

# **Parks & Community Services Board**

## **Regular Meeting**

**June 13, 2017**

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA



# AGENDA

## Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

| <p><b>Boardmembers:</b></p> <p>Stuart Heath, Chair</p> <p>Debra Kumar, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Yu Deng</p> <p>Jared Nieuwenhuis</p> <p>Eric Synn</p> <p>Mark Van Hollebeke</p> <p><b>City Council Liaison:</b></p> <p>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</p> <p><b>Staff Contacts:</b></p> <p>Terry Smith – 425-452-5379</p> <p>Nancy Harvey – 425-452-4162</p> | <p>Tuesday<br/>June 13, 2017<br/>6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bellevue City Hall<br/>Conference Room 1E-113<br/>450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE<br/>Bellevue, WA 98004</p>  |  |      |  |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |   |     |  |  |   |     |   |     |  |  |   |     |  |     |                               |  |   |     |   |  |
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| 10. <b>Discussion/Action Items</b>   |     |
| • a. <b>Goodbye/Thank You for Outgoing Boardmember, Sherry Grindeland</b> – Chair Heath and Parks Staff  | N/A |
| • b. <b>Board Elections</b> Chair Heath  | 11  |
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| • e. <b>“Emergency” Agenda Items Process</b> – Chair Heath   |     |
| • f. <b>Community Services – Strategy and Vision</b> – Chair Heath   |     |
| 11. <b>New Business</b> (1 minute)   | N/A |
| 12. <b>Establish Agenda for Next Meeting</b>   | N/A |
| 13. <b>Other Communication</b>   |     |
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| 15. <b>Oral Communications/Public Comments</b>   |     |
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| 16. <b>Adjournment</b>   |     |

**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  
May 9, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall  
Room 1E-113  
Bellevue, Washington

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Heath, Vice-Chair Kumar, Boardmembers Deng, Grindeland<sup>1</sup>, Nieuwenhuis, Synn, Van Hollebeke<sup>2</sup>

**PARKS STAFF PRESENT:** Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Terry Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Pamela Johnston

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Heath at 6:03 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Vice-Chair Kumar and second by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis to approve the meeting agenda as presented.**

Chair Heath requested that a meeting agenda item be added to establish the agenda for the next meeting so the process can be transparent.

**Motion by Boardmember Synn and second by Boardmember Deng to amend the meeting agenda and add an action item to establish the June 13, 2017 meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

Chair Heath noted that Boardmembers Van Hollebeke and Grindeland both requested to participate in tonight's meeting remotely.

**Motion by Boardmember Synn and second by Boardmember Deng to amend the main motion and recommend approval of remote participation for Boardmembers Van Hollebeke and Grindeland at tonight's meeting. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

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<sup>1</sup> Via conference call; departed at 8:00 p.m.

<sup>2</sup> Via conference call; departed at 8:00 p.m.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis and second by Boardmember Deng to approve the April 11, 2017 Parks & Community Services Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

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

*None.*

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

*None.*

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

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

Mr. Foran invited Boardmembers to the Downtown Park Grand Opening on June 28, 2017. He also reported that the contractor has officially begun work at the Meydenbauer Bay Park project. Boardmember Nieuwenhuis suggested that the Board take a tour of the Meydenbauer Bay project.

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

Vice-Chair Kumar enjoyed Lewis Creek Park on Arbor Day. She also walked many Bellevue trails and is looking forward to the Downtown Park Grand Opening.

Boardmember Deng expressed her concern about park designated parking spots being utilized for Kids Quest parking.

Boardmember Grindeland recently provided materials about Bellevue's parks at a community event. She noted that people especially liked the park map and Natural Resource Program Guide. She suggested that Boardmembers should carry extra copies of this guide and distribute it to community members. She encouraged Boardmembers to be aware of what's going on in our parks and talk with citizens about our activities and projects.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke discussed an article that was recently published in the *Bellevue Reporter* that discussed Council revisiting the idea of a regional aquatic center. Boardmember Van Hollebeke requested an update regarding this information.

Boardmember Synn discussed some of the highlights from a Microsoft Ability Conference that he recently attended. He explained that Microsoft is trying to change the culture for diversity inclusion. Boardmember Synn stressed that the marketing materials, particularly for Downtown Park, highlight accessibility. In addition, Boardmember Synn would like “community services” added to a future meeting agenda.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

A. Next Quarter’s Agenda Items

*Deferred until later in the meeting agenda.*

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

Mr. Foran noted that May 20, 2017 is National Kids to Parks Day, which is a nationwide grassroots movement to connect youth with nature and encourage them to explore outdoors. A Proclamation will be presented at the May 15, 2017 City Council meeting. Boardmembers Grindeland and Nieuwenhuis (and possibly Vice-Chair Kumar and Boardmember Deng) will attend the meeting to accept the Proclamation.

- Wilburton Citizen Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair Kumar

Vice-Chair Kumar distributed the following handouts that were discussed at her recent Wilburton CAC meeting:

- Draft Vision Statement
- Wilburton Commercial Area Study (No Action Alternative: Baseline Summary)
- CAC 4 Dot Exercise
- Dot Exercise Results (Connectivity, Public Space, Neighborhood Core)
- Drawing Exercise Results:
  - CAC Completed Drawings
  - CAC & Property Owner Responses
  - CAC Data Summary Maps
  - Property Owner Data Summary Maps
  - Consultant Data Summary Maps

Boardmember Synn inquired if there is a separate Land Use Code for Wilburton. Mr. Foran confirmed that there is a separate Land Use Code for Wilburton.

Boardmember Deng expressed interest in attending another walking tour of the Grand Connection, similar to the tour that was provided in February, 2017.



10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Downtown Livability Initiative: Are plazas open spaces or parks?**

Chair Heath reported that he and Boardmember Synn attended a recent Planning Commission meeting to discuss the items that were identified on page 5 of the April 11, 2017 Parks & Community Services Board meeting minutes. Chair Heath noted that Boardmember Synn presented the information and clarified to the Planning Commission why the Board was responding so late in the process.

Boardmember Synn noted that there was tremendous support from the Planning Commission regarding his comments. The Planning Commission favored the interactive style of the Parks Board. In addition, Boardmember Synn noted that there was a lot of discussion about the impact and vision of parks. He clarified that Bellevue parks constitutes less than 6% of property in the downtown corridor.

Boardmember Synn discussed the Parks' concept of having a certain amount of parks and open spaces in each quadrant of the downtown corridor. Subsequently, Chair Heath and Boardmember Synn were approached after the Planning Commission meeting by a property owner that is selling 11 acres in the downtown corridor. In addition, Boardmember Synn noted that Councilmember Wallace clarified that the Planning Commission meeting is not the best forum to strategize on increasing park land in Bellevue. He submitted an email to staff with a number of suggestions to acquire land including: U.S. Post Office location (Bellevue Way); and providing an incentive system within the land use code.

Chair Heath noted that the Planning Commission appreciated the Parks Board's visit. He also clarified that the property owner in the downtown corridor has met with staff. Vice-Chair Kumar suggested that the contact information of this person be forwarded to staff so it gets to the appropriate person (Mr. Foran). Mr. Foran noted that he has not met with anyone in the downtown corridor selling 11 acres of property. He reiterated the importance of forwarding this type of information to staff to alleviate confusion. Mr. Foran also clarified that staff received and is evaluating the suggestions proposed by Councilmember Wallace.

Boardmember Synn explained that the Planning Commission requested that the Parks Board define/adopt a definition for "open space" and whether or not a plaza qualifies as open space. Mr. Foran noted that the city does not have a concrete definition of "open space." If one were to be adopted it should be adopted by City Council and then included in the Parks & Open Space Plan.

During Boardmember Synn's research, he found New York City Parks Department's definition of open space to be the most suitable for Bellevue. It states: "Open space is defined as publicly accessible, publicly or privately owned land that operates or is available for leisure, play, or sport, or serves to protect or enhance the natural environment."

Boardmember Van Hollebeke noted that plazas are used all over New York City for open spaces and park-like uses. There are over 100 plazas in NYC and the city has a unique program for

plazas. NYC is known for some very famous parks (e.g., 850 acres for Central Park). Boardmember Van Hollebeke suggested that Bellevue evaluate NYC's model for programming plazas to see if this type of use might be beneficial in Bellevue. He noted that NYC has three different plaza types: 1) permanent; 2) interim; and 3) one-day. Boardmember Van Hollebeke explained that there is a creative attitude toward any space within NYC and there is an open space planning process. In NYC, virtually any space can be turned into a park-like experience. Boardmember Van Hollebeke believes that plazas should be considered park-like spaces. He suggested that Bellevue interact with developers in a different way so that plazas and open spaces become more open to the public. Vice-Chair Kumar agreed with Boardmember Van Hollebeke and used the example of Bellevue's farmer's markets that provide a plaza-like experience. She also cited Compass Plaza as another example.

Boardmember Grindeland also favored Boardmember Van Hollebeke's concept. She inquired who would insure and oversee the plazas. Mr. Foran clarified that most plazas in the downtown corridor were created by developers through the incentive program. The property is typically owned by property owners and there is a permanent public easement over the use of the property for public access. The easement typically specifies the areas that can be utilized for public access.

Rather than reject a plaza program, Boardmember Van Hollebeke encouraged Boardmembers to think creatively and determine what is desired, and then identify potential partners to accomplish the goal. He noted that NYC actively reaches out to organizations to solicit various spaces to utilize as plazas.

Boardmember Nieuwenhuis concurred with Boardmember Van Hollebeke and views plazas as potentially having park-like benefits.

In order for a plaza to be considered an open space, Boardmember Deng thinks that free parking and programming should be available for the space.

Boardmember Synn likes the plaza concept that Boardmember Van Hollebeke described. However, he used the Bake's Place property as an example of an open space that is meant to be a plaza. He explained that this area is enclosed by residential apartment buildings and not visible from the street. Boardmember Synn stressed the importance of clear expectations for developers when providing incentives.

Chair Heath suggested that open space be defined by potential uses.

Vice-Chair Kumar agreed with Boardmember Synn that the Bake's Place property is a poor use of open space. She would like an open space/plaza visible, accessible, and available. Boardmember Grindeland and Boardmember Nieuwenhuis agreed with this criterion. Boardmember Deng added that there should be free parking and programming.

Since the Board does not have the authority to adopt an open space or plaza definition, Boardmember Van Hollebeke inquired the intent/purpose of the discussion. Boardmember Synn clarified that this question was raised during his and Chair Heath's presentation to the Planning

Commission. The Planning Commission requested that the Parks Board determine what is acceptable for an open space or plaza.

Boardmember Van Hollebeke suggested that a plaza be defined as an active local destination that is publicly accessible, open to community use (programming), and complements the architecture/history/intent of the surrounding community. Chair Heath added that the space should be publicly accessible and visible.

Mr. Foran cautioned Boardmembers about confining their discussion around the Planning Commission's request. He suggested that Boardmember Van Hollebeke's approach works well with or without the Planning Commission's involvement.

Boardmember Grindeland inquired if there is a definition for open space within Bellevue's municipal code. Mr. Foran is not familiar with such definition.

**Motion by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis and second by Vice-Chair Kumar to forward the following statement to the Planning Commission: *For a plaza to be considered open space, it should be publicly visible, accessible, publicly or privately owned land that operates or is available for leisure, play or sport, or serves to protect or enhance the natural environment and is consistent with the desired uses of the community.* Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

Boardmembers agreed that Boardmember Synn should report back to the Planning Commission.

B. Board Work Plan Items:

In addition to the two proposed policies and procedures that were included in the Board packet, Chair Heath distributed two handouts: 1) Work Plan Council Reporting Policy-Draft; 2) Work Plan Education Policy-Draft. Boardmember Grindeland requested that these types of materials be distributed to staff in a timely manner so that they can be forwarded to Boardmembers (*Boardmembers Grindeland and Van Hollebeke did not have a copy of the handout for the meeting*).

Chair Heath noted that the Board Retreat included a discussion about educational opportunities. His expectation for the Education Policy is that: "All Parks & Community Service Boardmembers should be educated about Parks & Community Services." He noted that the education will allow for diversity and strengths. The process should be open and flexible.

Boardmember Synn favors a policy that can be voted on versus something that is changing. Mr. Smith noted that Board policies are typically set by Council, while Board procedures are typically set by the Board (i.e., bylaws).

Vice-Chair Kumar expressed confusion with the objective of the proposed policies. She would like individual Boards/Commissions to have flexibility in setting their own procedures and does not think the Parks Board should dictate how others operate. She also wants to be cohesive with policies that have already been adopted.

Mr. Smith showed a matrix of the Parks Board's Work Plan that helps staff prepare the meeting agenda each month. This matrix includes some educational items as well as reoccurring items (e.g., Budget, Human Services Needs Update, etc.). Mr. Foran clarified that some work plan items are educational and do not required Board action. Mr. Smith noted that typically agenda items are discussed at pre-meetings with the Board Chair and Vice-Chair. If an agenda topic is identified at a pre-meeting, it is typically added to the next meeting agenda or to the Parks Board's Work Plan matrix.

- Board Bylaws

*Discussed below.*

- Board Reporting to Council

Chair Heath inquired if a Parks Board representative should be selected on an ad hoc basis or if the Chair/Vice-Chair should be selected to attend the City Council meetings to provide the quarterly Parks Board report. He suggested that the Parks Board approve/vote on what is presented at the Council meetings (including the written report). Mr. Foran suggested that the Chair also communicate the report content to the Parks Board Council Liaison, prior to reporting the information to City Council. Overall, Boardmembers concurred that the Parks Board should vote on the topics that are presented in the report

- Liaison(s) to other Boards/Commissions

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

**Motion by Boardmember Synn and second by Boardmember Deng to approve the following procedures:**

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

**At the question, motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

In regards to the Parks Board Bylaws, Boardmember Synn expressed his frustration that Boardmember Grindeland met with the City Clerk's Office and Assistant City Attorney to review the Bylaws without inviting him and Boardmember Van Hollebeke to attend, particularly since they were part of the subcommittee. Boardmember Synn suggested that review and/or approval of the Bylaws be postponed until the subcommittee has had an opportunity to meet and review the recommended changes. Staff clarified that all Board comments were received and reviewed at the February 14, 2017 Parks Board meeting.

