

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

May 9, 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><i>Stuart Heath, Chair</i></p> <p><i>Debra Kumar, Vice-Chair</i></p> <p><i>Yu Deng</i></p> <p><i>Sherry Grindeland</i></p> <p><i>Jared Nieuwenhuis</i></p> <p><i>Eric Synn</i></p> <p><i>Mark Van Hollebeke</i></p> <p>City Council Liaison:</p> <p><i>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</i></p> <p>Staff Contacts:</p> <p><i>Terry Smith – 425-452-5379</i></p> <p><i>Nancy Harvey – 425-452-4162</i></p>	<p>Tuesday May 9, 2017 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Bellevue City Hall Conference Room 1E-113 450 110th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order of Meeting – Chair Heath 2. Approval of Agenda (1 minute) 3. Approval of Park Board Minutes (1 minute) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a. Minutes from the April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting 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. Communications from City Council Communication, Community Council, Boards and Commissions (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 9. Boardmember Committee/Liaison Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilburton Citizen Advisory Committee – Boardmember Kumar 	<p>Page</p> <p>1</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>

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10. Discussion/Action Items (time for presentation/discussion)	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Downtown Livability Initiative: Are plazas open spaces or parks? (0/30 education/information) – Chair Heath	
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Board Work Plan Items (1 hour, 20 minutes, discussion):	
• Board By-Laws	13
• Liaison(s) to other Boards/Commissions	25
• Board Visioning and Planning	
• Education	N/A
• Other work plan items	
11. New Business (1 minute)	N/A
12. Other Communication	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Memo from Parks staff re TRACKS overnight camping event	27
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Letter regarding James McClain	29
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13. Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. List of upcoming Parks special events	39
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Next scheduled regular Park Board meeting – June 13.	N/A
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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**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
April 11, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

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

BOARDMEMBER ABSENT: Vice-Chair Kumar

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Brittingham, Vicki Drake, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Emil King (PCD), Terry Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: John deVadoss, Stephanie Walter

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash, *via recording*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Heath at 6:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Boardmember Synn and second by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

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 Boardmember Deng to amend the main motion to approve remote participation for Boardmember Van Hollebeke at tonight's meeting and to add an agenda item at the end of the meeting agenda to establish the May meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

At the question, motion carried unanimously (6-0) to approve the meeting agenda as amended.

¹ Via conference call.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis and second by Boardmember Deng to approve the March 14, 2017 Parks & Community Services Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

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

None.

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

Chair Heath explained that he recently met with Planning Commission Chair, John deVadoss, and Vice-Chair, Stephanie Walter, regarding the discussions that occurred at the March Parks Board meeting about the Downtown Livability Land Use Code Update. Chair Heath suggested that Mr. deVadoss and Ms. Walter attend tonight's meeting so that there can be a direct dialogue between the two Boards. He encouraged Boardmembers to have a two-way dialogue, allowing as much time as necessary for the discussion.

Mr. deVadoss noted that the Planning Commission has conducted approximately 18-20 meetings/sessions regarding the Downtown Livability Initiative. There has been a significant amount of community input. However, Mr. deVadoss noted that there has not been cross-Commission/Board dialogue with respect to the potential implications of the Downtown Livability Land Use Code Update and how to make it successful. He requested feedback from Boardmembers regarding livability.

Chair Heath noted that the Parks Board has been trying to address organizational development issues. With this said, he asked if it is practical for the Parks Board to weigh-in to the feedback that has occurred within the 18-20 sessions regarding the Downtown Livability Land Use Code Update.

Boardmember Synn clarified that the Downtown Livability issue that needs to be addressed is the impact to the Parks' strategy. He suggested that the Board clarify their vision for the Downtown Livability Land Use Code Update.

Chair Heath inquired if the Parks Board needs to review the 130 page Planning Commission memo regarding the Downtown Livability Land Use Code Update to develop a list of Parks Board proposals or if the Parks Board should provide feedback about the impacts to parks. Mr. deVadoss clarified that the Parks Board is welcome to provide feedback on the detailed memo—the Planning Commission welcomes all feedback. However, they are particularly seeking feedback on the larger scope of the project, not the micro details (i.e., the big rock level, not the weed level).

Ms. Walter asked Boardmembers to clarify their perspective on what is missing from the Downtown Livability Land Use Code Update.

Boardmember Deng explained that the Downtown Livability Land Use Code Update does not include requirements for developers to provide more parks and open spaces. Although there are incentives for parks, they have not promoted additional parks. Boardmember Deng would like to see a stronger impact for developers to achieve the vision of many parks in each designated quadrant. Chair Heath inquired if the Planning Commission has seen the Parks' goals for acquiring more land and having a park in each designated quadrant. Mr. deVadoss noted that this information was reviewed after he and Chair Heath recently met.

Boardmember Nieuwenhuis stressed that the Parks Board continues to advocate for as many parks as possible in the downtown corridor, particularly since Bellevue is a "city in a park."

Ms. Walter asked staff if parks can be required by developers or if they are all based upon incentives. Mr. King explained that the current/existing Land Use Code, developed in 1981, provided an incentive for park land dedication. Historically, the city has utilized the incentive approach or a CIP approach to develop park land. Mr. King noted that Washington State law allows cities to adopt, at their discretion, park impact fees. However, Bellevue does not currently have park impact fees.

Boardmember Grindeland explained that there was a Parks Boardmember that sat on the initial Downtown Livability Citizen Advisory Committee. She noted that the representative was extremely frustrated with the process and felt that the process was developer driven. Boardmember Grindeland would like to correct the process to promote park land growth, particularly in the downtown corridor, as soon as possible.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke questioned if a precedence-setting behavior has been established from the Downtown Livability Land Use Code by promoting incentives that were never implemented. Boardmember Van Hollebeke echoed the concerns expressed by other Boardmembers regarding preserving open space and incentivizing parks in the proper manner.

Boardmember Synn noted that Bellevue is perceived to be a "city in a park." There are expectations for growth. In addition, there are a number of factors to consider for livability, including parks. The availability of land should also be considered when addressing livability. Historically, developers have not taken advantage of incentives for park land for the last 30+ years. Boardmember Synn would like there to be investments in parks by developers.

Ms. Walter questioned if open spaces can take the place of additional parks to accommodate growth. Boardmembers confirmed that both park land and open spaces are necessary. Open spaces should not take the place of dedicated parks.

Chair Heath summarized the larger items that the Parks Board would like addressed:

- What is the impact of the Downtown Livability incentives for parks?
- What evidence is there that the Parks & Open Space Plan goals will be met?
- Should there be park impact fees?

- Does the Planning Commission consider plazas as parks?
- How are developers incentivized to proactively impact parks and open spaces? What are other potential levers or controls for making sure that the parks and open space goals are met?

Ms. Walter questioned if the Grand Connection is considered a park. Mr. Foran clarified that the Grand Connection and its function is an urban set of experiences, so in the broadest sense it could be considered one large, linear park. However, the intent of the Grand Connection is to provide a variety of experiences that some may consider park-like; or as a corridor with economic development, cultural/artistic experiences, or as a pedestrian/commuter corridor, etc. In an urban setting, a park is many things: it is a place for greenness, a place where activities and events can occur, etc. Greenness does not define a park. Chair Heath clarified that the Grand Connection is defined on the city's website as a "corridor." He added that the Grand Connection is not under the scope of the Parks Department for construction or maintenance management. It also isn't under the Parks Board's authority for policy decisions.

Mr. deVadoss suggested that the Parks Board compare Bellevue with other reasonably sized cities to see what has/has not worked regarding park-related incentives.

Chair Heath suggested that the Parks Board forward the questions noted above to the Planning Commission. Ms. Walter suggested that the Parks Board provide recommendations, rather than questions to the Planning Commission. In response to this suggestion, the Parks Board recommended the following:

- What is the impact of the Downtown Livability incentives for parks?
Recommendation: That the Downtown Livability Initiative result in achieving the Parks & Open Space Plan's goals, specifically including the Northwest Village Neighborhood and East Main Neighborhood.
- What evidence is there that the Parks & Open Space Plan goals will be met?
Recommendation: Sufficient evidence that the Parks & Open Space Plan goals will be met.
- Should there be park impact fees?

