Pro-active strategy for establishing relationships.
- Work Plan—topics may include:
 - Understand allocation of time and resources necessary for forthcoming Council requests.
 - Plan for Board Retreat priorities:
 - Board Retreat priorities may include: a) Another way to approach the Board's scope, roles and responsibilities; b) What can the Board actually do? c) What about the community services piece? d) Pro-active strategy for establishing relationships.
 - Prioritize value-added education:
- Big Vision—topics may include:
 - Alternative funding.
 - More park land in the Spring District.
 - Experience of homelessness.
 - Consistency with the long-term budget discussions and/or communication to Council

Boardmember Grindeland suggested that the Board also consider how to deal with protests/rallies, Pokémon Go or other crazes, etc.

Boardmembers agreed to conduct the retreat on Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Mr. Foran expressed concern for the quick turnaround time between the retreat and the February Board meeting, particularly if staff action is needed for the meeting. Chair Heath clarified that the February Board meeting will most likely be a continuation of the Board retreat.

9. BOARDMEMBER COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:

Chair Heath announced that the Mayor appointed Vice-Chair Kumar to be the Park Board representative on the Grand Connection Citizens Advisory Committee. The committee will meet one time per month for approximately one year. Vice-Chair Kumar will provide updates as needed. Chair Heath mentioned that the Board will learn more about the Grand Connection in January.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

These minutes are in DRAFT form until approved by the Parks & Community Services Board.

11. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Email re SBCC

12. **INFORMATION:**

- A. List of upcoming Parks special events
- B. Next regular Park Board meeting—January 10, 2017, Bellevue City Hall

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

None.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Kumar and second by Boardmember Synn to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).



Date: October 11th, 2016
To: Parks & Community Services Board
From: Bradley Calvert, Community Development Program Manager
Planning and Community Development
Subject: Wilburton-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 and the anticipated work for the Wilburton Commercial Area.

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 7th, 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

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 phases; Phase One from Meydenbauer Bay to the Transit Center, and Phase Two from the Transit Center to Eastside Rail Corridor, including the I-405 crossing.

Additionally the team of lead and sub-consultants have conducted public and stakeholder engagement to help prioritize and inform the design. To date, most of Phase One has been completed, and concepts for the I-405 crossing, Phase Two, are beginning to emerge. In April the City partnered with Bellevue Arts Museum to host a three day design charrette where over 70 architects, planners, engineers, and artists infused concepts and strategies into the project. Visioning for the Grand Connection is expected to conclude in the second quarter of 2017.

Wilburton Commercial Area

Historically referred to as “Auto Row” the Wilburton Commercial rests at the confluence of a number of planned transportation and infrastructure improvements. By 2023 the Wilburton East Link light rail station will provide service at the northern side of the study area. Additionally the East Main, Downtown, and Spring District stations will ensure that the entire study area will be within a transit walkshed. In addition to transit service the Eastside Rail Corridor will provide a non-motorized north-south spine through the entire study area. The Grand Connection is anticipated to interface with the Eastside Rail Corridor and provide an east-west connection to Downtown.

Combined with the planned transportation improvements, the Wilburton Commercial Area is positioned between Bellevue’s two high growth urban areas of Downtown and BelRed. This unique context encourages the Wilburton Commercial Area to become the next urban neighborhood of Bellevue. As such the city will launch a land use, urban design, transportation, and environmental analysis of the study area to create a new vision that capitalizes on the Wilburton Commercial Area’s unique context. This process will include analysis and recommendations to zoning, urban design, transportation, and parks and open space. As part of the public engagement, the City will form a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) to recommend a preferred alternative. The analysis and CAC are expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2018.

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.



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

December 2016

Botanical Garden

We have worked with the BBG staff and Garden Society to develop a landscape plan for the front of the garden to integrate the existing wetland plantings, rock garden and pathway system with the future wetland-sun terraced gardens and Main Street streetscape improvements. The Garden staff has received a \$50,000 grant from King County to assist with construction costs, and the Garden Society has agreed to contribute \$175,000 to complete the project next spring.

CIP Budget

At their December 5 meeting, the City Council approved the 2017-23 Capital Investment Program (CIP). All initial requests have been funded, including continued funding for the Renovation Program and Planning & Design, as well as supplemental funding for Meydenbauer Beach Phase 1, Surrey Downs and Airfield Parks. Funding requests for Bridle Trails/140th Street, Newport Hills/Tyler, Ashwood Park and Lake Sammamish Park were not approved.

Congregation for the Homeless Temporary Center

Staff is working with the Congregation for the Homeless on a temporary men's shelter located in the City owned Lincoln Center building. Temporary housing for approximately 70 overnight guests have been accommodated to-date, with planning is underway to completing additional improvements, including a day center, next spring.