**Motion by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis and second by Boardmember Synn to postpone review and/or approval of the proposed Parks Board Bylaws until the subcommittee has an opportunity to meet and review said Bylaws. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

- Board Visioning & Planning

*Discussed above.*

- Education

*Discussed above.*

- Other Work Plan Items

Chair Heath noted that Board elections will be conducted at the June 13, 2017 meeting. He encouraged the future Board Chair to continue the transparent, flexible platform that has been created. He noted that he plans to provide a PowerPoint presentation at the next Board meeting regarding what the Board has done in the past year. Chair Heath would like all Boardmembers to be able to provide input when meeting agendas are being created. Mr. Smith reminded Chair Heath that staff typically coordinates with the Board Chair and Vice-Chair to set the meeting agenda. Mr. Smith requested that Boardmembers be mindful when making decisions because there are often times many other contributing factors to consider (e.g., timing, flexibility, etc.).

**Motion by Boardmember Synn and second by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis to extend the meeting until 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

Boardmember Van Hollebeke requested a staff update regarding the regional aquatic center. He also requested that an update be provided regarding options available for funding Capital Improvement Projects and land acquisitions.

Boardmember Synn would like the vision and strategy for community services added to a future meeting agenda. He also thinks that Boardmembers should have been kept informed about the Eastgate Homeless Shelter proposal and the multicultural center. Mr. Foran noted that the Diversity Advantage Plan staff is currently managing these items/discussions.

Boardmembers concurred that the following agenda items should be included in the June 13, 2017 Parks Board meeting:

- Community services strategy and vision discussion.
- Discussion about how to handle emergency changes to the meeting agenda.
- Elections.
- Chair Heath's PowerPoint presentation.
- Board liaison discussion.

Mr. Foran suggested that staff provide an educational session about community services, prior to the strategy/vision discussion.

**Motion by Boardmember Synn and second by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis to extend the meeting until 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

Boardmember Nieuwenhuis inquired when the bylaws will be reviewed. Chair Heath explained that no other Boards/Commissions are working on their bylaws so there is no deadline or sense of urgency to complete them.

**Motion by Boardmember Synn and second by Vice-Chair Kumar to approve the following agenda items for the June 13, 2017 Parks Board meeting:**

- **Community services strategy and vision discussion.**
- **Discussion about how to handle emergency changes to the meeting agenda.**
- **Elections.**
- **Chair Heath's PowerPoint presentation.**
- **Board liaison discussion.**

**At the question, motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

*None.*

12. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Memo from Parks staff re TRACKS overnight camping event
- B. Letter regarding James McClain
- C. Email regarding Bellevue Skatepark
- D. Email regarding cricket
- E. Thank you notes re youth sports camps

13. **INFORMATION:**

- A. List of upcoming Parks special events
- B. Next regular Parks Board meeting—June 13, 2017

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

Pamela Johnson

3741 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Johnson expressed her concern with the deteriorating tree canopy within Bellevue. She also encouraged Boardmembers to consider the Crossroads area for a mixed use cultural center that includes a homeless shelter. She views this as a favorable community service combination. She also encouraged Boardmembers to evaluate the entire plan and impacts of a homeless shelter. She noted that mixed use areas are not necessarily an area that should be discounted.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Heath at 8:49 p.m.



## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** June 13, 2017

**TO:** Parks & Community Services Boardmembers

**FROM:** Terry Smith, Assistant Director/Parks & Community Services

**SUBJECT:** Election of Chair and Vice-Chair  
*(Board action requested.)*

City of Bellevue Ordinance No. 4621 regarding membership, appointment, and terms for the Parks & Community Services Board states:

*Annually, the Board shall elect a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and such other officers as the Board deems necessary. (Section 3.62.020.C)*

Because of this ordinance, you are being asked to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at your June 13<sup>th</sup> Parks & Community Services Board meeting. Chair Heath and Vice-Chair Kumar will remain in office through the end of the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

You are free to nominate and elect these officers at your discretion. Also, as always, the Board Chair votes along with other Boardmembers. Please see the following page for a more detailed explanation of the nominating/voting process.



## **Board Election Process**

(Summarized from *Robert's Rules of Order*)

### **Nominations for Chair**

- Chair calls for nominations by saying, "Nominations are now in order for the office of Parks & Community Services Board Chairperson."
- Any Boardmember can nominate another Boardmember.
- A "second" to the nomination may occur but is not required.
- The nominated Boardmember may decline or accept the nomination.
- Nominations continue until all Boardmembers who wish to nominate have done so.
- Chair closes nominations by asking, "Are there any further nominations for Parks & Community Services Board Chairperson?" (pause) "If not, nominations are closed."

### **Voting**

- Chair explains the method of voting – by hands, or by aye/nay.
- Candidates are voted on in order of nomination.
- Chair begins the voting process by saying, "Those in favor of \_\_\_\_\_ for Board Chair, say aye." (or "raise your hand.") "Those opposed, say nay." (or "raise your hand.")
- If the majority votes for the initial candidate, the Chair declares that person elected. If the majority votes no, the Chair declares that candidate not elected and moves on to the next nominee.

**Repeat the process for Vice-Chairperson.**

### **IN CASE OF A TIE:**

If voting proceeds through all of the nominees and NONE of the nominees receives a majority vote, the Chair may call a short recess before reopening nominations to take any additional nominations. Reopening nominations requires a motion. If no additional nominations are forthcoming, the Chair will call for a revote on the original nominees. If additional nominations are made, they are added to the existing list of nominees.

When repeated balloting is necessary, the names of all nominees are kept on the ballot in the order in which they were originally presented.

**Parks and Community Services Board  
Board Visioning and Planning Policy  
Adopted - May 9, 2017**

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.

**Parks and Community Services Board**  
**Education Policy**  
**Adopted – May 9, 2017**

**Expectation**

All Parks and Community Service Board members should be educated about Parks and Community Services.

**Considerations**

There are more topics worthy of education than can possible be covered.

Different Board members have different interests and different strengths.

There are multiple opportunities for education: some as a group; some as individuals; some at meetings; and some outside of meetings.

**What / How / Why**

The questions about **what** are the right topics, **how** the education should be done, and **why** the education should be done will evolve and differ based on the then-current composition of the Board as well as the different issues that will present themselves in the future.

**Process**

The Parks and Community Services Board should vote on the education topics that will be presented at a Board meeting or done as a whole Board. The Board should engage in dialogue about educational topics that may be done individually and/or outside of the Board meetings. The vote and the dialogue should preferably occur in conjunction with the Board Visioning and Planning.

**Parks and Community Services Board  
Council Reporting Policy  
Adopted May 9, 2017**

**Speakers**

The speaker(s) should be selected on an ad hoc basis (e.g. at the Board meeting prior to the report).

**Content**

The Parks and Community Services Board should vote on the topics that are presented in the report.

**Drafting and Approval Process**

The Parks and Community Services Board should request staff to prepare the first draft of the report.

The first draft should be circulated to the Parks and Community Services Board for comment. The Parks Board Chair should discuss the report with the Council Liaison.

The final report / script should be approved by the Parks and Community Services Board.

**Presentation**

The report should be delivered in person.

**Parks and Community Services Board  
Board and Commission Liaisons Policy  
Adopted - May 9, 2017**

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.



## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT May 2017**

### **Botanical Garden**

We have worked with the BBG staff and Garden Society to develop the Urban Meadow landscape plan for the front of the garden to integrate the existing wetland plantings, rock garden, pathway system and Main Street streetscape improvements. Both of the projects are nearly complete and will be open to the public by June 10.

### **Congregation for the Homeless (CFH) Temporary Center**

Work on the temporary shelter at the City-owned Lincoln Center has been delayed until the location of the permanent shelter has been resolved, which is expected in June. Plans have been permitted and we are ready to proceed with the improvements. The construction work is expected to extend into late November, and work will be complete as soon as possible for CFH operations. BOMA (Building Owners and Managers Assn) has agreed to participate on a volunteer basis to help reduce the cost of the project.

### **Downtown Park – Complete the Circle and Rotary Inspiration Playground Expansion**

Though the inclement weather has hindered progress, construction is nearly 90% complete. The final work includes landscaping, electrical hook ups and wiring, lighting installation, playground safety surfacing, equipment testing and clean up. The intersection improvements at 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE and NE 1<sup>st</sup> were delayed due to COB Transportation requests, but the work is now complete and the road is once again open. The park will officially re-open for the grand re-opening celebration on June 28, and be ready to host the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

### **Kelsey Creek Playground Replacement**

The equipment has been ordered and the site work is underway to relocate the playground, which is expected to be complete by the end of June.

### **Marymoor Park Transfer**

We have explored options to transfer the City-owned portion of Marymoor Park to King County to allow the County to enter into an agreement with a local soccer organization to redevelop the existing softball fields into a soccer complex. The project remains on-hold.

### **Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development**

Construction is now underway, and demolition of two residential homes along 99<sup>th</sup> St. are nearly complete. Initial grading work is underway. Plans are also being finalized to remodel the Whaling Building to include public restrooms, a meeting room and small boat rental facility. This project will be complete when the remaining park is complete.

### **Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects Summary**

- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Project complete.
- **Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Project complete.

- **BYT Construction:** Project complete.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Site analysis and schematic design is complete. We continue to explore options and cost estimates to determine the phase 1 scope of work.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
  - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
  - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
  - **Bridle Trails/140<sup>th</sup> Ave Property:** Project complete.
  - **Bridle Trails Corner Park:** Project complete.
  - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** 90% complete
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Complete
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.

### Surrey Downs Park Development

Design is ongoing, and application for construction permits is expected this summer. Subject to light rail construction progress, park construction is anticipated to start in the spring of 2018. Staff is working with the adjacent neighbors to address property encroachment issues and to identify an appropriate boundary fence to install prior to construction. Letters have been sent to all adjacent residents.

### Renovation Program

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

**Project Status:** Planning: **(P)** Under Construction: **(U)** Complete: **(C)**

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Coal Creek Nature Park             | • Trail head construction <b>(C)</b>   |
| Highland Park                      | • Fire escape replacement <b>(P)</b>   |
| Kelsey Creek                       | • Playground replacement <b>(U)</b>  |
| Mercer Slough Nature Park          | • Sweyolocken boat launch A&E <b>(P)</b>   |
| Robinswood Park                    | • Shelter for Small Dog OLA <b>(U)</b>   |
| SE 40 <sup>th</sup> St Boat Launch | • Parking lot repairs <b>(U)</b>   |
| Various Beach Parks                | • Dock repairs at Chesterfield, Newcastle, SE 40 <sup>th</sup> St, Enatai & Chism <b>(P)</b> |

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

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| Programmatic            | • Re-coring of parks facilities <b>(U)</b>             | • NPDES requirements <b>(U)</b>        |
|                         | • Multi-site drinking fountain <b>(P)</b>              | • Natural Area Restoration <b>(U)</b>  |
|                         | • Park furnishings <b>(U)</b>                          | • Urban Forestry Park Sites <b>(U)</b> |
|                         | • ADA projects (Signage & Robinswood House) <b>(P)</b> | • Streetscapes <b>(U)</b>              |
|                         | • Multi-site asphalt repairs <b>(P)</b>                | • Greenways & Trails <b>(U)</b>        |
| Bellevue Aquatic Center | • New parking lot light fixtures <b>(P)</b>            | • Warm Springs Pool:                   |
|                         | • Security system upgrades <b>(P)</b>                  | • Pump Replacement <b>(P)</b>          |
|                         |  | • Add UV treatment <b>(P)</b>          |
|                         |  | • Replace Chiller <b>(P)</b>           |
| Bellevue Golf Course    | • Parking lot sealcoat & restripe <b>(P)</b>           | • Pro shop air handler repl <b>(P)</b> |
| Cherry Crest School     | • Resurface sport courts <b>(P)</b>                    |  |
| Crossroads Park         | • Replace Doors at Int'l RR <b>(U)</b>                 | • Par 3 Course Furnace Repl <b>(P)</b> |

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Eastgate park                   | • Replace carpet at SBCC. (P)         | • Ticket booth & deck (P)            |
| Forest Park                     | • Trail repair due to landslide (P)   |                                      |
| Goldsmith Park                  | • Irrigation Replacement (P)          | • Drinking fountain replacement (P)  |
| Hidden Valley Sports Park       | • New security lighting fixtures (P)  |                                      |
| Highland Park                   | • Sealcoat upper parking lot (P)      | • Replace flat roof at gym (P)       |
|                                 | • Indoor & outdoor skate pk impr. (U) | • New exterior lighting fixtures (P) |
| Kelsey Creek Farm Park          | • Replace irrigation controller (P)   | • Fraser cabin log repairs (P)       |
|                                 | • A&E for Educational Barn Imp. (P)   |                                      |
| Killarney Glen                  | • Sealcoat parking lot (P)            |                                      |
| Lakemont Park                   | • Sealcoat parking lot (P)            | • Trail at Summit Tract A (P)        |
| Lewis Creek                     | • Sealcoat parking lot (P)            |                                      |
| Mercer Slough                   | • MSEEC Sullivan deck repl (P)        | • MSEEC Interpretive signs (P)       |
| Meydenbauer Marina              | • Whaling Building remodel (P)        |                                      |
| NW Arts Center                  | • A&E for code upgrades (P)           | • Temp registration area fix (P)     |
| North Bellevue Community Center | • Flooring Replacement (C)            | • Boiler & AHU replacement (P)       |
|                                 | • Kitchen Improvements (C)            |                                      |
| Robinswood Park                 | • Phased irrigation sys. Repl. (P)    | • Tennis bubble replacement (P)      |
|                                 | • Robinswood House, door repl. (C)    | • Tennis indoor court resurface (P)  |
| Saddleback Mini                 | • Replace play equipment (P)          |                                      |
| Sunset Park                     | • Replace play equipment (P)          |                                      |
| Wilburton Park                  | • A&E soccer turf replacement (P)     | • BBG repair RILL (U)                |
|                                 | • Sealcoat parking lot (P)            | • BBG re-stain Visitors Center (P)   |
|                                 | • McDowell House repairs (P)          | • BBG paint Shorts House (C)         |
|                                 | • BBG re-stain Tateuchi Pavilion (U)  |                                      |