Boardmember Synn suggested that park impact fees be enacted. However, Mr. King cautioned Boardmembers to research the ramifications of impact fees before making a quick decision. He noted that park impact fees are a complex process.

- Does the Planning Commission consider plazas as parks?

After a brief discussion, Boardmembers concluded the following responses to the question "is a plaza a park?"

- Boardmember Synn—no.
- Boardmember Grindeland—no.
- Boardmember Deng—no.

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- Boardmember Nieuwenhuis—possibly.
- Boardmember Van Hollebeke—would like plazas to be part of the open spaces.
- Chair Heath—plazas are privately-owned property available to enhance the character of the building—they are not a park or open space.

Recommendation: Further discussion needs to occur regarding whether or not plazas are parks. This will be discussed at the next Parks Board meeting.

- How are developers incentivized to proactively impact parks and open spaces? What are other potential levers or controls for making sure that the parks and open space goals are met?

Recommendation: Additional levers and controls, including park impact fees, be identified to incent developers to meet the Parks & Open Space Plan goals.

Motion by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis and second by Boardmember Deng to recommend to the Planning Commission the following:

- **That the Downtown Livability Initiative results in achieving the Parks & Open Space Plan’s goals, specifically including the Northwest Village Neighborhood and East Main Neighborhood.**
- **Sufficient evidence that the Parks & Open Space Plan goals will be met.**
- **Further discussion needs to occur regarding whether or not plazas are parks. This will be discussed at the next Parks Board meeting.**
- **Additional levers and controls, including park impact fees, be identified to incent developers to meet the Parks & Open Space Plan goals.**

At the question, motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Chair Heath and Boardmember Synn will attend the April 19, 2017 Planning Commission meeting to deliver the recommendations listed above. Ms. Walter expressed concern with time availability on the Planning Commission’s meeting agenda. If needed, Mr. deVadoss noted that the time allocated for other presentations during the April 19, 2017 Planning Commission meeting will be utilized for this discussion. Parks Boardmembers agreed that Chair Heath and Boardmember Synn should attend this meeting. In addition, the above motion will be included in the Planning Commission’s meeting materials.

Chair Heath inquired if there are other park-related issues that should be added to the Parks Board Work Plan. Mr. deVadoss suggested that the Planning Commission and Parks Board should connect one time per quarter. Ms. Walter supported periodic check-ins. However, she expressed hesitation on a set timeframe for the check-ins due to the amount of Boards and Commissions within the city. Chair Heath explained that the Parks Board has an interest in reaching out to other Boards and Commissions to ensure everyone is working together.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Follow-up on Oral Communications/public comments from prior meetings

In recognition of National Volunteer Recognition Week, a thank you card was distributed to Boardmembers from staff to express their appreciation to the Board for their dedication to Bellevue.

Mr. Foran called attention to a memo that was distributed regarding an analysis conducted on the Community of Christ property, brought up during Oral Communications in January.

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

8. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Next Quarter's Agenda Items

Deferred until later in the meeting agenda.

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

None.

9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Crossroads Community Center/CAYA Presentation

Ms. Drake explained that Crossroads Community Center is not only an international gathering place for programs and services but also a bridge for generations to build community, prevent isolation, and provide social opportunities. The mission of Crossroads Community Center states: *"Enhances and complements the Crossroads community by providing comprehensive recreational, educational and human service programs in the diverse Crossroads neighborhood."*

Ms. Drake noted that the 18-44 age range is increasing for Crossroads so the community center is responding to this growth as well. Bellevue has over 99 different languages and dialects spoken. The Crossroads Community Center responds to the various needs by providing conversation classes, ESL workshops, parent and child song/story time, etc. There are over 25 different countries represented through these programs with approximately 150 people served each week.

Ms. Drake showed a map of the Crossroads Community Center Park and Campus, which is located within a 34 acre park. The Crossroads Community Center was opened in 1981 and serves approximately 200,000 visits annually. Services are provided for all ages.

Ms. Drake noted that the Crossroads Afterschool Youth Academy (CAYA) was created approximately four years ago from a local Collective Impact Model that supports the Eastside Pathways' Cradle-to-Career Initiative supporting all young people. The concept facilitates collaboration with other community resources to ensure that children have the opportunity for: health/fitness, arts, academics, youth development/leadership, emotional/social skills and support, leisure interests/play, environmental awareness. Ms. Drake discussed CAYA's partners throughout the community to help make these resources possible.

Boardmembers applauded Ms. Drake and the Crossroads Community Center staff for their hard work and dedication with the Crossroads community. Chair Heath views the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Department as the best entity for partnering with other agencies and non-profits.

B. Board Work Plan Items

Chair Heath would like to complete several work plan items before his Chair term ends in June. Chair/Vice-Chair elections will be conducted in June.

Chair Heath noted that Parks Board applications are due on April 21, 2017. He encouraged Boardmembers to identify potential Boardmembers throughout the community to sit on the Parks Board.

Boardmember Nieuwenhuis expressed his appreciation to Chair Heath for serving as the Board Chair.

- Board Bylaws

Boardmember Grindeland noted that she met with representatives from the City Clerk's Office. The draft bylaws are ready for Parks Board review. Boardmember Synn suggested that the subcommittee review the bylaws one last time and then discuss them at the next Board meeting.

- Budget Process Review & Future Funding Strategy

Not discussed.

- Liaison(s) to other Boards/Commissions

Chair Heath distributed a handout regarding his viewpoints on Board and Commission Liaisons.

Mr. Smith reminded Chair Heath about the Parks Board quarterly reporting to City Council that is listed in Ordinance 6241. This quarterly reporting should be included in the Board's Work Plan. Mr. Smith noted that the Parks Board is past due for a report to City Council.

Chair Heath's handout included a list of the City of Bellevue's Boards/Commissions. He questioned if there should be a Parks Board liaison assigned to each Board/Commission. Since there were approximately 12 Boards/Commissions, Boardmember Van Hollebeke expressed his concern with the time available to meet with this many Boards/Commissions. Mr. Smith noted that not all of the Boards/Commissions are Council appointed.

Mr. Smith expressed concern about the Parks Board discussing items that are not included on the meeting agenda (i.e., spending a significant amount of time discussing the Downtown Livability Initiative during tonight's meeting agenda). Mr. Smith stressed that part of the purpose of the work plan and agenda is to notify citizens of discussion items so that they can provide feedback. If there is substance to a discussion (i.e., more than the five minutes allotted during Oral Communications) then the item should be included as an agenda item.

Boardmembers reviewed the list of Boards/Commissions that Chair Heath distributed. Chair Heath suggested that the following Boards/Commissions be communicated with on a regularly scheduled basis:

- Arts Commission
- Human Services Commission
- Planning Commission
- Transportation Commission
- Youth Link Board

Chair Heath inquired if Boardmembers would like a standing agenda item added to include *Communications from Boards and Commissions* with a notation that if it is a substantive discussion it should be added as a future agenda item. Boardmember Van Hollebeke clarified that this dedicated time slot on the meeting agenda should be dedicated to discuss relevant Parks Board topics.

Chair Heath inquired if Boardmembers would like to establish a Parks & Community Services Board Sub-Committee and have the committee report to other Boards/Commissions or have a Board designated liaison report to other Boards/Commissions. Boardmember Synn volunteered to be the Planning Commission's Parks Board liaison. Boardmembers concurred that either a liaison or committee should be identified to work with the other Boards/Commissions.

Chair Heath inquired if Boardmembers would like joint meetings with other Boards/Commissions. Boardmembers would like these types of meetings to be scheduled on an as-needed basis. Chair Heath noted that Mr. Smith mentioned that he could reach out to other staff liaisons and quarterly check-ins could be requested. Mr. Smith clarified that he can reach out to liaisons for other Boards/Commissions and request that they contact Parks staff if they have an agenda item that they view as relevant to the Parks Board. He added that staff has already been in communication with other Board/Commission staff liaisons and can continue this support. Parks staff would like to continue being proactive, rather than reactive.