Downtown Park – Complete the Circle and Rotary Inspiration Playground Expansion

Construction is approximately 40% complete. Portions of the 100th Avenue parking lot opened for public use in mid-October, and work in the SE quadrant is underway, with utility work and tree removal complete, soil import and rough grading nearing completion and work on the terraced walls is underway. Retaining walls along the west and north sides of the Inspiration Playground have been installed. The SW plaza area is nearing completion. Electrical work is underway to accommodate additional promenade lighting. The Magic Season Ice Rink has been relocated to Ashwood Park and will remain open through the holiday season.

Grants

We were unable to reach an agreement with the Bellevue School District on the long-term use of the Ivanhoe Youth Theatre facility, so we have deferred the planned code compliance improvements in favor of limiting public use of this facility until an agreement can be reached. We have therefore declined the \$75k King County 4Culture grant to assist with these improvements.

We have submitted a letter of interest for a potential 2017 grant to replace the Wilburton Hill synthetic turf field and continue to work with RCO and the National Park Service to establish the requirements to accept a \$500k Federal grant for the Inspiration Playground.

Hidden Valley Sportsfield Improvements

Phase 1 improvements are now complete, and BWLL is paying for these improvements over a three year period. Phase 2 (picnic shelter) work is pending a funding commitment from the Little League. We are now working with the Boys & Girls Club to install recognition signage at the ballfields and to renovate the Field 1 scoreboard.

Kelsey Creek Playground Replacement

After several neighbors expressed concern about our proposed relocation of the Kelsey Creek playground, the staff completed additional analysis and concluded that the location was proper. With some minor modifications, we are proceeding as planned. This information has been shared with the neighbors and we expect construction will occur this spring.

Marymoor Park Transfer

We are working with our Utilities staff and representatives of King County and RCO to explore 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

The design team has completed final construction documents and continues to work with City permit reviewers to make final tweaks to the plans. The final environmental permit from the Army Corps has finally been received, and plans remain on schedule to be out to bid the second week of January in anticipation of a May construction start. The sanitary sewer is scheduled to start construction the first week of January, and we have worked closely with the Utilities project staff to minimize impacts to the marina during construction.

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.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Site analysis and schematic design is complete. We are currently developing options and cost estimates to determine the scope of work for phase 1 construction.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
 - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Bridle Trails/140th Ave Property:** Park development plan approved - project complete.
 - **Bridle Trails Corner Park:** Project complete.
 - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Under construction

- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Complete
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Design has re-started, and application for construction permits is expected this spring in anticipation of a 2018 construction start, subject to light rail construction progress. Staff is working with the adjacent neighbors to identify an appropriate boundary fence to install prior to construction.

2016 Renovation Program

*The following projects are scheduled for completion in 2016 (**status in bold**):*

- Paving: system wide minor asphalt repairs including seal coating and striping **ongoing**; SE 40th St Boat Launch phase 1 removal of the parking lot landscape planters **deferred to 2017**; Coal Creek trailhead reconstruction **under construction, complete in early '17**;
- Park Furnishings: Philbrook interpretive signage installation **complete**; system wide refurbishment of park signage, benches, drinking fountains, picnic tables, bollards, trash cans, bleachers, kiosks, indoor furniture, major appliances **complete**.
- ADA: install accessible ramp to sport courts at Cherry Crest Mini Park **complete**; Highland Ramp lifting **complete**; Northwest Arts Center Office ramp **cancelled**;
- Irrigation & drainage system upgrades at the Bellevue Golf Course: replace controllers and irrigation pump by hole #7 **complete**; replace irrigation systems at Crossroads Park (south end), Kelsey Creek Park (main lawn area), and Zumdieck Park **complete**; install drainage to Wilburton Hill Park south ballfield **complete**;
- Playground improvements at Wilburton Hill Park, Skyridge Park and Goldsmith Park **complete**; Kelsey Creek Park **deferred to 2017**;
- Restroom remodels at Zumdieck and Lakemont Park **complete**;
- Roofing/wall restoration at Bellevue Aquatic Center **complete**; Fraser cabin roof replacement **complete**; Meydenbauer Marina Pier 3 roof repairs **complete**;
- Picnic shelter roof at Enatai Beach **deferred due to extended parking lot closure for Sound Transit construction staging**;
- Sport court repairs and resurfacing at Evergreen, Norwood Village, Robinswood and Sunset Parks **complete**;
- Fencing repairs at Crossroads Park Par 3 course **complete**; Kelsey Creek Park frontage fencing **deferred to 2017 with playground**; Bellevue Botanical Garden Yao gate **complete**;
- HVAC repairs and replacements at Highland Community Center, North Bellevue Community Center and Robinswood House office area **complete**;
- Replace synthetic soccer turf at Robinswood Park **complete**;
- 148th Ave. Dog Park surface improvements at Robinswood Park **complete**; New shelter at small dog park (Neighborhood Match Program) **deferred to 2017**;
- Paint and repair exterior siding and remove closet in game room at Crossroads Community Center **complete**; building code upgrades, replace electrical panels and replace flooring at Ivanhoe Youth Theatre all **deferred due to lack of agreement with BSD**; Crossroads Youth Theatre floor refinishing **complete** and new curtains **installed**; re-seal log siding and replace art room flooring at Highland Community Center **complete**; repair trail stairs at Kelsey Creek Park **complete**; McDowell House painting and window repairs **deferred to 2017**;