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

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ashwood Plaza          | • Repair Fountain (P) |
| Hillaire Park          | • Replace Swings (C)  |
| Bellevue Youth Theater | • Video Wall (P)      |





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- Ribbon cutting 3:30 p.m.
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*Inspiration Playground*



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# MEMORANDUM

Date: May 25, 2017

To: Members of the Parks & Community Services Board  
Arts Commission  
Environmental Services Commission  
Human Services Commission  
Planning Commission  
Transportation Commissions

From: Kyle Stannert, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

RE: 2017 Election Activities and Public Disclosure Commission Rules

As the election season has now officially commenced, I am reaching out to remind those of you serving on Council-appointed Boards and Commissions of the following State Public Disclosure Commission guidelines governing use of public facilities and other resources in campaigns for public office and in supporting ballot measures:

- 1) Display of campaign literature, soliciting votes, requesting voter support, and seeking campaign contributions are not allowed on City premises. State law specifically prohibits the use of City facilities to support a campaign for office, including:
  - City-owned equipment such as computers, printers, FAX machines, photocopy machines, telephones, cell phones, and personal digital assistants;
  - Stationery and postage;
  - Time spent by employees of the City during working hours to support or oppose campaign activities or ballot measures;
  - Office space (for preparing campaign materials, doing campaign planning, or talking about the campaign with candidates' constituents, supporters, staff and/or volunteers);
  - Publications; and
  - City mailing lists.
- 2) As appointed members of a Board or Commission, you are permitted to engage in political activities on your own time, and may use your title as an appointed Board or Commission member, but should clarify that you are speaking on your own behalf and not on behalf of the Board/Commission or the City.
- 3) Similarly, you may attend any function or event at any time during the day and voice your opinion about a candidate as long as you are not being compensated and are not using any public equipment, vehicle or facility.
- 4) Specifically with regard to ballot measures, members of Boards, Commissions and similar appointed positions are expressly not permitted to use public facilities to express a collective decision or actually vote upon a motion or resolution to support or oppose a ballot proposition.

The Public Disclosure Commission recognizes that Board and Commission members are unpaid volunteers, and has explicitly identified these guidelines for all such appointed officials. The City Council values your service to the community and thanks you for your compliance.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 425-452-6021.

cc: Brad Miyake, City Manager  
Nathan McCommon, Deputy City Manager  
Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager



**Phone:** 452-5377  
**Date:** May 15, 2017  
**To:** Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers  
**From:** Patrick Foran, Director  
**Subject:** National Kids to Parks Day, May 20, 2017

National Kids to Parks Day is a nationwide grassroots movement, established as part of National Park Trust's ongoing efforts to connect youth across the country with nature and encourage them to explore outdoors – especially at parks in their communities. National Kids to Parks Day is held on the third Saturday every May and is responsible for bringing more than 100,000 kids and families to parks. This year, National Kids to Parks Day is celebrated on Saturday, May 20. Nationwide, cities, towns, and councils in 40 states have joined the official celebration by issuing proclamations and offering outdoor programs and activities on that day.

The City of Bellevue, widely known as a 'city in a park' has over 2,700 acres of park and open spaces, 85 miles of trails, 46 playgrounds, and 7 beach parks for public enjoyment. Programs and activities for all ages are scheduled year-round. On May 20, families and youth can participate in the following activities:

**Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (drop-in), free  
Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation.

*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*

**Vermicomposting Basics**, 2-3pm, free (RSVP: 425-452-2565)

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 how to make your own worm bin, and get started composting your kitchen scraps using these amazing creatures!

*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center*

**The Food Web: Don't Get Eaten!**, 2:30-3:30pm, free

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.

*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*

**Lewis Creek Discovery Backpacks**, available daily 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., free  
Discovery backpacks contain provide you with all the materials and activities you'll need for launching a fun, self-guided tour.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*

**Bellevue Botanical Garden Tours**, Saturdays and Sundays, April through October, 2 p.m., free  
Join docents for a free drop-in tour of the world-famous gardens. The tour leaves from the Gathering Space and lasts about one hour.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street*

**Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Hike**, Saturdays, 2-3 p.m.  
Join a park ranger to explore the natural history of the Lake Hills Greenbelt. Come to discover the local history, search for wildlife signs, and see the beauty that the community gardens offer. Trails are mostly flat and are stroller-friendly.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> St*

**Zip Line & Challenge Course** (pre-registration required: 425-452-7101)  
Be wild in the city! Zip with family and friends guided by our skilled staff. The trees are just coming out, the views are grand and the guides are friendly. Soar through the forest on our 6.5 zip lines and walk across two bridges high above Bellevue.  
*Cost: Adults: \$78; Children 9-17: \$53*  
*South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way*

**Attachment**  
Proclamation

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

***PROCLAMATION***

- Whereas:*** National Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit a park; and
- Whereas:*** National Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors; and
- Whereas:*** This day encourages younger generations to visit parks and inspires environmental awareness and stewardship; and
- Whereas:*** It encourages young people to lead active, healthy lifestyles; and
- Whereas:*** Outdoor play encourages youth to choose rewarding paths to adulthood by providing opportunities to build physical, intellectual, emotional, and social strength; and
- Whereas:*** Bellevue Parks & Community Services offers a myriad of organized and coordinated recreational activities and services in Bellevue's extensive park system; and
- Whereas:*** Bellevue, widely known as a 'city in a park' has over 2,700 acres of park and open spaces, 85 miles of trails, 46 playgrounds, and 7 beach parks for public enjoyment; and
- Whereas:*** The City of Bellevue, through strategic design, has invested in local parks and playgrounds as a way of encouraging families and kids to embrace healthy life-choices and value outdoor recreation.

***Now, therefore, I,*** John Stokes, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2017:

***National Kids to Parks Day***

And urge the citizens of Bellevue to take the children in their lives to a local, state, or national park.

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John Stokes  
Mayor







Phone: 452-5377; 452-5213

Date: May 15, 2017

To: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers

From: Patrick Foran, Director  
Shelley Brittingham, Assistant Director

Subject: National Older Americans Month Proclamation

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy designated May of that year as Senior Citizens Month, encouraging the nation to pay tribute in some way to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter’s Proclamation changed the name to Older Americans Month, a time to celebrate those 60 and older through ceremonies, events, and public recognition. For 31 years, the City of Bellevue has celebrated National Older Americans Month. This year’s theme is “Age Out Loud”, and is intended to give aging a new voice—one that reflects what today’s older adults have to say about aging.

According to the 2010 US Census, the percentage of the population 60 years and older living in the United States is 18.5%. In the King County, that percentage is 16.2%, and in Bellevue, the percentage of the population 60 and older is 19%. This number is expected to continue to grow as the percentage of people 45-60 years of age is currently 21.2%.

The City of Bellevue opportunities that are in place to meet the changing needs of a more active diverse older adult population include: aerobic and strength building classes, fitness centers, dance classes, health lectures, singing groups, swimming, biking, regional trips, golf, tennis, hiking, meals, social activities at North Bellevue, Crossroads, South Bellevue, Northwest Arts, and Highland Community Centers, as well active programs at the Bellevue Youth Theatre, Golf Course, Tennis, and Aquatic Centers.

In addition the Bellevue Network on Aging (BNOA) strives to promote awareness of needs and resources that support older adults through life’s transitions and is currently focused on advocacy, affordable housing, outreach and accessible transportation.

We invite Council, staff, volunteers, and all members of the community to join us in celebrating national Older Americans Month.

**Attachments**

Proclamation  
Bellevue Network on Aging 2016 Annual Report

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

*PROCLAMATION*

- Whereas;* Bellevue is a community in which 19% of its residents are 60 years of age and older; and
- Whereas;* Bellevue is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives; and
- Whereas;* The older adults in Bellevue have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and
- Whereas;* We recognize the value of injury prevention and safety awareness in helping older adults remain healthy and active; and
- Whereas;* Our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals young and old; and
- Whereas,* Bellevue is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and
- Whereas;* The President of the United States has designated the month of May as *Older Americans Month* and the theme is “Age Out Loud”, which is intended to give aging a new voice—one that reflects what today’s older adults have to say about aging.

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

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

in Bellevue, and encourage every resident to take time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital citizens who greatly contribute to this community.

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John Stokes  
Mayor

# **BNOA 2016 Accomplishments**

## **2016 Outreach Committee**

1. Active outreach program partnership's with Tutta Bella Pizzeria, Overtake Hospital, YMCA, and the Alzheimer's Association to make Memory Care achieved.
2. BNOA participated in Bellevue Senior Fairs of Overlake Hospital and North Bellevue Community Center to display aging services on the eastside and promote the Vials of Life project.
3. Sought out and obtained a higher diverse Bellevue Network on Aging member roster for 2017.

## **2016 Advocacy Committee**

1. Ongoing collaboration with the Kirkland Senior Council.
2. Successful Legislative Forum at the North Bellevue Community Center.
3. Members attended the 2016 Fall Legislative Conference & Senior Lobby Day.
4. Developed and advocated for our 2016 legislative agenda (joint agenda with the Kirkland Senior Council).
5. Advocated to oppose federal funding cuts for SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors).
6. The committee reviewed, discussed and drafted a letter to the Department of Health. The letter was in support of including a caregiver module for the 2017 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey (BRFSS).
7. Advocated for changes to the MOON Notice (Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice) – asked that it be reformatted to be more understandable, that there be a right to appeal and asked CMS to support *The Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act of 2015 (H.R. 1571/S843)*.
8. Members participated in the Housing and Aging Forum.
9. Hearing advocacy: looping in city buildings; restoration of hearing aids for Medicaid recipients.

## **2016 Transportation & Housing Committee**

1. Updated ARCH website.
2. Continuing education on relevant housing and transportation issues, including affordable housing, homeless issues affecting seniors, housing repair program, transportation options for seniors, and Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative mobility tools.
3. Participate in outreach activities and community events, including transportation workshops, Eastside Easy Rider Collaborative meetings, King County Library resource fair, Neighborhood Outreach Fair and elder abuse awareness.





Date: June 5, 2017

To: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers

From: Patrick Foran, Director  
Daniel Lassiter, Community Services Supervisor  
*Parks & Community Services Department*

Subject: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation

To bring attention to misconduct perpetrated against older adults, groups around the world are proclaiming June 15, 2017 as the twelfth Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. This day is set aside in support of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA). Due to the timing of this international recognition and the Council meeting schedule, we are choosing this evening to recognize the importance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day by presenting this proclamation.

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

"Elder abuse" describes a range of offenses. The signs of abuse are sometimes hard to distinguish. In most cases, elder abuse is perpetrated by a known, trusted person, usually a family member. Neglect and self-neglect are the most common types of abuse, although emotional abuse and financial exploitation are fairly common, too. Startling examples can be found all around us, including in Bellevue.

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

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

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

Attachment: Proclamation

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

*PROCLAMATION*

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

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

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

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

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

*Now, therefore, I, John Stokes, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **Thursday, June 15, 2017** as:*

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

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

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John Stokes  
Mayor



**Date:** May, 2017

**To:** Parks & Community Services Board

**From:** Dustin Van Nieulande, Park Ranger  
Geoff Bradley, Natural Resource Division Manager

**Subject:** 2016 Visitor's Centers and Environmental Programs review

## **BACKGROUND**

The Natural Resource Division of Bellevue Parks provides environmental education and interpretive outreach programs to help increase public awareness and appreciation for the importance of urban natural and cultural resources. These programs are an essential component of a holistic Natural Resource Management Program. Park Rangers deliver programs primarily out of four visitor centers: Lewis Creek Visitor Center; Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station; Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center; and the F. W. Winters House. Programs generally fall into two categories: **Family Discovery Series** and **Adult Enrichment Series**. In addition, the division oversees partnership agreements with professional, non-profit organizations with similar goals including the Pacific Science Center, King County Master Gardeners, and the Eastside Heritage Center whose programs help provide more efficient and effective service delivery. Finally, the division manages a series of interpretive trailside signs and kiosks that help orient visitors and interpret important natural and cultural stories.

## **LAKE HILLS GREENBELT RANGER STATION**

The Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station lies in the Lake Hills Greenbelt at the headwater of Kelsey Creek, Bellevue's largest drainage. It offers programs related primarily to wildlife habitat, community gardening, and sustainability. The **Backyard Wildlife Habitat Gardens** illustrate how citizens can landscape using native plants to increase wildlife habitat, save water, and reduce pesticide use. The **Master Gardener Demonstration Garden** offers over clinics and workshops related to urban gardening. **Community P-Patches** provide opportunities for citizens to work the soil with their hands. Local farmers cultivate adjacent agricultural fields, promoting sustainable agriculture and selling farm fresh produce at on-site sales stands.

## **LEWIS CREEK VISITOR CENTER**

Lewis Creek Visitor Center is situated in the headwaters of Lewis Creek, which drains into Lake Sammamish. Once an historic farm, Lewis Creek Park provides a tranquil backdrop of forests, streams, and wetlands. The visitor center provides a community gathering space for the surrounding neighborhood. Programming targets the surrounding demographic of families with young children including **Story Time** and **Explorers Club** activities. A **Living with Wildlife Series** provides important information for citizens regarding interactions with the furry, four-legged residents who also call this more remote area of Bellevue home.



## **MERCER SLOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER**

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center (MSEEC) is a collaboration between the City of Bellevue and the Pacific Science Center. The campus includes an administration building, classrooms for environmental education, a visitor center for interpretation, and a community building for rentals, community gatherings and environmental programs. Designed and constructed using avant-garde, low impact development techniques the facility has received LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) gold certification from US Green Building Council. Nestled among trees overlooking Lake Washington's largest remaining wetland the MSEEC focuses programming on urban wetland ecosystems and freshwater ecology.