Mr. Foran suggested that Parks Boardmembers identify how they would like to communicate their liaison reporting plan with other Boards/Commissions. He reminded Boardmembers that there are also Council liaisons to each of the Boards/Commissions who may feel differently about encouraging this level or type of Board interaction. There are also logistical challenges to consider, as well as staff implications. Mr. Foran suggested that Boardmembers codify the idea more concisely and possibly include it in the Board's first quarterly report to City Council as something that the Board wants to explore or implement. The Council may want to weigh in on the level and type of interaction and the implications that this might have for other Council liaisons and the Boards/Commissions that they are involved with.

Mr. Smith noted that when another Board/Commission wants to speak to the Parks Board they are typically included in the meeting agenda under *Oral Communications*. This is also consistent with meeting agendas for other Boards/Commissions. Mr. Smith asked Chair Heath if he wants this to still be the case—Chair Heath clarified that future reports from other Board/Commission liaisons should be included under *Communications from Boards and Commissions*, not *Oral Communications*.

If the above process is initiated, Chair Heath inquired if Boardmembers would like to ask other Boards/Commissions for their input after a one, three or six month trial period. If implemented, Boardmember Nieuwenhuis inquired if the communication should occur on a regular basis or as needed. Boardmember Grindeland reminded Boardmembers that a quarterly report should be provided to City Council.

Chair Heath suggested that the Parks Board prepare a value proposition for communicating to other Boards/Commissions. After a brief discussion, Boardmembers concurred that reports should be reported quarterly. Boardmember Grindeland suggested that the Parks Board person assigned to each Board/Commission monitor the meeting minutes to determine if there are parks related items being discussed at the meetings.

Chair Heath reminded Boardmembers that when attending other Board/Commission meetings, their role is to observe and report back to the Parks Board. It is not to speak on behalf of the Parks Board. Then, the Parks Board agenda would include any reports and elevate the discussions as determined at that time. Chair Heath inquired if Boardmembers were in agreement with the overall communication process to other Boards/Commissions. Boardmember Grindeland clarified that according to the draft bylaws (not yet adopted), the Board Chair has this authority.

There was general consensus to move forward with the above concept. Chair Heath will prepare a formal recommendation to be presented for adoption at the next Board meeting.

- Quarterly Report to Council

Not discussed.

- Board Visioning

Chair Heath reviewed his proposed ideas for Board Visioning and Planning, which was included in his handout. His goal is to allow Boardmembers time during the meeting agenda to discuss ideas and/or issues that should be addressed by the Parks Board and then make a plan for following through on the ideas.

Boardmember Deng favored the visioning and planning concept and suggested that it occur annually. Boardmember Synn concurred with Boardmember Deng. He questioned if there is a clear vision statement for the “community services” portion of “Parks & Community Services.” Mr. Smith explained that the term “community services” is more difficult to recognize and understand—it needs further explanation. Visual images help explain “community services.” Mr. Foran added that there is a Department mission that is more comprehensive. Boardmember Grindeland called attention to the list of upcoming Parks special events that was included in the Board packet. These typically involve community service events.

Boardmember Synn suggested that some of the information utilized during the CAYA presentation might be useful during his Planning Commission visit.

Boardmember Nieuwenhuis thought that the Board Visioning and Planning statement that Chair Heath distributed is a great start. He also liked the idea of the visioning and planning concept and favors doing this two times per year. Boardmember Grindeland and Boardmember Van Hollebeke concurred with Boardmember Nieuwenhuis. Boardmember Van Hollebeke noted that discussing the visioning and planning concepts one time per year may lose sight of the overall vision—he suggested that quarterly discussions be considered as well.

CONTINUED FROM ABOVE (Item 8):

Next Quarter’s Agenda Items:

Chair Heath suggested that the following topics be considered for the May Parks Board meeting agenda:

- Downtown Livability Initiative
 - Plazas versus open space
- Retreat Work Plan Items
- Recognition of Outgoing Boardmember Grindeland
- Bylaws
- Budget
- Education
- Work Plan Items

Chair Heath noted that timeframes for the meeting agenda items will be set after he and Boardmember Synn attend the April 19, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

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

None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

12. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. 2016 Volunteer Program Brief: Natural Resource and Resource Management Divisions
- C. Arbor Day—Earth Day Flyer
- D. Email re volleyball team
- E. Email re youth sports

13. **INFORMATION:**

- A. List of upcoming Parks special events
- B. Next regular Parks Board meeting—May 9, 2017

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

None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Grindeland and second by Boardmember Deng to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 3, 2017
To: Parks & Community Services Board
From: Sherry Grindeland, Boardmember
Subject: Park Board Bylaws
(Board discussion and direction requested)

Included in the packet is the revised Parks & Community Services Bylaws draft. I met with Charmaine Arredondo (Assistant Director, City Clerk's Office) and Jerome Roache (Assistant City Attorney) about the concerns expressed by the board and particularly Mark and Eric.

We changed the name to Parks & Community Services Board in the initial paragraph. Thereafter in accordance with city standards, we're simply referred to as the Board.

We do need to keep our bylaws consistent with the city standards as set by the City Clerk and the latest revised Robert's Rules of Order. For instance, if we all agree and vote on it, we can change our agenda a bit but we must always do the traditional approval of the minutes and agenda at the beginning of the meetings.

The City Council suggests that all boards and commissions to adhere to the new guidelines for oral communications – no more than 30 minutes total and three minutes per person – no longer the five minutes for a group. The goal is to be standardized and consistent.

We clarified the calendar year confusion about missing meetings and also things such as board elections.

If the Board has no further changes to the Bylaws, Charmaine and Jerome will review them once again. The Board will then be able to vote to approve the Bylaws in May.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Grindeland



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD BYLAWS

These Bylaws constitute the official rules of procedure for the Parks and Community Services Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board). Where rules of procedure are not addressed in these Bylaws, the Board shall be governed by the City Council's adopted Rules (Resolution No. 8928) and/or by *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

ARTICLE I - Scope of Authority/Responsibility

The members of the Board accept the responsibility of the office and declare their intention to execute the duties defined under the State law and Bellevue City Code to the best of their ability and to respect and observe the requirements established by the Bellevue City Council.

The authority of the Board is limited to those specific functions set forth in the Bellevue City Code. The purpose of the Board is advisory to the City Council.

The Board shall have no authority or responsibility relating to the following activities:

- A. The Board or its individual members shall not speak for or advocate on behalf of the City or Board, or act in a manner that may be construed as representing the City, unless specifically authorized to do so by the City Council.
- B. The Board or its individual members have no supervisory authority and shall not direct administrative operations, maintenance, or hiring of consultants and other independent contractors.
- C. The Board shall not participate in regional issues not specifically assigned to the Board by the City Council.

A member of the Board is not authorized to speak for the Board unless the Board has expressly authorized the member's communication.

An individual member is free to voice a position, oral or written, on any issue after making it clear that the member is not speaking as a representative of the City or as a member of the Board.

ARTICLE II - Membership and Organization of the Board

A. Membership.

1. Each person at time of nomination and continuing uninterrupted thereafter while serving on the Board shall be a resident of the City of Bellevue. If residency is broken at any point, the Council Liaison assigned to the Board shall recommend to the City Council a new Board member for appointment. (See Resolution 8928, Section 5C for full process).
2. Each person to be appointed shall be nominated by the Council Liaison for a specific, numbered position on the Board.

3. Appointees shall commence service after confirmation by the City Council and the effective date of the previous member's resignation or expiration of the existing term for the position, as applicable.
 4. Each confirmation motion by the Council shall include the ending date and term for the position to which the member is appointed and that information shall be entered into the Council meeting minutes and maintained in the Board's records by the Deputy City Clerk.
- B. Election of Officers. The Board shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, and any other officers the Board deems necessary, for a term of one year at their first regular meeting in June of each year, or as soon thereafter as feasible based on seating of newly-appointed members.
- The election process shall be in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
- In the event of the resignation of the Chair or Vice-Chair, the Board shall expeditiously elect a new officer to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the existing term.
- In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, a Chair pro tem shall be elected informally by the members present to conduct the meeting.
- C. Committees. The Chair, with the concurrence of the Board, may appoint standing committees or special committees of the Board and assign one or more members to such committees.
- D. Quorum. At all meetings of the Board, quorum shall consist of a majority of the members.
- E. Ex officio members. The Council may approve the appointment of an ex officio member to the Board. Ex officio members are authorized to sit at the table and participate in discussions, but are non-voting members.
- F. Resignation. A member may resign by giving written notice to the City Clerk and the Chair of the Board.
- G. Removal from office. Members of the Board may be removed at any time by the Mayor, upon approval of a majority of the Council for neglect of duty, conflict of interest, unexcused absence from three consecutive regular meetings of the Board, or for any reason deemed sufficient by the majority of the Council. The decision of the Council shall be final and there shall be no appeal.
- H. Vacancies. Vacancies shall be reported immediately to the City Clerk.
- Vacancies occurring for reasons other than the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. The appointment is made by the Mayor upon approval of a majority of the Council.
- I. Staffing. The Parks and Community Services Department Director shall assign staff support to the Board.