- Replace dock at MSEEC pond, **complete**; design and permitting for Sweyolocken boat launch reconstruction **deferred to 2017**; design and permitting for dock and bulkhead repairs at SE 40th Boat Launch, Enatai, Chism, Newcastle and Chesterfield Beach Parks **complete**; construction at all sites **deferred to 2017**;
- Natural area management including Nature Space and Forest Management, Developed Parks Urban Forestry, Street Trees and Arterial Landscapes, and Greenways & Trails, **complete**.



MEMORANDUM

Date: November 8, 2016

To: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers

From: Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board

Subject: Preliminary 2017-2023 Parks Capital Investment Program

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the preliminary Parks 2017-2023 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan. We hope that these comments will be helpful to you as Council prioritizes the City's capital investment needs for the next seven years.

The Parks & Community Services Board reviewed the budget process and provided direction on Parks CIP proposals at our meetings in March and April. Board direction and priorities included:

- Continue the commitment to the voters from the 2008 levy, utilizing levy funds and the remaining City matching dollars to focus on Downtown Park, Surrey Downs, Property Acquisition, and Airfield Park design;
- Initiate the first phase of park development at Meydenbauer Bay;
- Maintain existing capital infrastructure, including both the Parks Renovation and Enterprise Facility improvement programs;
- Continue to invest in the ongoing planning of Bellevue's park and open space system, including funding for the Ashwood Master Plan.

While the above list can be accomplished with the additional Parks Levy and Real Estate Excise Tax revenue available in the updated plan, we do not believe that current Parks CIP funding sources are adequate to meet the needs of a growing and changing community. The Parks Levy program was not intended to represent all the capital needs of the community for a 20-year period (through 2028). The board identified four additional budget proposals in response to community requests and to fill gaps that exist in the current system that should not wait until the next levy program. The four new projects are described below:

- Tyler Park Development (\$1.5M). Design and construct a neighborhood park in Newport Hills on the Tyler/Patterson properties first acquired by the City in 2010.
- Bridle Trails/140th Street Park Development (\$1.75M). Design and construct a neighborhood park on the Ginzburg property acquired by the City in 2014.
- Lake Sammamish Park Master Plan & Design (\$0.75M). Develop a Master Plan and design for the future development of a neighborhood park on Lake Sammamish, an identified 2008 Parks Levy project.
- Ashwood Park Design & Permitting (\$0.5M). Design and permit the first phase of Ashwood Park construction upon completion of the site master plan.

At the November Park Board meeting, we reviewed the status of Parks capital budget proposals as included in the 2017-2023 Preliminary CIP (attached).

Overall, we are encouraged that the proposed 2017-2023 plan continues to make progress on the 2008 Parks Levy package that was overwhelmingly approved by Bellevue voters. In addition, the plan funds two major Council priorities to construct Meydenbauer Bay Phase I and the Downtown Park Circle/Gateway by the end of 2018 (Council Priority #9). Lastly, we believe it is vitally important to maintain existing infrastructure as proposed in the Renovation Plan, which helps provide major maintenance for Bellevue parks consistent with the expectations of our citizens.

Of the four Park Board projects that remain unfunded in the current plan, we want to specifically request funding for the proposed neighborhood parks in Newport Hills and Bridle Trails. We believe that additional neighborhood investment is an ongoing need, and is aligned with the budget outcome of Quality Neighborhoods and Council's priority for a high-quality built and natural environment. Both of these areas were specifically identified for additional neighborhood park development in the adopted 2010 and 2016 Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plans, and both neighborhoods have existing undeveloped park property suitable for development. In the community survey that accompanied the plan, Bellevue residents included neighborhood parks in the top tier of park facilities that should be prioritized for additional development, and this statistical data has been corroborated by supportive citizen comments from both neighborhoods.