Parks Department interpretive programs at MSEEC are designed to create a sense of wonder and help market the more scientific, hand-on environmental education curriculum offered by the Pacific Science Center. PSC programming focuses on youth and consists of three major areas of emphasis: ***Polliwog Preschool*** targets preschool age youth; ***School Field Studies*** target elementary school groups; and ***Summer Day Camps*** targets youth during non-school hours. In addition, PSC offers the ***Lake Washington Watershed Internship Program*** targeted at Bellevue high schools students. Students receive environmental and leadership training and, in turn, provide after-schools environmental programs to thousands of Bellevue School District students. Through this unique symbiotic partnership the Natural Resource Division is able provide seamless service delivery to a diverse audience.

## **F. W. WINTERS HOUSE (temporarily closed for Sound Transit construction)**

The F.W. Winters House is the only structure in Bellevue on the National Historic Register. Originally built in 1929 by Frederick Winters, the structure portrays a Spanish eclectic style of architecture that the Winters enjoyed and programs focuses on Bellevue's cultural heritage. Surrounding boardwalks and interpretive signs guide visitors on a peaceful walk through remnants historical farming and nursery operations. Staffed and operated through a partnership with the Eastside Heritage Center the Winters House represents an important key to preserving and interpreting Bellevue's heritage.

The table below illustrates the number of visitors, programs, and participants Natural Resource programs reached in 2016.

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| COB Ranger programs / participants | 336 / 3,296   |
| PSC & EHC programs / participants  | 509 / 153,194 |
| Rental users                       | 8,801         |
| Drop-in visitors                   | 39,920        |
| Total NR Program Contacts 2016     | 205,211       |

More than 90% of Bellevue's land base is privately owned. Everything in nature is connected and the cumulative actions of private land owners has an impact on our shared natural resources. Only through proactive environmental education leading to positive community attitudes and behaviors can we effectively ensure a healthy, sustainable environment for present and future generations.

**CC:** Patrick Foran, Director, Parks & Community Services Director,  
Shelly McVein, Deputy Director

From: Pam Johnston  
 To: [Smith, Terry](#); [Harvey, Nancy](#)  
 Subject: Fwd: Public Space Incentive - Downtown  
 Date: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 7:51:08 PM

To parks board

From: Pam Johnston <[pamjjo@msn.com](mailto:pamjjo@msn.com)>  
 Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 1:39 PM  
 Subject: Public Space Incentive - Downtown  
 To: <[caking@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:caking@bellevuewa.gov)>

With private plazas and open space incentive, Downtown remains at its base density. With donated parks incentive, Downtown will increase density overall. With park improvement dollars incentive, Downtown will increase in density even more (without an off set). Please explain how this is a good trade-off. Understanding that I am late in the process of the Downtown Livability, however, it is not clear to me the process of incentives, so please indulge me. I take it as a given that FAR directly related to building and site volume.\*

1. Plaza and other private open space will **lower the ground density** of Downtown. This appears to be a good use of additional FAR. No additional infrastructure is needed.

2. It does not appear to me that the donation of park space or the park improvement dollars is a good deal right now. In both cases, we are **increasing the overall density of downtown and the cost of infrastructure needed**(more traffic, more police, more fire, more water, more electricity, etc.).

a. It seems that Downtown will price out any meaningful park donation. For park land, how was \$1000 set as the right amount over time?

For example, if the need is four floors at 10,000 sqft, they need 40,000 points, so they need property worth \$1,000,000. However, that \$1,000,000 worth of park property can't buy even 10,000 sqft of property.

Right now, parcel 1047000035 KC Appraised value: \$1,981,500 Lot area: 7,926 and is priced at \$14M

| Account      | Valued Year | Tax Year | Omit Year | Levy Code | Appraised Land Value (\$) | Appraised Imps Value (\$) | Appraised Total Value (\$) | New Dollars (\$) | Taxable Land Value (\$) | Taxable Imps Value (\$) | Taxable Total Value (\$) | Tax Value Reason |
|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 104700003502 | 2016        | 2017     |           | 0330      | 1,981,500                 | 1,000                     | 1,982,500                  | 0                | 1,981,500               | 1,000                   | 1,982,500                |                  |

Why is the FAR points based on dollars rather than the footprint? It seems that they should give us at least ~4,000 sqft of pocket park. For 40,000 points there could have been a ~4,000 sqft plaza. (9.3 points/sqft) that was fully built.

b. For park land, if it is in downtown, there will likely be a cost for de-constructing-stripping into park buildable land. So, the appraised property could have consisted of \$StructureDollars + \$LandDollars, where the park most likely needs \$LandDollars-\$DeconstructionDollars. Why is the donation at a minimal land dollars only and at a maximum, land dollars + a fee. We are likely going to be stuck with a lot of bills for soil contamination.

c. For park improvements, how do you know \$1000 is the right amount over time? How do you determine the air space used cost to the public for use plus environmental effects plus infrastructure needs? I would think that the additional infrastructure needs (transportation and utilities budgets) added for the greater than base downtown density as a greater cost than the park dollars returned.

How did the City calculate the trade-off?  
 Thank you,  
 -pamela johnston

*Pamela Johnston*  
 3741 122nd Ave NE  
 425.881.3301

**My density notebook**

\*FAR is directly related to building height\*\*, and thus volume.

Case: Maximum FAR + Bonus+ Public Space = Standard volume = Same density

If you build "public space" into the building, then you get less footprint but more height (Max FAR), making the volume of the building essentially the same as if there was no public space. Leading to a "pocket park-plaza" in the private system. Thus, the **same density in Downtown.**

Case: Maximum FAR + Bonus+ Park Space = Max volume = More than Max density

If you donate noncontiguous park space, you get maximum footprint and more height ( Max FAR), making the volume of the building at max footprint and height. Park land is based on \$dollars not footprint of the park. **Thus, more density in Downtown overall.**

Case: Maximum FAR + Bonus+ Park Improvement dollars\$ = Max volume = More than Max density => Increases the Density Downtown. Extra volume is not replaced anywhere.

If you donate Park Improvement dollars\$, you get maximum footprint and more height ( Max FAR), making the volume of the building at max footprint and

height. Park land is based on \$dollars not footprint of the park. **Thus, even more density in Downtown overall.**

So, in the end, it is possible that Downtown is denser than if every building was at its base FAR. Total downtown volume > Sum of (buildable footprint \* base building height)

In the Spring district, the development has one major developer, so they are able to create one big park. In downtown, is a developer able to make a proposal to 'combine' the use of FAR bonus between two different properties, that may be not be contiguous?

For example, one block is built out to maximum FAR, but two blocks over, a plaza is created with a building that is of standard height, but now under maximum FAR.

\*\*If we take the floor height as constant in a building..

FAR = NumberofFloors\*FloorFootprint/SiteFootprint

Height= NumberofFloors\*Floorheight

FAR= (Height/FloorHeight)\*(FloorFootprint/SiteFootprint )

Height= FAR\*Floorheight\*SiteFootprint/Floorfootprint)

**From:** Pam Johnston  
**To:** [Smith, Terry](#); [Harvey, Nancy](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lincoln Center: Mixed-use? Bellevue's Signature Building on the East side of 405?  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 8:02:35 PM

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To parks board:

Please be aware of this facility

In DC, there is a mixed use Fire station, Squash Club (Squash on Fire), and affordable housing (SQ50).

<https://www.wdgarch.com/portfolio/projects/square-50-redevelopment>

-Pamela Johnston

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Pam Johnston <[pamjjo@msn.com](mailto:pamjjo@msn.com)>  
**Date:** April 7, 2017 at 10:28:58 PM PDT  
**To:** "[council@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:council@bellevuewa.gov)" <[council@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:council@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** **Lincoln Center: Mixed-use? Bellevue's Signature Building on the East side of 405?**



Could this be the chance to get a signature Bellevue building right on 405? A maximum mixed-use building with the fire station, shelter, and affordable housing.

Given that Fire station 6 is moving and we extend NE 6<sup>th</sup>, could there be a combined homeless shelter – fire station at Lincoln Center? Who better to be there for the homeless shelter emergency health issues. Given the Downtown-Wilburton move towards density and the block size, will 6<sup>th</sup> need to be a car crossing in the 30 year outlook?

I've added circles on the 3 min response map as a simple analysis, and a sample fire station design.\* Could we adjust the future location of Fire station 6 to make this work?

If Bellevue has some control of the shelter project in the end, stacking these together on one site could be a cost savings. If it is, could we consider a mixed use for Fire Station 6? A combination with an athletic facility seems like it would be a perfect fit for the fighters.



If the fire



station is in the urban center, it could be a modern “infill” look design, bringing another structure as a marker for the city.

Jurong Fire station, Singapore, has similar design to [Seattle Fire Station 10](#). The shelter could occupy one tower, the housing the other, and the fire station bridging the two. Perhaps there could be a common athletic space. The Jurong stations offers a training tower for honing skills at the station.

In DC, there is a mixed use Fire station, Squash Club (Squash on Fire), and affordable housing (SQ50).

Sincerely,  
Pamela Johnston

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*Pamela Johnston*  
3741 122nd Ave NE







SQ50 is an Affordable Luxury Community. The following qualifying income limits apply for majority of our residents. The maximum household total gross income based on the number of occupants in your home must be less than:

| Number of Occupants | Maximum Income * |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1                   | \$45,660         |
| 2                   | \$52,140         |
| 3                   | \$58,680         |
| 4                   | \$65,160         |
| 5                   | \$70,380         |

\*Subject to change

Do you qualify?

[CLICK HERE →](#)

If you don't qualify, but are still interested in calling SQ50 home, please [contact us](#).





**From:** Pam Johnston  
**To:** [Harvey, Nancy](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Response: City of Bellevue Public Records Request (2016-167-PRR) / Public Spaces  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 9:55:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [June 8, 2016 Amenity Summary - PRR.PDF](#)  
[ATT00001.htm](#)  
[Design Guidelines Audit.pdf](#)  
[ATT00002.htm](#)

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To parks board

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**From:** Pam Johnston <pamjjo@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 9:46:27 PM  
**To:** parksboard@bellevuewa.gov  
**Subject:** Fwd: Response: City of Bellevue Public Records Request (2016-167-PRR) / Public Spaces

-Pamela Johnston

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "[KEbner@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KEbner@bellevuewa.gov)" <[KEbner@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KEbner@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**To:** "[pamjjo@msn.com](mailto:pamjjo@msn.com)" <[pamjjo@msn.com](mailto:pamjjo@msn.com)>  
**Cc:** "[PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov)" <[PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** **Response: City of Bellevue Public Records Request (2016-167-PRR) / Public Spaces**

Pam,

Attached is a list of Downtown projects that show which received a bonus for public plazas (column 20 on the list) and Pedestrian Corridor/Major Public Open Space (column 8 on the list).

The Spring District is in a different SubArea and not included on this list. Here is the summary for Spring District:

- Spring District/Security Properties Phase I residential under construction ~\$190,000 fee-in-lieu for parks/streams
- Spring District, initial office development to occur ~\$700,000 fee-in-lieu for parks/streams
- A requirement for an approximate 1-acre Spring District Park (which is now built) was included in development agreement with the developer.

Also attached is Land Use Code Audit/Design Guidelines that talks about "mid-block connections" on pages 18-19. These are open to the public and sometimes connect up to plazas. One note is that we now refer to those as "through-block connections".

After reviewing these, please let me know if there is something more specific you are looking for. Please let me know how we can further assist.

Thank you,  
Kathy

***Katherine A. Ebner***  
*Public Records Officer*  
*City of Bellevue*  
450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
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(425)452-4283

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**From:** Pam Johnston [<mailto:pamjjo@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2016 1:35 PM  
**To:** Ebner, Katherine <[KEbner@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KEbner@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Cc:** PublicRecords <[PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: City of Bellevue Public Records Request (2016-167-PRR) / Public Spaces

Sure. They can call or email.

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**From:** [KEbner@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KEbner@bellevuewa.gov) [<mailto:KEbner@bellevuewa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 1:03 PM  
**To:** [pamjjo@msn.com](mailto:pamjjo@msn.com)  
**Cc:** [PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: City of Bellevue Public Records Request (2016-167-PRR) / Public Spaces

Pamela,  
Thank you for responding. I will forward this to our development services staff. Would you mind if someone from development services contacted you directly via email or phone (425-881-3301)? I'm not sure if they will but sometimes its better for a subject matter expert to contact you directly. I expect to have a response to you on or about November 3, 2016 (or sooner).

Thank you,  
Kathy

***Katherine A. Ebner***  
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**From:** Pamela Johnston [<mailto:pamjjo@msn.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 12:51 PM  
**To:** Ebner, Katherine <[KEbner@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KEbner@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Cc:** PublicRecords <[PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: City of Bellevue Public Records Request (2016-167-PRR) / Public Spaces

I don't have specific examples but have heard that there are these spaces that are required to be open to the public as part of the development/permit process. I think that they Spring District plaza is one of these. I think some of the downtown passages are like this. I am not looking for normal open areas such as sidewalks. I am looking for area that as part of the permit process were given exceptions or incentives as a trade-off for providing public space. Understanding these spaces and how they are used will be useful for future planning efforts. So, I'm looking for the list that have a public obligation as the result of an incentive or exception.  
Thank you.