ARTICLE III - Duties

- A. Presiding Officer. The Chair shall be the presiding officer of the Board. In the temporary absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties and responsibilities of the Chair.

It shall be the Presiding Officer's duty to see that the transaction of Board business is in accord with these Bylaws.

- B. Presiding Officer Duties. It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to:
1. Call the meeting to order.
 2. Keep the meeting to its order of business.
 3. Control the discussion in an orderly manner.
 - a. Introduce the agenda topic, provide for staff presentation and questions from the Board, and call for discussion among the Board members.
 - b. Give every Board member who wishes an opportunity to speak.
 - c. Permit audience participation at the appropriate times.
 - d. Require all speakers to speak to the question and to observe the rules of order.
 - e. Give pro and con speakers opportunities to speak to a question when practicable.
 - f. Guide the Board in providing direction to staff and making recommendations to the City Council.
 4. State each motion before it is discussed and before it is voted upon.
 5. Put motions to a vote and announce the outcome or summarize consensus direction achieved by the Board.
 6. Decide all questions of order, subject to the right of appeal to the Board by any member.

The Presiding Officer may at his or her discretion call the Vice-Chair or any member to take the Chair so the Presiding Officer may make a motion.

- C. Board Staff Duties. The Board staff, or an authorized designee, shall attend all meetings of the Board. The Board staff shall:
- a. Provide for noticing of special meetings or changed locations of meetings;
 - b. Post agendas and Board packet materials for each meeting;
 - c. Record and retain, by electronic means, each meeting for the official record;
 - d. Provide for timely preparation of summary minutes of all Board meetings;
 - e. Maintain the Board's official records;
 - f. Manage correspondence on behalf of the Board.

ARTICLE IV - Council Liaison

- A. The Mayor, with the concurrence of Council, shall appoint a Councilmember to serve as Liaison to the Board.
- B. The Council shall identify roles and responsibilities for Liaisons to the Council's appointed Boards and Commissions.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

Public notice of meetings or of hearings before the Board shall be provided as required by law. Noticing of special meetings and public hearings is provided by the Deputy City Clerk.

- A. Regular meetings. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held at 6:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month; unless there is critical or time-sensitive work, the Board may recess for either the month of August or December.

Regular or continued meetings that fall on a holiday shall be rescheduled by the Board.

- B. Special meetings. Special meetings may be held by the Board subject to notice requirements prescribed in state law. The notice for special meetings shall state the subjects to be considered, and no subjects other than those specified in the notice shall be considered.

Electronic mail shall be considered written notice to members for purposes of this rule.

- C. Meeting place. Meetings of the Board shall be held at Bellevue City Hall unless otherwise noticed.

- D. Open Public Meetings. No legal action may be taken by the Board except in a public meeting. "Action" is defined as the transaction of official business, but is not limited to receipt of public testimony, deliberations, discussions, considerations, reviews, evaluations, and final actions.

All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public; provided, the Board may hold Executive Sessions as permitted by law (RCWs 42.30.110 and 43.30.140).

Minutes will be prepared for all regular and special meetings and presented as soon as practicable for Board review and approval. Minutes will include all pertinent information, motions, decisions made, and actions and votes taken. Minutes are not required to be taken at an Executive Session (RCW 42.32.030).

- E. Public Notice. Public notice of meetings or hearings before the Board shall be provided as required by law. Notice of special meetings will be delivered in writing by mail or electronic mail at least 24 hours in advance to Board members and to the City's newspaper of record and other media publications that have filed written requests of the City to be notified. The notice will specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted.

- F. Attendance. Attendance at regular and special meetings is expected of all Board members.

Any member anticipating absence from an official meeting should notify the Board staff in advance.

Unexcused absences from three consecutive regular meetings shall be reported to the City Council for appropriate action as prescribed by Bellevue City Code, Section 3.62.010.

- G. Remote participation. A member not able to be physically present for a meeting may participate remotely using approved teleconferencing equipment. Remote participation must be approved in advance, by majority vote of the Board, either at an earlier Board meeting or before joining a current meeting. A member may participate remotely no more than four times per calendar year, unless absent for medical reasons, and only two members may participate remotely during any one Board meeting. Such remote participation will be considered attendance at the meeting and shall be counted toward determination of a quorum.

- H. Recess. The Board may, by a majority vote or consensus, recess for a short break. The proposal to recess may set a time limit or run until the Chair calls the meeting back to order.

- I. Continuation. The continuation of a meeting shall be to a definite time and place and approved by majority vote.

- J. Adjournment. Regular meetings of the Board shall adjourn at 8:30 pm. The adjournment time may be extended to a later time certain upon approval of a motion carried by a majority of Board members.

At the conclusion of the agenda, after calling for any additional business, the Chair may declare the meeting adjourned.

ARTICLE VI - Order of Business/Agenda

- A. Preparation of meeting agendas will be the duty of the Board staff in coordination with the Chair.
- B. Copies of the agenda will be available to all Board members at least two days prior to a regular meeting and 24 hours in advance of special meetings.
- C. The agenda will indicate whether formal action is intended to be taken by the Board on a particular matter.
- D. The order of business for each regular meeting shall be as follows:
 - 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - 2. Approval of the Agenda
 - 3. Approval of Minutes
 - 4. Oral and Written Communications
 - 5. City Council Communication
 - 6. Director's Report
 - 7. Board Communication
 - 8. Chair Communication & Discussion
 - 9. Discussion / Action Items
 - 10. Board Member Committee / Liaison Reports
 - 11. New Business
 - 12. Other Communication
 - 13. Information
 - 14. Oral and Written Communications
 - 15. Adjournment
- E. The printed agenda of a regular meeting may be modified, supplemented or revised by a majority affirmative vote of the Board members present.
- F. A topic on the agenda may be continued to subsequent meetings when it is apparent that one meeting will not be sufficient to complete the scheduled business.
- G. The order of business does not apply to Special Meetings.

ARTICLE VII - Public Comment

- A. Timing of Communications. The Board shall not take public comment at regular meetings except for that given at a public hearing or at Oral and Written Communications. Written comments may be submitted to the Board staff in advance of the meeting.
- B. Addressing the Chair. Speakers shall address all statements to the Chair. Board members may direct questions to speakers only with the Chair's permission.

C. Public hearings. The purpose of a public hearing is to gather information and opinions on a specific subject the Board is studying. The following rules shall be observed during any public hearing:

1. The Chair shall, at the opening of a public hearing, state the purpose of and process for the hearing and may request that staff provide an introductory staff report.
2. Persons wishing to speak shall sign in on the sign-in sheet provided and will be called to speak in the order in which they signed.
3. Speakers will be allowed three minutes in which to make their comments. Additional time will not be allowed unless the Chair or a majority of the Board determines to allow additional time.
4. Speakers are encouraged to indicate support for or opposition to previous comments rather than repeating prior testimony.
5. No specific time limitations are placed on the length of public hearings.
6. The Board may continue a hearing to a future date or close a hearing after everyone wishing to speak has spoken.
7. All written material provided before or during the hearing will be included in the hearing record.
8. The Chair may allow additional time for receipt of written comments when needed.

D. Oral Communications.

1. The time allowed for Oral Communications shall not exceed 30 minutes.
2. Persons wishing to speak shall sign in on the sign-in sheet provided and will be called to speak in the order in which they signed.
3. Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes. Additional time will not be allowed unless the Chair or a majority of the Board determines to allow additional time.
4. Suspension of these rules will require a majority vote of the Board members present.