We understand that the Bellevue community has multiple needs and that there is never sufficient funding to accomplish everything you would like to during the budget process. We also understand that City Council has a priority to develop a long range financial strategy to explore options to address the future operating and capital needs of the City (Council Priority #24). While the list of capital needs facing the City is undoubtedly large, we encourage Council to dream big and develop a balanced and sustainable approach for advancing the City's long-term vision. In addition to completing the levy commitments and funding the larger Meydenbauer Bay Master Plan, additional funds will be needed to create parks in the Bel-Red area, provide additional green space in downtown Bellevue, the Grand Connection, and to create additional opportunities for the aquatics community.

As a city that prides itself as a "City in a Park," we acknowledge that parks contribute to the quality of life in Bellevue, creating a special place that families and business seek to locate and flourish. Research consistently shows that urban parks and recreation systems have positive economic impacts beyond a place to recreate and socialize with friends and family. Research shows that high quality, well-maintained parks contribute positively to the overall economic development of the City, including raising property tax values, attracting tourists, and protecting water and air quality.

Once again, we appreciate the ability to provide comments on the 2017-2023 Parks CIP Plan, and look forward to continued discussions as the budget process moves forward. Feel free to contact any of the Parks & Community Services Board members if you have questions or comments about the content of this message.

Attachment
Parks CIP Proposals in 2017-2023 Preliminary CIP Budget

2017-2023 Preliminary CIP Budget

Parks Proposals (Quality Neighborhoods/Innovative, Vibrant & Caring Community)

Parks CIP Proposal	Funded as Requested:	2017-2023 Preliminary CIP
Parks Levy Projects:		
Downtown Park "Complete the Circle"	Yes	0 *
Downtown Park "Inspiration Playground"	Yes	0 *
Downtown Park "Gateway/NE Entry"	Yes	3,000
Surrey Downs Park Development	Yes	7,188
Bellevue Airfield Park Design	Yes	95
Parks & Open Space Acquisition	Yes	7,175
Meydenbauer Bay Phase I Development	Yes	9,522
Parks Renovation & Refurbishment Plan	Yes	38,069
Park Planning and Design	Yes	2,200
Dedicated Funding:		
King County Parks Levy	Yes	1,242
Enterprise Facility Improvements	Yes	2,250
Mercer Slough Eastlink Mitigation	Yes	2,140
Park Board Recommended Projects:		
Tyler Park Development (\$1.5M)	TBD	Council Contingency
Bridle Trails/140th Street Park (\$1.75M)	TBD	Council Contingency
Lake Sammamish Master Plan/Design (\$0.75M)	TBD	Council Contingency
Ashwood Park Design/Permitting (\$0.5M)	TBD	Council Contingency
Subtotal, Preliminary 2017-23 CIP		72,881

*Can be completed with funding authorized thru 2016

From: Greg P
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 10:21 AM
To: Wilson, Jonathan S. <JSWilson@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Thank You!

Jon,

I just wanted to pass along a big thanks to you and your staff. I've been in charge of Wolverine Junior Football for 20+ years. The service I get, and have always gotten, is fabulous. A big shout out for Paula, she's been a pleasure to work with all these years.

Merry Christmas!
Greg P

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JANUARY 2017

- Jan 3-9** **SBCC's 11th Anniversary Celebration**, times vary by activity
South Bellevue Community Center, 15409 SE Newport Way
South Bellevue Community Center is turning eleven! In honor of this anniversary, many of our instructors will offer their classes, activities, and programs for free as a thank-you to our loyal patrons, and as an invitation for any person to try something new! Come celebrate with Indoor Cycling, Zumba, Rock Climbing, Boot Camp with Karie, Parent/Child Indoor Play, Strong & Fit for Seniors/Adults, Drop-in Sports, Total Body Fitness, Purna Yoga, Pilates, Jazercise, Yang Style Tai Chi, Parkour, Post Rehab Strength and Conditioning, and Ballet. **Ages:** All ages – specific ages depending upon the class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240, or see SBCC's web page - <http://bellevuewa.gov/sbcc.htm>
- Jan 6** **Indoor Play with Alex Zerbe**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Don't miss this special Indoor Play with a performance by Alex Zerbe. With captivating amounts of energy, Alex Zerbe moves like a rubber band from one end of the stage to the other. Beatboxing, juggling, dancing, singing, music and magic are just a few of the things that led Piers Morgan of *America's Got Talent* to call Alex "the total package." Join us and the two-time Guinness World Record holder for an awesome, free 45-minutes show! Kids will enjoy Indoor Play from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.; then the performance will start at 11:15 a.m. **Ages:** 0-5 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Jan 6** **Lewis Creek Story Time: "Owl Moon"**, 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. A little girl and her father go owling one night... will they see an owl? 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 112315 or 112316. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 8** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program uses games and activities to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you are able to 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.