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**From:** [KEbner@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KEbner@bellevuewa.gov) [<mailto:KEbner@bellevuewa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 8:53 AM  
**To:** [pamjjo@msn.com](mailto:pamjjo@msn.com); [pamjjo@msn.com](mailto:pamjjo@msn.com)  
**Cc:** [PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov)  
**Subject:** RE: City of Bellevue Public Records Request (2016-167-PRR) / Public Spaces

Good morning,  
I know it's only been a couple of days, but I wanted to ensure you received my email and saw that we are requesting additional information.  
Please provide some additional information/details so we can begin to identify anything responsive.  
Thanks so much!  
Kathy

***Katherine A. Ebner***  
*Public Records Officer*  
*City of Bellevue*  
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*Bellevue, WA 98004*  
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**From:** Ebner, Katherine  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2016 2:55 PM  
**To:** '[pamjjo@msn.com](mailto:pamjjo@msn.com)' <[pamjjo@msn.com](mailto:pamjjo@msn.com)>

**Cc:** PublicRecords <[PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:PublicRecords@bellevuewa.gov)>

**Subject:** City of Bellevue Public Records Request (2016-167-PRR) / Public Spaces

Hi Pamela,

This e-mail is to confirm that The City of Bellevue has received a Public Records Request from you for information pursuant to the Washington Public Disclosure Act, Ch. 42.56 RCW. Your new Public Disclosure Request file number is 2016-167-PRR, which will help us locate your information if you contact us for an update.

We understand you are interested in reviewing:

*-Request for the list of public access spaces on private property. I know that sometimes developers receive variances in return for making space accessible to the public.*

*-What are those spaces?*

*-Who maintains the list?*

To better assist with your request, can you provide additional details as to what you are looking for? We don't hold a master list of publically accessible spaces but sometime downtown projects have plazas required to be publically accessible or perhaps spaces near parks or lakes that are required to be publically accessible.

If you a location/address or list of locations/addresses in mind, that will help too.

Once I hear back from you I will work with Development Services to identify any responsive records.

Thank you,

Kathy

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## Downtown Livability

# DESIGN GUIDELINES

**Key policy issue: How should Design Guidelines be refined to improve the livability and character of Downtown?**

## 1. Summary of Code Provisions

The purpose of design guidelines is to influence development to create a functional and aesthetically pleasing Downtown. Land Use Code design guidelines stem from the Comprehensive Plan policy direction summarized in the next section.

In concert with development standards design guidelines are applied through the Land Use administrative Design Review Process. All new development and major remodels in the Downtown are subject to design guidelines. Based on where an individual development may be located, multiple sets of guidelines may apply. For example, a development in Old Bellevue would be regulated by 1) Old Bellevue District, 2) Perimeter Design District, and 3) Building/Sidewalk Relationship Guidelines.

### Downtown-wide Guidelines

#### Design Criteria:

All development in the Downtown is subject to an overarching set of criteria that apply to site design (parking and circulation, wind and sun, open space, and light and glare) and pattern and context (natural setting and topography, landscaping, views, building bulk and height transitions, patterns of activity, and signage). These ensure all developments meet a consistent level of design quality and functionality. (LUC 20.25A.110)

#### Building/Sidewalk Relationship Guidelines:

Directions on how to relate buildings to sidewalks in order to provide a pedestrian oriented environment. Streets have a hierarchy from "A" (with the highest orientation to pedestrians) to "E" (the lowest orientation to pedestrians). These guidelines are qualitative rather than quantitative measures so that varied and imaginative designs are encouraged. (LUC 20.25A.115)

### District-Specific Guidelines

#### Perimeter Design Districts (on the edges of Downtown adjacent to neighborhoods):

Development standards and design guidelines that provide adjacent residential neighborhoods with a high degree of compatible form and scale from development on Downtown's edges. Elements such

as stepped building heights, building modulation and materials, and landscaping buffers are called for to provide a sensitive transition. (LUC 20.25A.090)

#### **Old Bellevue District:**

Reinforce the unique character of Old Bellevue by reflecting the historic façade treatments, and emphasizing pedestrian activity and Downtown living. Heighten the connection to Downtown Park. (LUC 20.25A.070)

#### **Downtown Core Design District:**

Specific guidelines ensuring high levels of attractiveness, urbanity, design quality and coordination of development. (LUC 20.25A.100)

#### **Pedestrian Corridor and Major Public Open Space Design Guidelines:**

General criteria for pedestrian movement, adjacent uses and structures, activities, and amenities for spaces on the Corridor that are major focal points and public gathering places. (LUC 20.25A.100.E)

#### **Civic Center District:**

Specific standards that can accommodate the unique building types and spaces needed for cultural, conference, and exhibition facilities. (LUC 20.25A.065)

## **2. Current Policy Direction**

The Downtown Subarea Plan, Urban Design Element, and Economic Development Element provide policy direction relating to development of functional and aesthetically pleasing Downtown environment. The following is an inventory of relevant policies:

**POLICY S-DT-10.** Require design review to ensure high quality, aesthetically pleasing Downtown development.

**POLICY S-DT-36.** Utilize development standards for building bulk, heights, setbacks, landscaping requirements, stepbacks, floor area ratios, open space requirements, and development incentives.

**POLICY S-DT-37.** Link building intensity to design guidelines relating to building appearance, amenities, pedestrian orientation and connections, impact on adjacent properties, and maintenance of view corridors. These guidelines will seek to enhance the appearance, image, and design character of the Downtown.

**POLICY S-DT-38.** Minimize the adverse impact of Downtown development on residential neighborhoods with consideration of through-traffic, views, scale, and land use relationships.

**POLICY S-DT-39.** Utilize a hierarchy of streets to guide right-of-way use in a manner that will promote a safe, attractive environment for both motorized and non-motorized users.

**POLICY S-DT-40.** Enhance the appearance of all types of streets and adjoining sidewalks with street trees, landscaping, water features, pedestrian scaled lighting, street furniture, paving treatments, medians, or other softening treatments as appropriate.

**POLICY S-DT-43.** Encourage new development on Main Street in Old Bellevue to embrace the character of the small-scale, pedestrian-friendly street frontage that has developed there over time.

**POLICY S-DT-51.** Develop a strategy on how to link Downtown together through the use of literal and/or symbolic major design features that vary by district.

**POLICY S-DT-55.** Utilize design guidelines to help differentiate development within each of the Downtown Districts as they evolve over time.

**POLICY ED-18.** Encourage high quality design and urban amenities for public and private development, maintaining development standards to recognize that a quality built environment helps attract the talented workers who will sustain economic growth.

**POLICY UD-67.** Enhance the appearance, image, and design character of the Downtown to be an inspiring place to live, shop, play, and work.

**POLICY UD-68.** Encourage rooflines which create interesting and distinctive forms against the sky within the Downtown.

**POLICY UD-69.** Develop a functional and attractive Downtown which is harmonious with adjacent neighborhoods by considering the impacts of through-traffic, views, building scale, and land use.

**POLICY UD-70.** Use landscaping or greenspace to mitigate the potential impacts on surrounding neighborhoods.

**POLICY UD-71.** Permit high intensity residential development subject to design criteria which assures a livable urban environment.

**POLICY UD-72.** Link the increased intensity of development with the increased pedestrian amenities, pedestrian-oriented building design, midblock connections, public spaces, activities, openness, sunlight, and view preservation.

## 3. Implementation to Date

### Downtown-Wide Application of “Design Criteria” (20.25A.110).

The map below identifies developments that have implemented the site and building design components of LUC 20.25A.110. The components that have been addressed include Site Design Criteria (vehicular circulation and parking, pedestrian circulation and amenities, wind and sun, open space, light and glare) and Downtown Patterns and Context (natural setting and topography, landscape design, views, building height and bulk, transitions, patterns of activity, and signage).



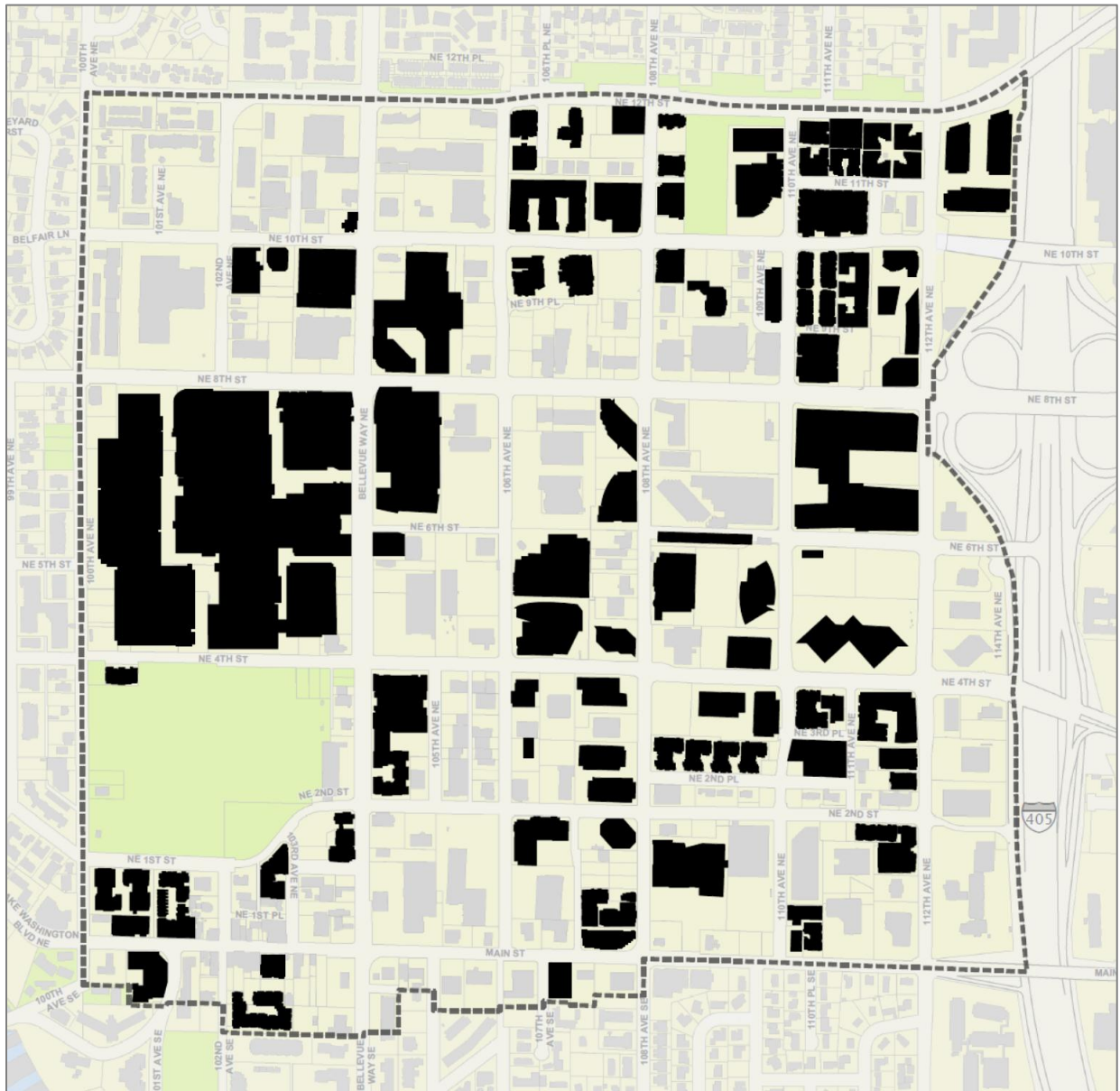


FIGURE 1. Developments that have implemented the Downtown design review criteria in 20.25A.110.

# Application of “Building/Sidewalk Design Guidelines”

The map below shows the building frontages that have been developed under the existing Building/Sidewalk Design Guidelines. Similar to the preceding map, this conveys the sites that have been developed from the 1981 rezone to the current date. All have gone through the administrative design review process. An evaluation of results is summarized in the following pages.

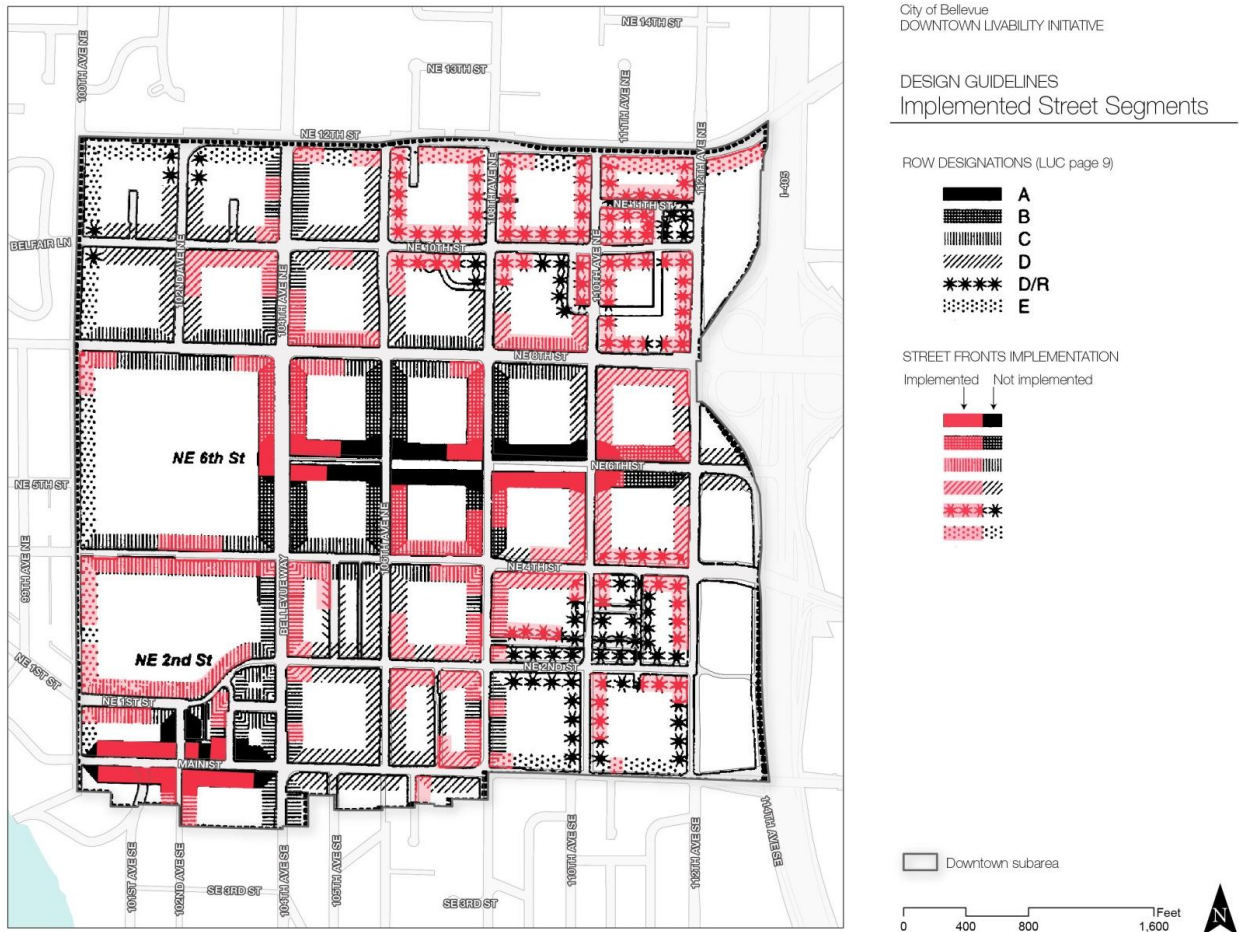


FIGURE 2. Segments shown in red indicate the development frontages that have been implemented since the adoption of the Building/Sidewalk Design Guidelines.