E. Decorum. Persons participating in Board meetings are strongly encouraged to aid the Board in maintaining the decorum and orderly progression of the meeting agenda. Engaging in shouting, use of profanity or slurs against others, disruptive noise, or comments that are off-topic detract from the ability of the Board to conduct business. Where such conduct results in actual disruption of the meeting, the Chair may issue a verbal warning to the speaker and, if the behavior continues, have the speaker removed from the meeting room. Repeated disruption may result in the speaker being excluded from participating in public comment at one or more subsequent Board meetings. If the Chair issues an exclusion to any speaker, he or she shall inform the person of the basis for the exclusion and the term of the exclusion. The Chair shall also notify the speaker that if he or she desires to address the Board during the period of exclusion from public comment, he or she may submit written comments which will be received by the Board staff and provided to each of the Board members.

F. Timekeeping. The Board staff shall be the timekeeper.

ARTICLE VIII - Motions

- A. No motion shall be entertained or debated until seconded and announced by the Chair. The motion shall be recorded and, if desired by any member, read by the Clerk before it is debated. With the consent of the Board, a motion may be withdrawn at any time before action is taken on the motion.
- B. Motions shall be entertained in the order of precedence outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

ARTICLE IX - Voting

- A. Action. Action may be taken by a majority of the members present when a quorum exists.
- B. Votes on Questions. Each member present or participating remotely shall vote on all questions put to the Board except on matters in which he or she has been disqualified for a conflict of interest or under the Appearance of Fairness doctrine. Such member shall disqualify himself or herself prior to any discussion of the matter, stating the reason for the disqualification unless there is a legal impediment to disclosure. The disqualified member will then leave the meeting room.

Voting shall be accomplished by voice or through a showing of hands. Secret balloting is prohibited. Proxy votes of members not present are not valid votes. All votes shall be recorded in the Summary Minutes.

- C. Tie Vote. The passage of a motion is defeated by a tie vote, provided that the question may be brought forward again at the request of any member at the same meeting or at the next meeting when any members who were absent or disqualified at the time of the tie vote are present.
- D. Failure to Vote. Any Board member who fails to vote without a valid disqualification shall be declared to have voted in the affirmative on the question.
- E. Six-month Time Limitation. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, once a matter has been voted on and the time for reconsideration has passed with no action, the matter may not be taken up again for six months unless there is a showing of a substantial change of circumstances.
- F. Decisions. The Board shall act as a body in making its decisions and in announcing them. The Chair or the Chair's designee shall serve as the spokesperson for the Board in reporting decisions.

ARTICLE X - Conflict of Interest, Appearance of Fairness, and Legal Assistance

Board members are held to high ethical standards and shall at all times comply with the provisions of Chapter 3.92 of the Bellevue City Code, as they exist now or as amended in future.

Any member of the Board who, in his or her opinion, has an interest in any matter before the Board that would tend to prejudice his or her actions shall so publicly indicate and shall step down and refrain from voting and participating in any manner on the matter in question to avoid any possible conflict of interest or violation of the appearance of fairness.

When there is doubt concerning the legality of an issue, the City Attorney (or designee) may be called upon to advise members as to the legality of the proposed action. If necessary, a hearing or deliberation may be continued until legal matters can be clarified. Care must be taken in maintaining records of the proceedings when litigation is a possibility.

ARTICLE XI - Minutes

- A. Minutes are the official record of a meeting. Electronic recordings of meetings are retained at the City for six years and then forwarded to the Digital Archives for permanent retention.

Minutes should be sufficiently detailed to provide what was done, by whom, and why, in order to provide an accurate summary of the main points of the discussion. Minutes are written to provide a readable, concise record of lengthy meetings, and as such not every speaker's comments on every topic are included.

If a Board member wishes to ensure that a particular statement is included in the minutes, he or she should indicate, "For the record, I believe...." to signal the desire to have this comment included.

- B. Draft minutes presented for approval in the meeting packet may be amended if a legally sufficient reason to do so exists.

Once approved, that page of amended minutes will subsequently show the following wording next to the spot of the amendment: "Corrected - see minutes of _____."

ARTICLE XII - Compliance with Laws

All Board members shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, including but not limited to Chapter 49.60 RCW (Washington's Law Against Discrimination) and 42 U.S.C. 12101 et. seq. (ADA), BCC 3.92 (Code of Ethics), RCW 42.56 (Public Records Act), RCW 42.30 (Open Public Meetings Act), BCC 2.26 (Public Records) and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352).

ARTICLE XIII - Communications

- A. Communications with Council. The Board shall provide at least quarterly communications to the Council, either at Reports of Boards and Commissions or in written form. Reports should highlight major activities, future work plans, changes in work plans, and request any policy direction needed from Council.
- B. Communications among Board members. To avoid possible violations of the Open Public Meetings Act, Board members shall refrain from back-and-forth exchange of information, viewpoints, positions, or other dialogue via email, telephone, or in person among a quorum of the membership about the business of the Board outside of a public meeting. Communications among less than a quorum that are then relayed by a participant to other members, who together constitute a quorum, are also prohibited.

ARTICLE XIV - Records

The term “public records” applies to any paper, correspondence, completed form, bound record book, photograph, film, audio or video recording, map drawing, machine-readable material, videostream, email, text message, or social media that has been created or received by any state or local government agency during the course of public business and legislative records described in RCW 40.14.100. The following requirements apply to the Board and its individual members:

- A. Public records are the property of the City and must be managed (preserved, stored, transferred, destroyed, etc.) according to the provisions of RCW 40.14.
- B. Tools are in place to manage all emails sent to the Board’s email account (parkboard@bellevuewa.gov) according to state law.
- C. Board members are responsible for including Board staff on all Board-related communications, including forwarding any emails sent to the member in his/her individual capacity to the parkboard@bellevuewa.gov address. Any hard copy records shall also be transferred to staff for long-term maintenance.
- D. Members may be required to produce emails or documents that relate to the activities or operations of the Board in response to a public disclosure request. Members may also be required to produce their personal notes taken at Board meetings that relate to the activities and deliberations of the Board. To the extent that those notes contain information that is purely personal or material that is exempt under the Public Disclosure Act, they may not need to be provided to the requestor.
- E. As required by WAC 44-14-04003(2) and the City’s Public Records Act Rules, the City must provide the fullest assistance in response to public disclosure requests. The City’s Public Records Officer and a representative of the City Attorney’s Office will review any documents that may be exempt from disclosure and will provide the necessary explanations of any exemptions to the requestor if access to particular records is denied. Courts may award monetary penalties should the City not respond fully or promptly.
- F. Board members are advised to establish a separate, clearly-named file within their personal email account and/or on the hard drive of their personal computer to which they file all materials relating to the Board.

ARTICLE XV - Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation. Members shall be reimbursed for authorized travel or other expenses incidental to that service, which are authorized by the City Manager or City Council. Members should seek pre-authorization for any proposed expense.

ARTICLE XVI - Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended, revised, or repealed by the entire Board at any regular meeting or any special meeting, provided that notice of such changes is included on the agenda and the

vote to change takes place at the next regular meeting. Amendments will not be valid unless two-thirds of the membership of the Board vote in favor of amending the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVII - Validity

If any part or parts of these Bylaws are found to be invalid, that part or parts will not invalidate the remainder of the Bylaws.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Chair

Director
Parks and Community Services
Department

_____, Board Staff

BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISONS

Draft Policy and Procedures

Modified per April 11, 2017 Parks and Community Services Board Discussion

These ideas are not exclusive to each other; several ideas could be used together.

Establish a monthly Agenda Item for “Communications from Boards and Commissions and Community Council.” Any known substantive agenda items should also be noted.

Establish a Parks and Community Services Board committee and/or liaisons and have the committee /liaisons report to the full Parks and Community Services Board quarterly.

Hold joint meetings with other Boards and Commissions

Request that staff contact other staff liaisons quarterly / semi-annually and request that other staff liaisons alert the Parks and Community Services Board liaison if items are on their agenda that might be of interest to the Parks and Community Services Board.