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- Jan 11** **How Now Brown Cow (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111272. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Jan 13** **Discover Winter: Bundling Up in the Wild,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
As winter brings snow to the mountains of the Northwest, animals like the Snowshoe Hare have amazing features to keep them safe in the changing environment. Come learn how some animals have certain adaptations that help them weather through the cold months of the year. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 112718. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Jan 14** **The Eagle and Salmon Circle of Life,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Every winter the streams, wetlands and rivers of the Pacific Northwest become a smorgasbord of delight for the American Bald Eagle. By January most of the returning salmon have spawned, and their scavenged carcasses can be found strewn along the fresh water shores and even into the forest. Join us to learn more about this unique connection between the eagles, salmon, and healthy forests. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Jan 14** **The Food Web – Nature's Hungry!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All living things depend on each other to survive. What do you depend on? Learn about the intricate web of life that exists all around us! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 18** **Garden Lecture: "The Education of a Garden Traveler,"** 7 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Sit back and enjoy Marty Wingate as she shares her travelogue through gardens of England, Ireland, and Scotland. Virtually visit gardens both public and private, and both grand and intimate that are not only full of ideas about plants and design, but also stories of people and places. **Cost:** \$5/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- Jan 21** **The Eagle and Salmon Circle of Life**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
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Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Jan 21** **The Food Web – Nature’s Hungry!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All living things depend on each other to survive. What do you depend on? Learn about the intricate web of life that exists all around us! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 22** **Coal Creek Natural Area Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Meets 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. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages are welcome! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 22** **Northwest Perennial Alliance Lecture: “Re-Imagining Your Garden,”** 1 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join landscape designer Phoebe Fine in an exploration of design solutions that you can use to enhance your outdoor space and inspire you to live well in your built environment. She’ll share projects that are innovative and sustainable, and will offer an updated approach to your garden. With before-and-after photographs, you will see how site design and implementation can improve the way your landscape functions and enhance your experience in your garden. **Cost:** Free for Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$15/non-NPA members. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Phoebe_Fine_lecture.php
- Jan 22** **Mercer Slough Ranger Walk for Grown-Ups**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Ranger to take a short hike through the wetlands of Mercer Slough Nature Park. With an emphasis on the history and natural resources of the Nature Park, begin with an overview of the LEED Gold education center and end at the bridge that spans the channel of Mercer Slough. Afterward, you are free to explore further on your own, or return to the education center with the Ranger. **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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- Jan 25** **Hip Hop Rabbit (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 11273. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Jan 25** **Garden Class: “Great Garden Trees,”** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Trees have been called the backbone of the garden. These long-lived plants set the stage for the landscape and provide multiple aesthetic and environmental benefits. How we choose and plant them affects future success and longevity. This class will help all gardeners to choose the best specimens and species for seasonal beauty and adaptability to the Northwest climate. This class will also cover essential care practices and how to avoid the most common mistakes made in gardening with trees. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Jan 27** **A Winter Woof Walk,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Meet at Kelsey Creek Park, lower parking lot, 410 130th Place SE
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog(s) and learn how you can enjoy your parks with your furry friends. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. **Distance:** 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 112732. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Jan 27** **“Earth’s Navigators” (Nature Movie),** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Every year as the seasons change, millions of animals take part in what is considered to be the world's great migration. Whether the migrations are on land, in the air or water, they are all equally impressive. Join us for an epic journey across the globe to witness some of these remarkable animals finding their way over hundreds of miles. **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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- Jan 29 A Winter Wander Ranger Hike, 10:30 a.m. - noon**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come take a walk in Lewis Creek Park and explore the beauty of winter. Rain or shine, we will explore the mosses and lichens of the park, the deciduous and evergreen trees, and discuss what the park's creatures do in the winter. **Distance:** 1.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** 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.