## 4. Observations

### Building Frontages/Sidewalk Relationships

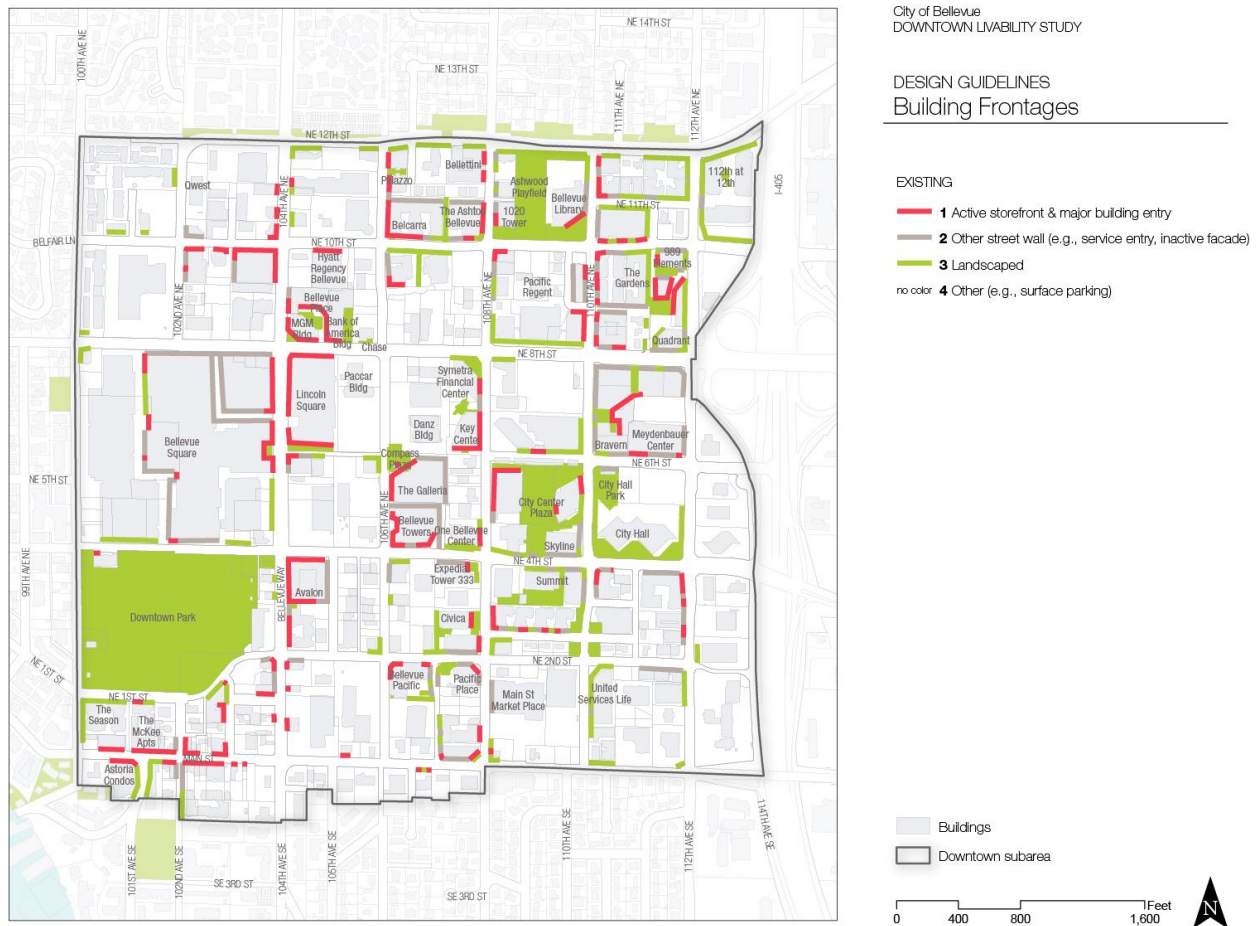


FIGURE 3. The map above illustrates the current pattern of building frontages Downtown, including 1) active storefront/building entries, 2) other (less active) street walls, 3) landscaped frontages, and 4) “other” frontages.

- **Active storefronts/major building entries.** This includes storefronts with generous transparent window area and direct pedestrian access from the sidewalk. This category also includes frontages including major office building entrances. These frontages are generally consistent with Right-of-Way Types A, B, and C in the Building/Sidewalk Relationship Design Guidelines. These most intensive pedestrian-oriented frontages are clustered along Bellevue Way near Bellevue Square and on Main Street in Old Bellevue.
- **Other (less active) street walls.** This includes street wall frontages that generally aren’t storefronts. Examples include frontages with vehicle entrances, service elements, blank walls, and display or store window frontages, but featuring no direct pedestrian access. In other words, they function as secondary/service frontages. They are most similar to the Right-of-Way Type D in the Building/Sidewalk Relationship Design Guidelines.

- **Landscaped frontages.** This includes residential frontages with various landscaping features and other frontages that include generous landscaped elements between the sidewalk and the building. These frontages are most similar to Right-of-Way Types D/R and E in the Building/Sidewalk Relationship Design Guidelines.
- **Other frontages.** This includes all other frontages that don't fit any of the categories above. This is mostly frontages with older development built over twenty years ago and containing surface parking lots along street frontages.

## What's working well?

- The quality of downtown's streetscape environment is improving with nearly every new development.
- For the most part, frontages include generous sidewalk widths and attractive landscaping.
- Way-finding signs are attractive and useful.
- For most retail frontages, there is adequate window transparency.
- Frontages integrate a diversity of interesting architectural styles and detailing.
- Generous floor to ceiling heights are present for ground floor commercial uses (particularly the newer commercial spaces).
- While not all ground floor storefront space is leased or occupied by active uses, the existence of these spaces offers opportunities for additional active uses in the future.
- Most buildings are integrating design details that add interest and character at the pedestrian scale.
- Developments are integrating attractive landscaped frontages (with ground floor residential or other non-retail frontages). The quality of landscaping elements appears to be improving over time with newer projects.
- More projects are providing extra space for outdoor dining (the wide sidewalk spaces in front of Purple and Lot 3 are notable examples).
- Most projects have effectively minimized negative impacts of parking garage entrances.
- Most projects have been successful in mitigating negative impacts of blank walls, service elements, and adjacent structured parking elements on the streetscape environment.



FIGURE 4. Avalon Towers at Bellevue Way and NE 10th and Washington Square at 106th and NE 9th provide intermittent weather protection. Avalon Towers' above grade parking is well concealed. Washington Square uses extra wide sidewalk well for outdoor dining.



FIGURE 5. Lincoln Square and Old Bellevue provide very different yet rich pedestrian environments through materials, landscaping, weather protection, visual access into businesses and a variety of signage.

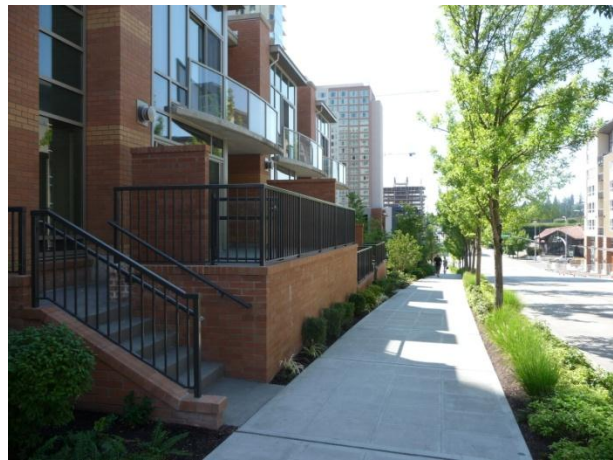


FIGURE 6. Washington Square townhouses provide landscaping and "eyes on the street".



FIGURE 7. The Ashton on 108th provides good visibility into the building as well as weather protection and adds texture and urban scale to Ashwood. Bellevue Towers (right) uses additional sidewalk width well for outdoor dining. This streetscape is relatively successful with on-street parking, planting, and activity.

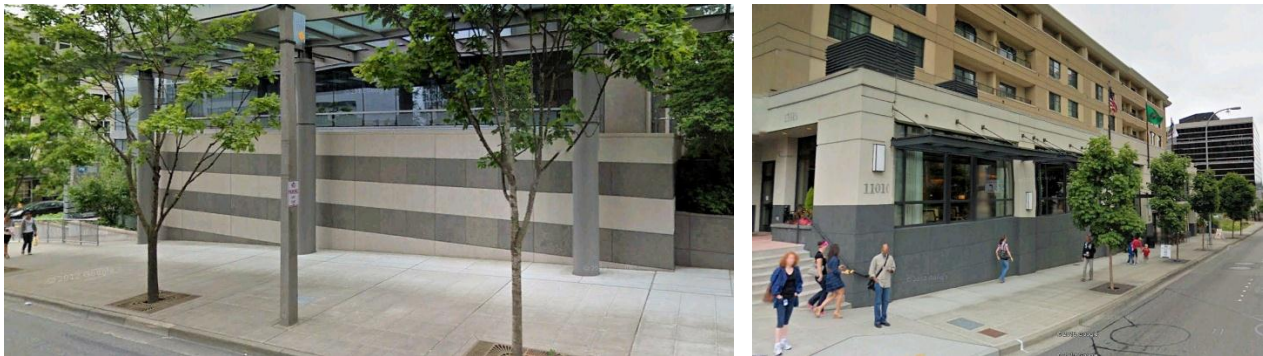


FIGURE 8. The Elements' 112th frontage to the left uses terraced landscape beds. The Bravern's NE 6th frontage to the right uses a combination of low and terraced planting walls and street level commercial space.

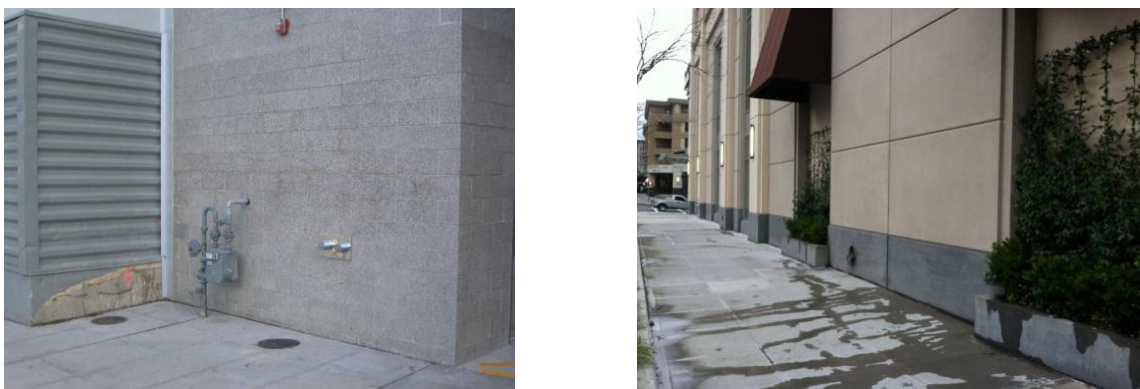
## Room for improvement

- Sidewalk widths along some key streets are narrow (e.g. parts of Bellevue Way and other streets with high traffic volumes and no on-street parking). NOTE: The Downtown Transportation Plan update has recommended a number of sidewalk width increases.
- Weather protection is discontinuous. Completed developments are often not providing enough weather protection coverage to protect pedestrians – both in terms of width and extent (see images below).
- Blank walls are found on a number of frontages. Current provisions do not define a blank wall and do not address treatments to mitigate such walls. In terms of completed development, the biggest challenges have been in areas with grade changes – where there are transparent window areas well above eye level height, but the areas below are largely blank and detract from the overall pedestrian environment (see images below).

- Internal connections (through-block connections) are present but lacking important pedestrian qualities in many cases. These should consider appropriate levels of transparency/visibility, accessibility of pathway, privacy of adjacent uses, views, and adaptability of the connection and adjacent uses over time. (See section below on this issue.)
- Frontages could be improved in a number of cases with:
  - Better detailing/high quality materials
  - More permeability
  - Better treatment/integration of services/utilities
- Updated Building/Sidewalk Relationship Design Guidelines could enhance the character and cohesiveness of individual neighborhoods within Downtown, make building facades and frontages more attractive and friendly to pedestrians, and mitigate impacts of service elements, blank walls and vehicular access elements.
- The map of frontage/right-of-way designations should be updated to reflect evolving conditions and goals within the various districts of Downtown. For example, consider designation changes around the planned light rail station area. (See Light Rail Integration.)