Include the following Boards and Commissions:

- Arts Commission
- Human Services Commission
- Planning Commission
- Transportation Commission
- Youth Link Board

Per the February 2017 Retreat, role of the Parks and Community Services Board member is to listen, observe and report back to the Parks and Community Services Board. The Parks and Community Services Board agenda would then include time to discuss any reports and elevate the discussions as determined at that time.

BOARD VISIONING AND PLANNING


Draft Policy and Procedures

Modified per April 11, 2017 Parks and Community Services Board Discussion

General Concept: Prioritize time in meetings at least twice a year so that the Parks and Community Services Board can discuss what ideas / issues should be addressed by the Parks and Community Services Board and make a plan for following through on those ideas / issues. The goal is to be an advocate for parks and community services, and for the community, and also to be an advisor to the City Council. The Parks and Community Services Board wants to protect and preserve what we already have and we want to increase / improve on the current system.



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 18, 2017
To: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers
From: Patrick Foran, Director, Parks & Community Services Department 
Subject: Approval for overnight camping event at Newcastle Beach Park

On September 2-3, 2017, the TRACKS (Outdoor Recreation Program) will be hosting a community special event. The special event entitled "Community Campout" will be an overnight camping experience held at the Newcastle Beach Park location – 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE. During the event, about 30 families will have the opportunity to experience hands on workshops to include: Leave No Trace camping skills, as well as be provided with other entertainment and a camping food menu. This service delivery model will create a controlled, structured and safe camping environment for the attendees.

Parks and Recreation City code section 3.43.040 states:

Overnight camping – It is unlawful to camp overnight in any park, except at places set aside and posted for such purposes by the City Manager or his or her designee, or by permit issued by the City Manager or his or her designee. (Ord. 4480 § 3, 1993; Ord. 4071 § 1, 1989.)

The Community Campout scheduled for September 2-3 will be an overnight camping event. Full-time and part-time City of Bellevue staff will be present at the Newcastle Beach Park the entire duration of the event. This special event has the approval of the Parks & Community Services Director's office to utilize the park overnight.

We hosted this event last year at Newcastle Beach Park and had a great response from participants, it ran smoothly with coordination between recreation and parks staff. We hope this special event will continue to build momentum this year as an annual TRACKS community program.

cc: Parks & Community Services Board

Interlake High School
16425 NE 24th Street
Bellevue, WA 98008

February 18th, 2017

Dear Evaluation Committee,

I am writing to nominate the founder and director from Bellevue Youth Theatre, James McClain, for your Inspirational Community Member Award. I have worked with James McClain for 6 years now, doing shows at BYT. Not only am I inspired by him but there are well over 200 kids that owe him a huge thank you for creating such a program that allowed us to be who we wanted.

Bellevue Youth Theatre was founded by Mr. McClain in order to fulfill his dream of creating a theatre program in which everyone receives a roll. James founded the theatre in 1990. He has written many shows and modified previously written ones in order to fill the needs of each person who auditions. To this day, James still spends his time hard at work in order to provide the community with an opportunity for the youth to grow. His heartfelt dedication has left a huge impact on many people, including the disabled part of the community. By creating a theatre like this James gave up the opportunity of having high level shows such as a Broadway show. Yet the children of BYT never fail to make him smile because he gives it his all to teach us how to act.

His dream come true has given me the opportunity to grow into a leader. He teaches that it takes team work to make a show outstanding, and not just one outstanding actor. Something he always says is that "It's not about the amount of lines you have, but the amount of stage time you are given." When I was 9 years old I took this literally. It didn't matter to me that I only had 5 lines because I was in 7 scenes along with the rest of my cast. Now I am 14 and my roles have matured. His words still apply to my acting career at BYT, but I am also able to apply them to the real world. It might not always be about what you have to say in this world because words don't always change things. It's the actions a person takes while living that affects those around them.

The place that James McClain has created has invoked a welcoming environment where people of all backgrounds may come and explore their passion for the theatre and meet new people. Without him, the Bellevue community would be left without many incredibly kind and strong willed leaders such as myself. I would be the person I am today without BYT and neither would any of the other participants, which is why James McClain deserves to be recognized for being the most inspirational community member. He did not affect one child, but hundreds which has spread leadership, compassion, teamwork and love into our community making it a better place.

Considering all he has done for this community with the simple acts of having a dream shows that he, of all people deserves the recognition of the Inspirational Community Member award. The award would show our appreciation to his dedication in the youth which will shape our future.

Sincerely,
Georgia Brock

From: Jennifer S
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 7:25 AM
To: Miyake, Brad <BMiyake@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>; Foran, Patrick <PForan@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Great experience with BVSP

April 17, 2017

Attn: Brad Miyake, City Manager

We wanted to send an email to share with you how pleased we are with the Bellevue Skate Park. Our 9 year old has now done two Skate Camps, and a handful of private lessons at the facility and from the very first day we arrived for his lesson, we were so impressed with all of the staff! They were very helpful in suggesting what size skateboard we should buy and instantly were welcoming to us and our son. He has some special needs, and focusing can be difficult at times. He is easily distracted, but they are always so patient with him, and we really appreciate that. He finished his second camp last week and we have already signed him up for camp in July at his request! He loves it. It's not often that you find a business with younger employees that are as friendly, professional, helpful and in our sons case - very patient. Joe and Josh are great, and we just wanted to share with you what a great job they and all the employees there are doing.

Sincerely,

Jennifer & John S

From: Kovalan, Sakthi S

Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 5:03 PM

To: Arredondo, Charmaine <CArredondo@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Requesting Bellevue parks authority to consider developing Cricket

Hi

Greetings.

My name is Sakthi Kovalan. I live in Bellevue (1220,168th Ave). This email is with regards to development of sport named cricket* in North West region. We have a large community of cricket enthusiasts living around Bellevue, Redmond and Kirkland. Currently we have only 2 cricket fields covering these 3 areas: 1.Marymoor park (Redmond). 2. North Robinswood park (Bellevue). We as a game lovers, wanted to build a diversified cricket community for all age groups and develop the sport. I always believe that any sport will grow if we provide right facilities supported by an organized community and encouragement. As a first step, we wanted to consult with Bellevue Parks authority board to consider our request and gives us an opportunity to develop the game. Based on board's interest/encouragement and if board can identify an appropriate facility which can be used for cricket facility, we will work on a building a wider cricket community and start crowd funding model to support our initiative. If board wants to hears us more, we would love to get in touch with the right authority and share our ideas. I think that will be a good starting point.

Can you please forward my email to the right member ?


Thanks in advance. Happy Monday

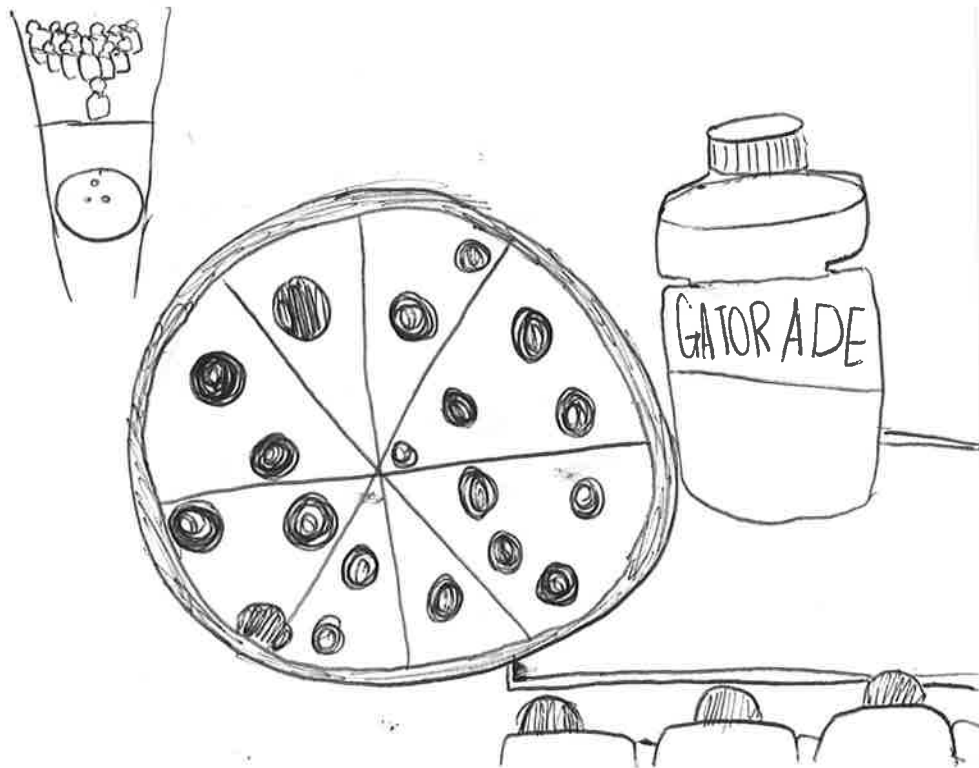
Regards
Sakthi

*FAQ

What is Cricket?