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FEBRUARY 2017

- Feb 1** **Wooly Sheep (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111276. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Feb 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Secret Place”,** 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. Every city needs a secret place for animals to live and thrive. Find the secret place, learn about why it is so special, and why parks are so important! 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 112317 or 112318. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 4** **Lewis Creek Ranger 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:** 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.
- Feb 4** **Coal Mining at Cougar Mountain (presented by Eastside Heritage Center),**
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This program focuses on 100 years of local coal mining. In 1888, there were 20 mules and 200 men employed here! Exporting coal to San Francisco turned Seattle into a dominant seaport. Learn what is underneath a mountain that is older than Rainier. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 5** **Now You See Me... Now You Don't!,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Why are deer brown? Why are frogs green? Why do owls have spots? Discover how various animals disguise themselves and “disappear” into their environment using camouflage. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 10** **As Snug as a... Beaver?** - 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
During the chilly winter months of the year, beavers keep warm and snug in a wooden lodge. Come learn how beavers build their warm homes, and why they build dams. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 112720. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Feb 10** **Night Hike,** 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bundle up in your winter clothes and join a park ranger for a brisk walk through Lewis Creek Park. Learn about the local nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident; \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 112327. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 11** **Garden Watercolor Class: “Early Bloomers: Watercolor Flowers, Winter Foliage and Landscapes,”** 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn how to sketch and paint some of the garden’s earliest bloomers, like crocuses and snowdrops, as well as shrubs and confiders, witch hazels, camellias and more. All supplies are provided, including artist quality watercolor paper. *Sign up for one or both sessions* (February 11 and February 18). In both sessions, we will begin with studies of some of our subject plants and then will paint larger landscapes which incorporate large and small elements. This class will focus on painting witch hazels and primroses; the February 18th class will focus on painting camellias and hellebores. **Cost:** \$35/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$45/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Feb 11** **Whooo was for Lunch?,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue’s parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that’s yours to keep. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Feb 12** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program uses games and activities to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you are able to 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.
- Feb 15** **Piggly Wiggly (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111274. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Feb 18** **Garden Watercolor Class: “Early Bloomers: Watercolor Flowers, Winter Foliage and Landscapes,” 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn how to sketch and paint some of the garden's earliest bloomers, like crocuses and snowdrops, as well as shrubs and confiders, witch hazels, camellias and more. All supplies are provided, including artist quality watercolor paper. *Sign up for one or both sessions* (February 11 and February 18). In both sessions, we will begin with studies of some of our subject plants and then will paint larger landscapes which incorporate large and small elements. This class will focus on painting camellias and hellebores; the February 11th class will focus on painting witch hazels and primroses. **Cost:** \$35/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$45/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- Feb 18** **Master Naturalist Classes Species of the Year Program: Planting a Garden Habitat for Native Bees and Butterflies**, 12:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Ready for a touch of color and promise of spring? Master Gardener and Community Habitat Steward, Julie O'Donnell, will share a colorful photo display featuring local butterflies, bumble bees and the flowers that attract them. She will describe how to create a garden where pollinators will thrive and will explain ways to incorporate flowering shrubs and wildflowers into gardens, show landscape features that promote healthy pollinator populations, and provide nesting sites for them. Julie's personal certified wildlife habitat garden contains over 200 species of native plants and has been successfully attracting birds, butterflies, pollinators, and beneficial insects for more than 25 years. It has been featured in *Pacific Horticulture*, *The Butterfly Gardener*, and *Sunset* publications. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 114755. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Feb 18** **Now You See Me... Now You Don't!**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Why are deer brown? Why are frogs green? Why do owls have spots? Discover how various animals disguise themselves and “disappear” into their environment using camouflage. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 18** **Where the Past Comes Alive**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The History Channel captures the glory, tragedy, and drama of the human experience from the dawn of time until now. This film focuses on the Empire of Industry with regard to timber use over the last century. Join us to learn more about the history of logging and how it has significantly impacted our lives both in the past and the present, and how it connects to the Mercer Slough and the City of Bellevue. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 19** **Lakemont Community Park Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lakemont Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds through green corridors alongside the creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 24 Gardening with Your Children: Plan and Prepare Your Garden**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Learn ideas to make your garden fun for the entire family: how to pick a location, and prepare the soil for a successful garden. Learn about what seeds and plants can go in the ground in early spring and which need to wait for the warm sun of June. You will make a fun craft to bring home to your very own garden. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 112721. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Feb 24 Movie Night: “Clash Encounters of Bears and Wolves”**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Yellowstone National Park is home to predators, scavengers, and opportunists. Two of the top predators in this complex system are the grizzly bear and the wolf. These fierce competitors practice their strategies for survival every day. What they leave in their wake provides an entire food chain of scavengers exactly what they need to survive. This film takes us into the heart of Yellowstone to witness as this incredible series of events unfolds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 25 Living with Wildlife – Cunning Crows**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Crows are one of our most common wildlife residents. They have more advanced cognitive abilities than many mammals. They have amazing memories 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. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 25 Whooo was for Lunch?**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue’s parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that’s yours to keep. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Feb 26** **Mercer Slough Adult Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Ranger to take a short hike through the wetlands of Mercer Slough Nature Park. With an emphasis on the history and natural resources of the Nature Park, begin with an overview of the LEED Gold education center and end at the bridge that spans the channel of Mercer Slough. Afterward, you are free to explore further on your own, or return to the education center with the Ranger. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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MARCH 2017