*FIGURE 9. These large blank walls detract from the pedestrian environment along their respective NE 4th and 8th Street frontages. Both projects included sloping frontages, which presented obvious challenges.*



*FIGURE 10. Other blank wall within Downtown. The image to the left is Gregg's Bicycle Shop along Bellevue Way (a narrow landscaped planter would have helped). The Bravern's 110th Avenue NE frontage included landscaped trellises and some small window displays, but some sizable blank walls remain.*



FIGURE 11. Consider frontage standards for some or all internal connections. Avalon Tower’s 103rd Avenue NE frontage (not a public right-of-way) integrates some storefront space along with their parking garage entrances (design mostly good). At the southern edge of the site is a narrow space for a through block pedestrian connection – but it’s cold and stark.

## Building Materials

### What’s working well?

- While the Land Use Code and related Sidewalk/Building Relationship Design Guidelines offer minimal guidance on the use of materials, many Downtown buildings employ attractive and durable materials that add visual interest at the full range of visible scales,

### Room for improvement

- Some buildings (notably mid-rise residential and mixed-use buildings) are utilizing lower durability materials, such as exterior insulation and finishing system (EIFS), which is a lightweight synthetic wall cladding, as the primary exterior cladding material. This material can be particularly brittle on the ground level along storefronts, and is often susceptible to water damage and staining over time. Below are some buildings using EIFS.
- The use of concrete blocks and metal paneling as a primary façade material also warrants some discussion as to whether it conveys an appropriate sense of quality, durability, and permanence (examples shown below).



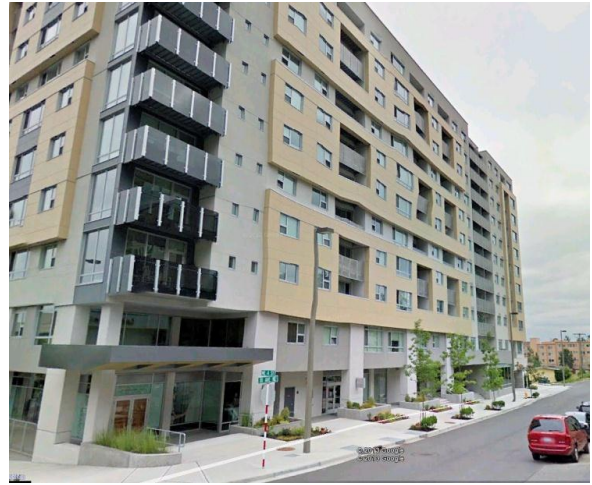


FIGURE 12. EIFS cladding examples. Integrating multiple colors and details (right example – M112 Apartments) plus façade articulation elements helps (but durability issues remain).



FIGURE 13. Other EIFS examples Downtown. Note the different ways that the material is employed in these buildings (different detailing, colors, mixed with other materials, etc.).

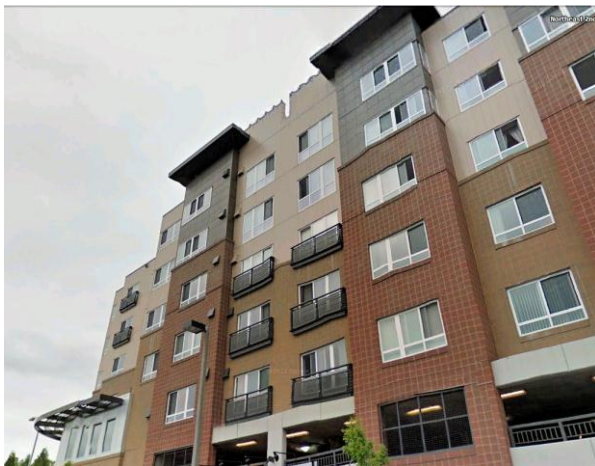


FIGURE 14. The use of concrete block (both images) and metal siding (left image, upper floors) also warrants discussion.

## Rooftop Design

### What's working well?

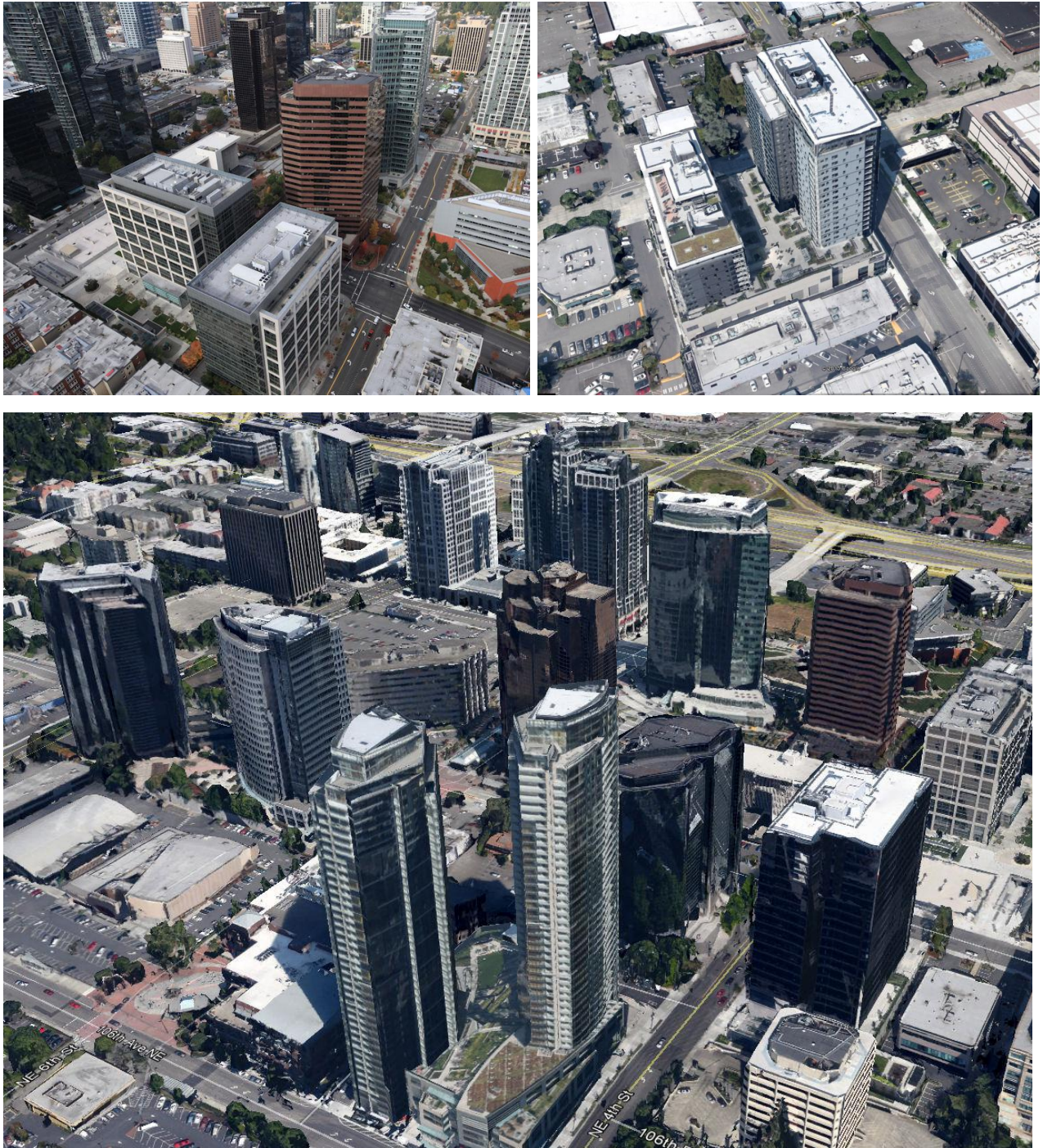
- Several rooftops in Downtown Bellevue towers have been successful in sculpting penthouses and mechanical equipment screening to add interest and/or create a visual terminus (e.g. Bellevue Towers).
- Some newer buildings have integrated green roof elements (e.g. Bellevue Towers, Avalon Towers).
- An occasional building features a dramatic statement (e.g. the shed roof and sculpted form of the Elements apartment tower).

### Room for improvement

- Most tower rooftops are of basic utilitarian design, and are not contributing greatly toward a memorable Downtown skyline. There is room for improvement in the quality of rooftop design, through more emphasis on:
  - Creating interesting design elements that contribute to Downtown's skyline
  - Designing rooftops that are attractive when seen from other nearby taller buildings, including views from upper levels looking down onto rooftops
  - Providing design features and special definition that gracefully screen rooftop mechanical equipment
  - Integrating sustainable design features such as green roofs or solar panels
  - Incorporating useable space on rooftops



FIGURE 15. Downtown's skyline, when viewed from a distance, lacks much visual interest in terms of rooftop forms.



*FIGURE 16. Most rooftops in Downtown's towers feature basic utilitarian designs that screen the rooftop. The Summit Buildings (upper left) are an example of this. Other buildings have been more successful in sculpting penthouses and mechanical equipment screening elements to add interest and/or create a visual terminus to the building (Bellevue Towers are a good example). Also, only two of the newer buildings have integrated green roof elements (Avalon Towers, upper right, and Bellevue Towers, center bottom image).*



FIGURE 17. The Elements (right side of left image) and Soma (right) have added dramatic shed roof forms as functional elements (screening mechanical equipment and/or resident amenity area).

## Façade Treatment

### What's working well?

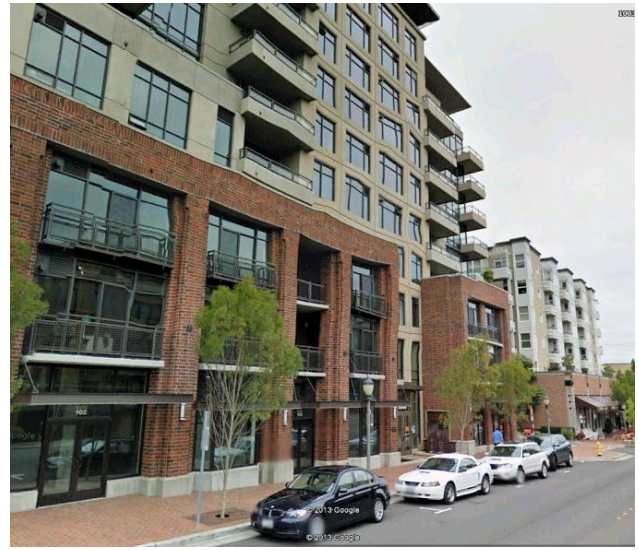
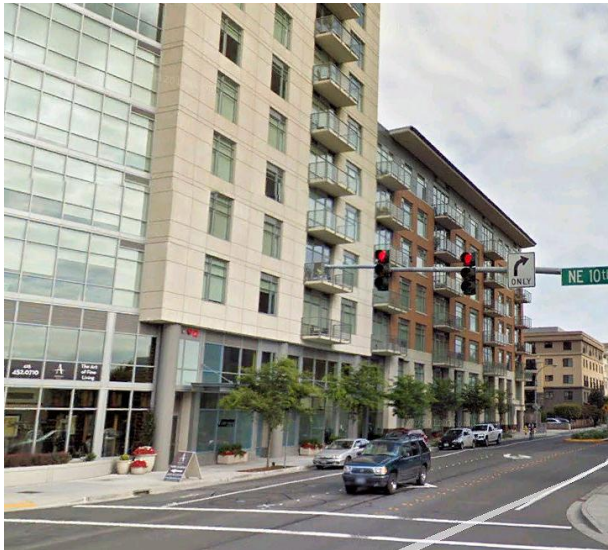
- There are many examples of Downtown buildings that have integrated design features to break down the scale of large walls and create a more visually interesting and human-scaled facade. Many buildings have integrated attractive human scaled design details.

### Room for improvement

- **Façade details:** Some building facades are lacking in human-scaled details that add character to the building and the streetscape. In these cases, factors such as more variation in materials, colors, textures, use of fenestration (windows) and weather protection features could be used more effectively to add visual interest and character.
- **Façade articulation:** The existing standards include minimal attention and guidance on the articulation of facades to mitigate impacts of large buildings. While most recent developments have been successful in articulating facades to add character and visual interest, there are a number of buildings that warrant additional treatments. See images below for examples.



*FIGURE 18. The Oakwood Apartment Building includes small scale articulation techniques, but when viewed down the street, these treatments are less effective at adding interest and breaking up the monotony of the façade. More substantial articulation features (such as height variation, greater façade stepbacks, major fenestration/material changes) near the middle of this façade would have helped. Also Marriott Courtyard’s flat upper level facades could have used some design features to break up the massing and add interest.*



*FIGURE 19. The Ashton Tower complex (left) uses fenestration, material, and color changes to break up the massing and add interest to its façade along 108th Avenue NE. The building on Main Street (right) effectively uses a break in its lower floors at the residential building entry to add interest and reduce the perceived bulk of the building.*

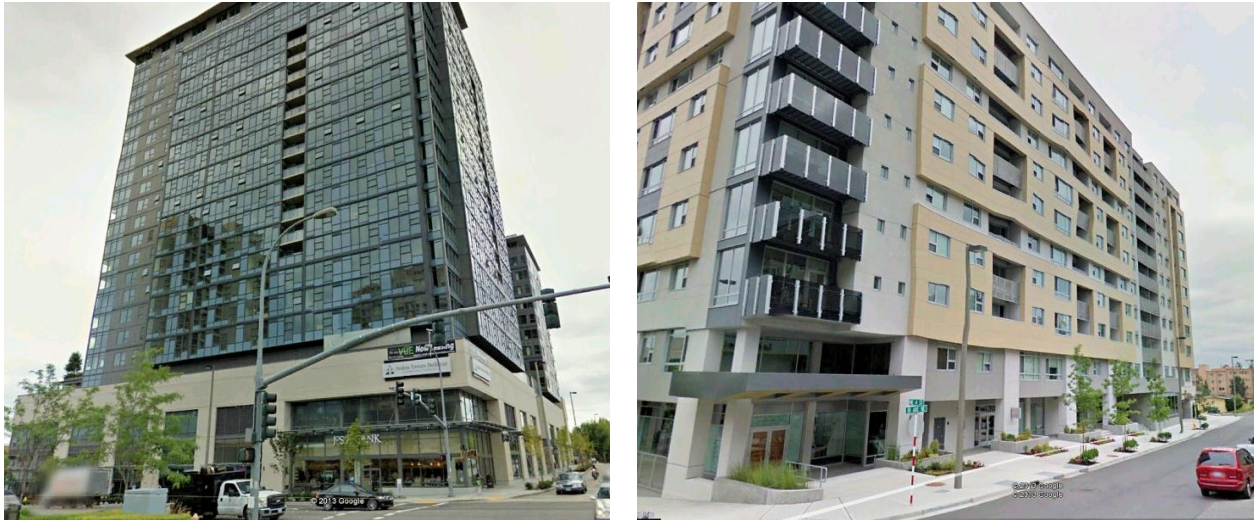


FIGURE 20. Both of these wide buildings could have used design elements to more effectively break up the massing and add interest. Avalon Towers (left) could have used features both to break up its Bellevue Way base (lower floors) and its tower. The M112 building incorporated color changes and other small scale articulation features, but the façade in this view still comes across as very flat.