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket>

My Brother Steve, (your like a brother to me)
My Friend you are a valuable & quality
human being. The kindness & warmth
you extended to these children this
week was/is exemplary. My daughter
enjoyed & appreciate the Staff, the
program, field trips, pizza, drinks, activities
above all, human kindness. You and
your staff pour out sincere &
genuine warmth, care & attention to our
kids. The friendly smiles, kind manners,
touched our heart. This was like
bringing my child to family! The
staff expended themselves open heartedly
provided our children a safe, caring,
healthy environment, even emotional
stability. We always forget every word
we hear, but we never forget 
how kind someone was, how
they made you feel. We're appreciative Steve
look forward to the next adventure!



Dear Coach Steve,

Thank you so much for giving me the Gatorade and buying the pizzas and taking us to Lucky Strike and the movie theater. My week at camp was awesome!!! You really went out of your way to make sure everyone was having a good time. This makes me compelled to sign up for the next camp! I even told my mom that instead of going to school, I would go HERE for the whole year! I also appreciated how you took a genuine interest in me. You never left me hanging if I didn't understand something or if I did something wrong the first time. THANK YOU!!!

-Scarlet G. ❤️

Bellevue Parks & Community Services

Events List

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MAY 2017

- May 4** **Garden Class: Selecting and Growing Berries in the Pacific Northwest**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class is designed to familiarize the urban and suburban gardener with common, and some less common, berries that can be grown in the Pacific Northwest. We will cover fruit descriptions, soil, planting and training requirements, as well as disease susceptibility. The presentation is appropriate for beginning to mid-range technical, and will follow a printed outline. Questions will be encouraged and answered throughout the presentation. Larry Davis has been an avid backyard vegetable gardener and orchardist for most of his life; he joined the Seattle Fruit Society in the late 1980s and was a King County Master Gardener for twenty years. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- May 5** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Birds to Share”**,
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 May, International Migratory Bird Day is celebrated across the Americas! As part of this international event, we’ll read stories and make crafts related to the amazing multi-national birds we all love. 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 117746 or 117747. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 6** **Plant Sale: Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale features a great selection of plants from the Eastside Fuchsia Society. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants for sale. **Info:** 425-452-2750.
- May 6** **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.

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- May 6** **Nature's Recyclers**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Who is cleaning up the forest floor? Fungus, bacteria, and invertebrates are nature's busy recyclers working endlessly to break down organic material. Not only do they break down decaying matter, but they also turn it into rich nutrient-filled soil necessary for healthy forests. Join a Park Ranger to enjoy a story, hands-on activities, and a chance to meet some wiggly recyclers. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- May 6-7** **Hua Yuan Chinese Floral Art Exhibition**, 9 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The exquisite floral arrangements created by members of the school will be on display. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2750.
- May 7** **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.
- May 7** **Living with Wildlife – Black-Tailed Deer**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Black-tailed deer are a welcomed friend in many of Bellevue's neighborhoods. Join us to learn about how to attract deer, deer biology, how to address potential conflicts (including how to protect your fruit trees), what to do if you find a fawn, and much more! **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 9** **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.

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- May 10** **Mother's Day Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Come and celebrate the joys of motherhood with a delicious meal and door prizes. Enjoy a delicious lunch, fun entertainment and friends. This is not a Catholic Community Services meal. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** \$4 admission, collected at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required; reservations are first-come, first-served. Volunteers must register and pay as well. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.
- May 10** **Garden Class: Make a Crepe Paper Peony**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Kate Alarcon. Come celebrate peony season, and learn to make this surprisingly simple paper peony with local flower-maker, Kate Alarcon! This pretty bloom is made of layers of European crepe paper in two different weights; it's perfect for beginners. It's also a great one to have in your flower-making repertoire, since it works up so quickly and adds so much drama and texture to an arrangement. We'll make one flower together during the workshop, and you'll take home supplies for two more so you can practice at home. All materials and tools provided. **Cost:** \$55/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$65/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- May 12** **Bumble Bees in My Backyard!**, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What are those fuzzy bees that are fatter than honey bees? How do they differ from wasps and hornets? Why are bumble bees unique and important, and why do they matter to us? How can we help these pollinators do their job? Learn about Bellevue's busy buzzer, the Yellow-Faced Bumble Bee, *Bombus vosnesenskii*, the Bellevue Master Naturalists' "Species of the Year." A short film, art activity, and bee-centered game will be followed by a walk around the wetland at Lewis Creek Park to (hopefully) see and hear bumble bees doing their favorite thing – pollinating flowers! **Ages:** Best for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 117756. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 12** **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's parks! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 117894. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

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- May 12-21** **“Oliver!” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
May 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 7 p.m.; May 13, 20 and 21 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Follow Oliver’s journey from workhouse, to the streets, to a loving home, and all the twists and turns in this classic story. This is a beloved musical. **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 May 8. Group rates are available. **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- May 13** **The Food Web: Don’t Get Eaten!,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
In the woods, animals are always looking for a meal! Learn about the intricate web of life that exists all around us in this interactive program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-9 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 13** **Nature’s Recyclers,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Who is cleaning up the forest floor? Fungus, bacteria, and invertebrates are nature’s busy recyclers working endlessly to break down organic material. Not only do they break down decaying matter, but they also turn it into rich nutrient-filled soil necessary for healthy forests. Join a Park Ranger to enjoy a story, hands-on activities, and a chance to meet some wiggly recyclers. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- May 14** **Mother’s Day Social,** 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Presented by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, this lovely open house features light refreshments and beautiful scenery. Stroll the garden and shop for Mom at the Trillium Store. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/events.html>.

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- May 17** **Garden Lecture: “Magic and Miracle: The Subtle and Profound Beauty of Plants,”** 7 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
A maple tree may be entirely a male one year, entirely female the next, and represent both sexes the following year! Dan Hinkley will introduce you to some of the natural world’s strange and wonderful characters on a visual tour of some of his favorite plants. He will discuss some of their unique characteristics, including ornamental attributes, morphological features, pollination strategies, or seed dispersal mechanics. Learn about the mystery surrounding many of the plants you are already growing in your garden, or discover a few you will want to include in the near future. **Cost:** \$5/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- May 19** **Wild Babies!**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
It’s the end of Spring, and many baby animals are growing up all around us. Discover some of the amazing ways wild babies survive and thrive out in the woods. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 117600. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- May 20** **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.
- May 20** **Vermicomposting Basics**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Red Wigglers are often referred to as nature’s greatest recyclers. They turn our food scraps into nutrient-rich soil for free. Join us to learn more about how to build your own worm bin, and get started composting your kitchen scraps using these amazing creatures. Take home your new pets! **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- May 20** **The Food Web: Don't Get Eaten!**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
In the woods, animals are always looking for a meal! Learn about the intricate web of life that exists all around us in this interactive program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-9 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 20-21** **Garden Event: East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs Terra Tillers Flower Show**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Eastside gardeners will bring their best flowering trees, shrubs, and cut flowers to show off. The show also includes dish gardens and special exhibits. **Cost:** Free! No admission fee, and open to the public. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- May 21** **“Woof Walk” at Lakemont Highlands Open Space**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come explore Lakemont Highlands Open Space with your furry friend! Learn about the natural history and wildlife of the park and how we can keep our pets safe. Please limit one dog per guest with leash, and bring a doggy waste bag. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **RSVP required by 4 p.m. on May 20.** **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate-Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required by 4 p.m. on May 20. **Info and to RSVP:** 425-452-4195.
- May 24** **Youth Link's 27th Annual Community Leadership Awards –**
6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Council Chambers, 450 110th Avenue NE
Join us for an evening of celebration as we recognize young people's contributions in our community. Twenty-one program and community awards will be presented, ranging from academics, sports, community service, youth leadership, and youth in arts. Submit youth nominations to www.youthlink.com. Nomination deadline is May 5. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP via <http://27cla.bpt.me/> **Info:** Patrick Alina at palina@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-5254.
- May 26** **Nature Movie Night: “Ants: Little Creatures Who Run the World”,**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
They wage wars and live in a world of coded communication and lightning chains of command. They may be small but are capable of lifting 20 times their own body weight. Spend an hour watching this film to learn more about these fascinating social insects. **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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May 26