- March 1** **Springy Goats (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111277. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- March 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Fuzzy, Buzzy Bumble Bees”,**
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. Gentle bumble bees fly all around our gardens, visiting flowers and helping them grow. Hear stories about these special bees and how they live. 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 112319 or 112320. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 4** **Garden Class: “Permaculture for the Backyard Gardener,”** 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Seattle Tilth. Explore ways to integrate natural patterns and ecology into your backyard garden. The goal of permaculture, short for “permanent agriculture” or “permanent culture,” is to minimize inputs and maximize relationships between plants, animals, environment and people. Go beyond organic gardening by learning the basics of permaculture to discover more holistic and sustainable techniques for your backyard garden! Learn the basics of “systems thinking” to create efficient and abundant gardens that integrate human needs with the natural ecosystem. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- March 4** **Lewis Creek Ranger 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:** 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.

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- March 5 Wetlands Don't Stink! - 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Wetlands play a very important role in cleaning the water that goes into our local lakes and rivers. Discover wetlands, their wildlife, and how they impact the ecosystem around them! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 10 Discover Spring: It's Time to Wake Up Bear, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Did you know that many animals sleep through the winter until springtime? Join a park ranger and learn which animals do this, and why they sleep through the cold. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 112722. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- March 11 Northwest Perennial Alliance March Mania Plant Sale and Master Gardener Clinic, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This early spring plant sale features spring ephemerals and choice garden plants not readily available at other times of the year. The sale brings together a fabulous group of specialty nurseries and growers who are not generally open to the public. Learn from these experts and let them help you choose some of the earliest bloomers of the season to brighten up a drab space in your garden. Shop great vendors like Windcliff, Bouquet Banque, Growing Girls, Lee Farm and more. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the educational programs of NPA and the NPA Border. Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/march_mania.php
- March 11 Nature's Greatest Landscape Engineers, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Beavers' ability to change the landscape is second only to humans. These amazing rodents are so valuable to the ecosystem that Native Americans often referred to them as the "sacred center." Not only do they create a healthy habitat for a number of aquatic species, but they also provide essential natural services for humans as well. Come learn more about these nocturnal creatures that call the Mercer Slough home. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 12 Lakemont Highlands Open Space Ranger Hike, 10 a.m. - noon**
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife) through friendly neighborhoods. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- March 12** **Family-Friendly Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a 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.
- March 15** **Pony Pleasure (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111278. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- March 15** **Garden Lecture: “How to Prune and Renovate the Overgrown Garden,”**
7 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Cass Turnbull will cover basic pruning of ornamental trees and shrubs along with creative solutions for the overgrown or over-planted garden. Before-and-after photos and diagrams will be used to illustrate pruning for size reduction and pruning for definition (thinning). **Cost:** \$5/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- March 16-18** **Puget Sound Dahlia Association Tuber Sale and Master Gardener Clinic,**
10 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Open to the public; no admission fee.

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- March 17-26 “The Ugly Duckling” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
March 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 7 p.m.; March 19, 25 and 26 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
Sometimes heroes come in odd packages, but it is what's on the inside that counts. This classic Hans Christian Andersen tale tells the story of a little duckling who doesn't fit in with his family. Unbeknownst to them, he turns out to be much more than they ever imagined. This is a story of friendship, bravery, and self-confidence. **Ages:** Suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Purchasing in advance is highly recommended! We frequently sell out and often don't have tickets on the day of the show. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased beginning March 13. Group rates are available. **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- March 18 Hiking History: From Glaciers to Greenways, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
What mysteries lie beneath the soggy surface and between the diversity of aquatic plants? Through both natural processes and human interactions, the area has changed drastically over thousands of years. Join a Ranger for a guided history hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park to uncover the past and explore the future. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 24 Nature Movie: “Beavers: The Biggest Dam Movie You Ever Saw”,**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever seen a beaver lodge or dam and wondered, “How did they do that?” Take an intimate swim with beavers to explore an amazing diverse aquatic habitat that is home to one of nature’s greatest engineers. This film is a heartfelt story following a family of beavers as they grow, play and transform the world around them. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 25 Garden Class: “An Introduction to the Art and Horticulture of Bonsai,”**
10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join local bonsai artists from the Puget Sound Bonsai Association to learn why people are still so captivated by this art form using “trees in pots.” The lecture and demo will highlight the various forms of bonsai, types of plants best suited for bonsai, and a bonsai’s horticultural requirements. This class will specifically focus on outdoor bonsai. **Cost:** \$20/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$30/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- March 25 Nature's Greatest Landscape Engineers, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Beavers' ability to change the landscape is second only to humans. These amazing rodents are so valuable to the ecosystem that Native Americans often referred to them as the "sacred center." Not only do they create a healthy habitat for a number of aquatic species, but they also provide essential natural services for humans as well. Come learn more about these nocturnal creatures that call the Mercer Slough home. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 26 Garden Lecture: "The Triumph of Seeds" by Thor Hanson, 1 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join award-winning author and biologist Thor Hanson for an exploration of both the natural and cultural history of seeds – why they are so dominant in nature and why we are so utterly dependent upon them. Drawing on his recent book, *The Triumph of Seeds*, Hanson's presentation weaves science and culture to show how these common wonders shape our world and touch our lives every day. You'll never look at a seed the same way again. Doors open at noon for plant sales from Far Reaches Farm and book signing by Thor. Lecture begins at 1 p.m. **Cost:** \$5/Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$20/non-NPA members. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Thor_Hanson_lecture.php
- March 26 Adult Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Park Ranger to take a short hike through the wetlands of the Mercer Slough Nature Park. With an emphasis on the history and natural resources of the nature park, begin with an overview of the LEED Gold education center and end at the bridge that spans the channel of the Mercer Slough. Afterward you are free to explore further on your own. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 30 Garden Class: "Garden Habitat for Bumble Bees and other Native Pollinators," 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Explore the world of native pollinators, with an emphasis on our native bumble bees. Learn about these beneficial insects and how you can promote their survival with garden features and preferred flowers. Find out the benefits of attracting winged beauty, including butterflies and birds, to make your garden come to life. This is a Bellevue Parks Master Naturalist Species of the Year program! **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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March 31 – April 9 “The Little Mermaid” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),

March 31, April 1, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m.; April 2, 8 and 9 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street

Enjoy this splashy retelling of the beloved Hans Christian Andersen story. Watch the adventures of the little mermaid as she saves her kingdom and learns what's truly important to her. This show has songs and dances for the whole family to enjoy. **Ages:** Suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Purchasing in advance is highly recommended! We frequently sell out and often don't have tickets on the day of the show. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased beginning March 27. Group rates are available. **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Farm Parties

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Celebrate your child's special day with a visit to the farm! Meet our goats, sheep, rabbits, pig, and ponies. Then create your own wooly sheep to take home. Party packages include one hour tour/craft time and one hour room rental. Parties are limited to 30 children and/or adults.

Children under 2 are no additional charge. **Ages:** 2-11 years old. **Cost:** \$165 (resident) and \$180 (non-resident) for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are \$6 per child. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Kids on the Farm Group Tour

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Meet the farm animals and learn interesting animal facts. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding while creating a wooly sheep to take home. These tours are for preschool and school groups. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$90 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are \$6 per child and \$2.50 per adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Springtime in the Barnyard Group Tour

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Welcome springtime with a tour of our animals, which may include chicks, goat kids, piglets and a calf. Learn about their special care, then finish up with a walk through the garden. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$90 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are \$6 per child and \$2.50 per adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

Reading with Rover

Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street

Dogs help kids learn to read. Reading with Rover dogs will be at the Crossroads Community Center to listen to children read to them. This free program inspires children to discover the joy of reading while developing literacy skills and confidence in a fun, safe environment using trained therapy dogs. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.readingwithrover.org/> or call Judi Hagen, 425-452-4874.

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4th Tuesday each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellvue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or hstephens@bellevuewa.gov .

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Youth Link 25th Anniversary & Community Leadership Awards Event Planning Meeting, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellvue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Assist in planning our 25th anniversary celebration scheduled for May 2015, and help set the theme, program and marketing of the youth recognition event. Students will help plan and will gain experience in planning the community event from concept to delivery. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Bellvue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students.

Info: Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Action Team Meetings, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bellvue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE

Participate in planning community special events, community service projects, and other youth leadership activities. Action Teams and planning committees include Youth Link Marketing, Kids Care Coat Drive, Youth Involvement Conference, Community Leadership Awards, We Day, Youth Link University, Crossroads Homework Help, and Youth Link Robotics. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st Thursday each month

Bellevue Network on Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bellvue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

Every Thursday

Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellvue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

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1st Saturday each month

Lewis Creek Ranger Walk, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Join a Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required.

Info: 425-452-4195.

Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered migratory visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Discover the history of the park, view community gardens, and share stories about our local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required for groups smaller than 10. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, Noon

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. **Suggested donation:** \$3 for those 60 and older; fee of \$6.00 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches.

Info/Pre-register: 425-452-7681.