All About Bats, 8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Learn about the only mammals that truly fly! How are bats different from birds or rodents, why do they fly at night, and what do they do during the day? Join Bats Northwest and Bellevue Master Naturalists to discover all about bats: their benefits to the environment, how scientists study our local species, how we can protect bats, and how to address potential conflicts at home. Come prepared to take a short walk outside in search of bats at the end of the program when it gets dark. **Ages:** Best for ages 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 117758. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- June 2** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Save Our City!”**
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. Cities can be a surprisingly good place to see animals, and we can all pitch in to help them out! 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 117748 or 117749. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 3** **6th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 164th Avenue NE
Enjoy a non-competitive ride for the whole family. The ride has two unique loops – the mostly flat Greenbelt Loop, and the Lake Loop, which is a more challenging 22-mile route. Routes are approximately 80% on-road and 20% off-road gravel. The routes take riders (mostly recreational riders and families) to and through Bellevue’s award-winning park system, exploring hidden treasures of Bellevue. All participants will receive a custom T-shirt, and there are many items given away. Proceeds benefit the City of Bellevue’s youth camp scholarship fund. **Ages:** Recommended for ages 9 and older. Kids under 9 should be on a tagalong or in a trailer. **Cost:** Riders ages 9 years and older - \$15 if pre-registered or \$20 on day of event (registration begins at 8 a.m.) Kids 8 and younger – free. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 117822. **Info:** bikeride@bellevuewa.gov, <http://bellevuewa.gov/lake-to-lake-ride.htm> or 425-452-4882.
- June 3** **Garden Class: “Intro to Fermentation,” 10 a.m. - noon**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Tilth Alliance (formerly Seattle Tilth). Create delicious, healthy pro-biotic foods and preserve the season’s bounty with fermentation! Come learn about how fermented foods can help you absorb more nutrients, support your immune system, and add excitement and homemade flair to your everyday meals. You’ll learn the basics of food microbiology and meet a few of the critters that can transform your raw produce into pro-biotic superfoods. You’ll have an opportunity to see, smell and taste some of these foods. We’ll make sauerkraut together in class, some of which you can take home to watch ferment. Cost of class includes supplies; you will take a small sample home with you. **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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- June 3** **Family Discovery Series: Bee Aware! Who is Pollinating Our Food?**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Pollination is not just fascinating, it is an essential ecological function. Over 80% of the world's flowering plants require a pollinator to reproduce. Unfortunately, we are witnessing a significant decline in our natural pollinator populations. Without these pollinators, humans will not survive, and terrestrial ecosystems will continue to deteriorate. Join a Park Ranger to learn more about what we can do to protect our future of food. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 3** **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.
- June 9** **Garden Class: "Paint a Garden Bouquet," 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Kathy Johnson. Have you ever wanted to try watercolor painting? This class is geared to all levels, from beginners to experienced painters. You will leave with a finished piece of art! The work of our instructor has been shown in galleries locally and throughout the country. Her goal is to pare down imagery to convey the mood of the scene. **Cost:** \$50/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$60/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- June 9** **Who's in Your Backyard: Raccoon, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The raccoon is a mischievous nocturnal mammal. It is intelligent, a great swimmer, and lives wonderfully in the city and the wild! Come learn more about how to live alongside raccoons, and what to do when you see them around your home. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 117601. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

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- June 10** **Bellevue Botanical Garden’s 25th Anniversary Celebration**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Please join us to celebrate the Bellevue Botanical Garden’s 25th Anniversary at an open house featuring speakers, a commemorative tree planting, refreshments, and a glimpse at the new Urban Meadow exhibit. Activities will take place throughout the Garden, including kids’ activities, displays by our garden partners, a mason bee exhibit, and a coffee bar in the Shorts House. Docents will be on hand to show you highlights of the Garden. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/events.html>
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- June 10** **Living with Wildlife – There’s a Bear in the Yard!**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Living in south Bellevue often means hungry, roaming bears. Learn all about black bears in our area, including how to prevent conflicts at your home and what to do if you see a bear. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 11** **Lakemont Community Park Ranger-Led Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds through green corridors alongside the creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate-Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 11** **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.

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- June 13** **Garden Lecture: “Bellevue Botanical Garden Present and Future”**, 7 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Please join us for this Washington Native Plant Society lecture, plus a tour of the new Urban Meadow Project, by Garden Manager Nancy Kartes. This lecture is open to the public. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** http://www.wnps.org/cps_programs.html
- June 14** **Father’s Day Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Enjoy a delicious lunch, fun entertainment and friends. This is not a Catholic Community Services meal. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** \$4 admission, collected at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required; reservations are first-come, first-served. Volunteers must register and pay as well. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.
- June 16** **Ranger-Led Bat Walk**, 8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. (Sunset is at 9:10 p.m.)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about bat species of Lewis Creek! Then, take a bat hike with a Park Ranger at dusk to watch for bats as they leave their roosting sites and forage for insects. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident; \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 117763. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 17** **A Day of Play with Dad**, 8:30 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Celebrate Father’s Day by inviting Dad to a delicious pancake breakfast, then challenge him to fun family adventures. Ascend the climbing wall, scale the vertical play pen at the Bellevue Challenge Course, play disc golf, and finish the morning with a scavenger hunt through Eastgate Park. Moms and siblings are welcome too! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$8/person for ages 4 and older. Free for ages 3 and under. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 117948. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
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- June 17** **Adult Enrichment: Save the Bees**, 2 p.m. – 3 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 a 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 and 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:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 23** **Discover Summer: The Science of Sunshine**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Come learn about the amazing relationship we all have with the sun. Learn about how energy from the sun travels through animals and plants, and how without it, we could do nothing at all! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 117602. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- June 24** **Bumble Bees in My Backyard!**, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What are those fuzzy bees that are fatter than honey bees? How do they differ from wasps and hornets? Why are bumble bees unique and important, and why do they matter to us? How can we help these pollinators do their job? Learn about Bellevue’s busy buzzer, the Yellow-Faced Bumble Bee, *Bombus vosnesenskii*, the Bellevue Master Naturalists’ “Species of the Year.” A short film, art activity, and bee-centered game will be followed by a walk around the wetland at Lewis Creek Park to (hopefully) see and hear bumble bees doing their favorite thing – pollinating flowers! **Ages:** Best for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 117757. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- June 25** **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.
- June 29-July 1** **Vintage Sale**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The Vintage Sale will feature quality collector, antique, and home décor items. Proceeds will benefit the nonprofit Bellevue Botanical Garden Society. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of items will vary. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/events.html>
- June 30** **Movie Night: “The Incredible Journey of the Butterflies,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Experience one of the most incredible migrations on earth. This film captures millions of monarchs in their remote overwintering sanctuaries and along their migratory routes from Canada and across the U.S. to Mexico. To capture a butterfly’s point of view, NOVA’s filmmakers used a helicopter, ultralight, and a hot air balloon for spectacular footage of their transcontinental journey. **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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- 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 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.

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- 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 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:** \$2 suggested donation. **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** **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.

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- 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 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 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.

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- 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 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/>

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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 – available in May only

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:** Varies according to number in group. **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.

Bellevue 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.

Bellevue 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.

Bellevue 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.

Bellevue 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.

Bellevue 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.

Bellevue 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.