## Pedestrian Circulation/Mid-block Connections

### What’s working well?

- Over the past twenty years, an attractive network of internal pedestrian connections has been developed within Downtown. The design quality of these connections appears to be improving with nearly each new development project – in terms of visual interest, materials, accessibility, and integration with surrounding development. The phasing of new development, diverse terrain, integration of parking and service elements, and visibility and accessibility of these spaces are the most notable challenges for these connections.
- However, there are a number of excellent examples to draw from in addressing these challenges. The Civica development preserved a connection on the western edge of the property at ground level. The walkway is well landscaped, but includes a sign noting, for now, that it is a future pedestrian connection, to be completed in conjunction with future surrounding development. Future connections in adjacent development will open up the walkway and can provide improved visibility and accessibility to the walkway.

#### Use of the term “mid-block connection”

Internal pedestrian connections within the interior of blocks are called “mid-block connections” by Bellevue Code. These are not to be confused with the term “mid-block crossings” which refers to pedestrian crossings of streets between superblock intersections.



FIGURE 21. Examples of internal pedestrian corridors – most (not all) qualifying for density bonuses.

- The Symetra and Key Center Towers are other good examples. The Symetra Tower (1986) incorporated walkways around the backside of the building (accessible from surrounding streets) connecting a relatively large plaza space. With a significant slope difference running east-west, the internal plaza is 2-3 floors above the property to the west. The Key Center Tower, built in 2000, was designed to integrate well with the Symetra Tower, expanding on the internal plaza area and extending the network of internal pathways.
- Of course, universal access (ADA) and security are critical mid-block connection design concerns. Generally speaking it appears that these criteria are being adequately addressed. However, it may be useful to ensure that they are barrier free and that Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) techniques are employed to the fullest extent in the design guidelines.



FIGURE 22. The existing network of mid-block connections.

## Room for improvement

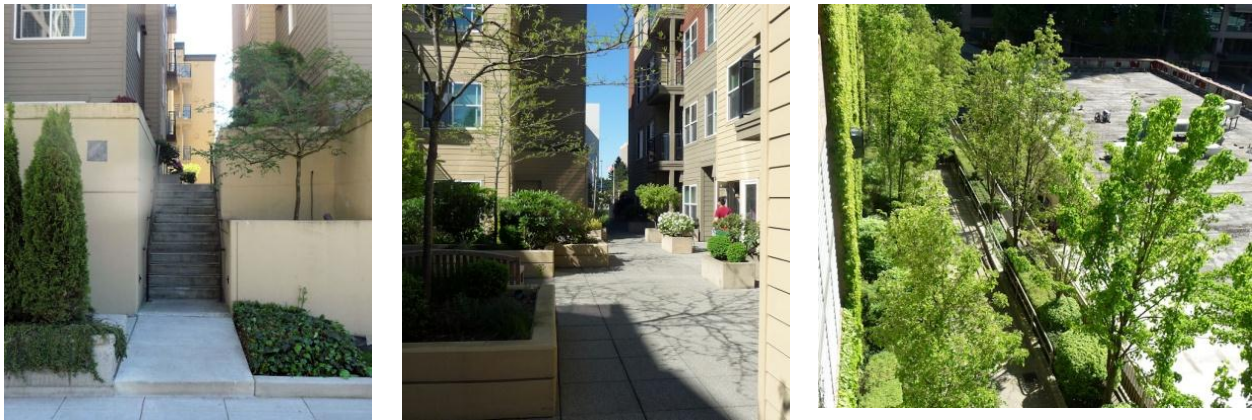
- While efforts to establish a network of mid-block connections have been largely successful in producing safe, attractive and functional walkways with ancillary open spaces, there are a few conditions and issues to consider. One issue that merits review is the design of mid-block connections that combine pedestrian and vehicular movement (see photos below).



FIGURE 23. Examples of less successful mid-block connections that combine vehicle movement.



- Mid-block connections within residential complexes are sometimes small and uninviting to the public. If they are intended to be the main pedestrian route through an area they need to be sited and designed carefully to address privacy and security needs.
- Additionally, designing and constructing mid-block connections when only one half of the block (and thus only one side of the final mid-block connection) is being developed presents special challenges. The initial mid-block connection is a temporarily narrow pathway, but it should still be safe, attractive, and respond to future opportunities when the other side develops.



*FIGURE 24. Mid-block connections with ground floor residential units present a unique condition because of the need for residents' privacy and the smaller scale of development. How inviting and expansive the access should be for the general public is a question. The example on the right is an attractive connection accomplished before the connection on the adjacent property has been developed. Although this example illustrates that a successful connection can be accomplished, it is more difficult than when both sides of the corridor are designed together.*

- Additionally, while the building fronts on many mid-block connections are relatively pedestrian friendly by providing transparency, weather protection, and other amenities, there are a few that do not meet the requirements for sidewalks and pedestrian areas (see photos below). While it may be easy for some developments to provide pedestrian-oriented facades on the street front or plaza areas, it can be difficult to make all sides of a building pedestrian friendly because of ground floor uses, need for vehicle access, grade changes, and other site-specific conditions. Landscaping and other measures may be needed in some cases to soften ground floor facades.



FIGURE 25. Two pedestrian corridors fronted by less than optimal building facades. The example on the right does have a pedestrian store front that “turns the corner” and faces a section of the façade, significantly improving its pedestrian orientation as compared with the portion of the façade furthest away.

- Another major challenge for establishing a system of mid-block connections is forging them into a larger system. The location of these internal connections has occurred in a rather piecemeal way, worked out on a case-by-case basis with each new development. There is no coherent plan identifying the optimal locations for these connections. Moreover, they can be hard to find by the typical visitor. And most of these through-block connections do not tie into convenient mid-block crossings once a pedestrian arrives at the end of a block and wants to cross the adjacent arterial. While these internal connections are creating safe, convenient and comfortable pedestrian movement through the superblocks, they would be more effective if part of a more coherent system that placed them in optimal locations, made them easier to find, and tied them into convenient pedestrian street crossings.

## Public Views

### What’s working well?

- With Downtown’s topography, grid of streets, superblocks, and the extent of tall evergreen trees surrounding most of downtown, there are limited distinctive view corridors on the ground level within downtown. Cascade mountain views exist on many of the east-west streets, particularly from the crest (mostly 108th Avenue NE) eastward. Main Street west of 108th Avenue NE offers some modest Olympic Mountain and Seattle skyline views. Major arterials (NE 8th and Bellevue Way) generally offer excellent tower views.
- Design guidelines reinforce the protection of views from public spaces, such as the Downtown Park, the Pedestrian Corridor, and City Hall Plaza. These have been successful in ensuring that these public spaces are not “hemmed in” by new development and retain distinctive views.

- From outside Downtown, there are prominent public views of the skyline, such as the views from Lake Washington, views from I-405, and views from nearby neighborhoods such as Viewcrest and Wilburton.

### Room for improvement

- More guidance and specificity on retention of views from public spaces would be helpful. One example of where this issue may come up is at City Hall's plaza, since future development of the parcel to the east will likely block at least a portion of any Cascade views currently available from the plaza.

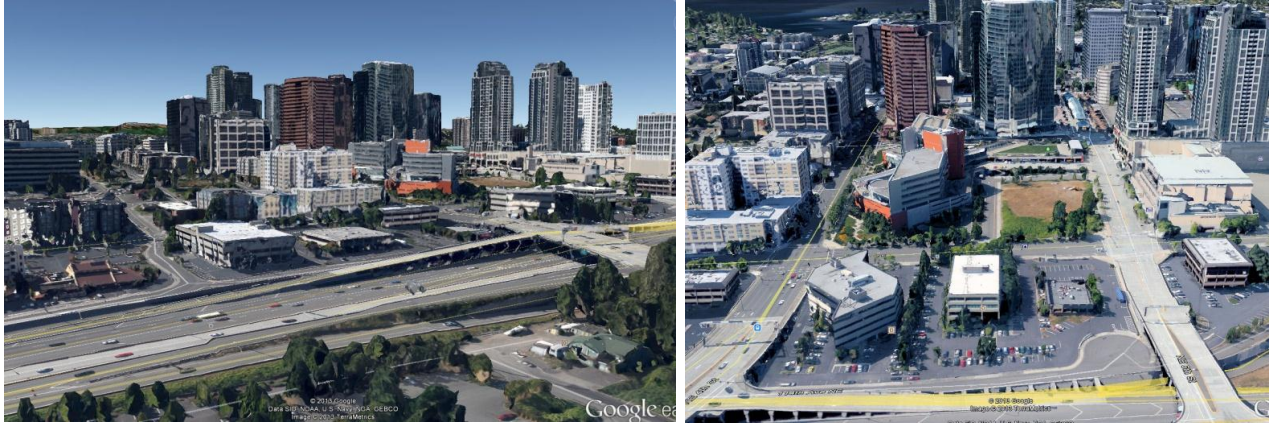


FIGURE 26. These images begin to illustrate how taller buildings on the eastern edge will begin to impact internal and external views. Moving forward, more design guidance will be needed to allow for desired development in this area, while minimizing impacts.



FIGURE 27. The image above is the view from Downtown Park (perhaps the best internal Downtown view).



FIGURE 28. Prominent external views of Downtown.

## Reinforcing Neighborhood Character

### What is working well?

A number of elements are working well to develop a distinctive character and create a sense of place in various Downtown neighborhoods. Selected examples include:

- Old Bellevue: Special provisions for Main Street sidewalks, mid-block connections, storefront provisions, building material standards, and minor public open spaces appear to be working well based on the development that has occurred incrementally over the past 10-20 years. Key elements include the continuation of the brick sidewalk pattern, pedestrian lighting, inclusion of seating areas and other sidewalk furniture, articulated building facades employing human-scaled detailing, historic-sensitive design (including renovations to existing older buildings and new buildings), and upper level stepbacks (north side of Main Street) that have helped to protect the comfortable scale of the street.
- Bellevue Way “Shopping Street”: Attractive storefronts, articulated building facades with rich detailing, a mixture of façade colors, materials, and textures, wide sidewalks with attractive landscaping features that function as a buffer to vehicular access, and a great mixture of uses are attracting a tremendous amount of pedestrian activity on the sidewalks.
- Ashwood Park neighborhood: This area has become a cohesive residential-based community anchored by the Downtown Library and Ashwood Park. Key features include attractive streetscapes with a strong landscaping emphasis, residential character and population, integration of popular restaurants, coffee shops and other small scale storefronts, some attractive internal pedestrian connections and internal open spaces, and for the most part, the lack of disruptive arterial streets that impact and divide the area.

- Downtown Park: This is a local and regional destination that is constantly improving with increased programming and use. New development on surrounding properties has the potential to enhance the park's context and invite more use.

The above is by no means an exhaustive list but rather a few examples of the kinds of features that are helping to develop a richer and more distinctive character for various Downtown neighborhoods.

## Room for improvement

- Many of the areas within Downtown lack any strong identifiable urban character. With notable exceptions such as Old Bellevue, the evolving Bellevue Way, and the Pedestrian Corridor, there are a lack of identifiable streetscape design patterns/features that are truly “memorable”.
- Design guidelines specific to each of the nine neighborhoods within Downtown could identify special opportunities on a block by block basis for internal connections and open space strategies, view opportunities, desired architectural scale and character provisions, special additional streetscape provisions/design, and/or special integration of vehicular access components.



FIGURE 29. Images of what's working: Downtown Park and its increasing array of programmed activities, Bellevue “Collection”/Bellevue Art Museum and associated streetscapes and public spaces, Bellevue Arts Fair, and the Elements complex (design and uses).

## Transition to Adjacent Neighborhoods

### What's working well?

- Projects within the Perimeter Design Districts are implementing the required building setbacks, step-backs, and height limits along the northern, western and southern edges of Downtown. This has created a clear transition in building intensity and height toward the edges of Downtown, and reduced the scale of buildings as they approach the residential neighborhoods adjoining Downtown.
- As Downtown matures it has brought back some of the neighborhood services and amenities that serve nearby neighborhoods outside the Downtown, such as grocery stores, drug stores, coffee shops, restaurants and entertainment etc. This is creating increasing opportunities for nearby residents to access these Downtown attractions, on foot as well as by car.

### Room for improvement

- Parts of the Perimeter have been largely bypassed by new development for decades, not allowing for reinvestment and improvement of these edge areas. This is particularly the case in the southern Perimeter along a major portion of Main Street, and in the “Northwest Village” neighborhood (north of NE 8th St. and west of Bellevue Way).
- With increasing Downtown attractions and neighborhood services and amenities, there are opportunities in some cases to to increase pedestrian connections and permeability between the edge of Downtown and nearby neighborhoods.
- There is no clear direction on the appropriate edge condition along I-405, at the eastern edge of Downtown. It is not clear how the area relates to I-405 or to the Wilburton commercial area, which is likely to become a significant redevelopment area in the future.

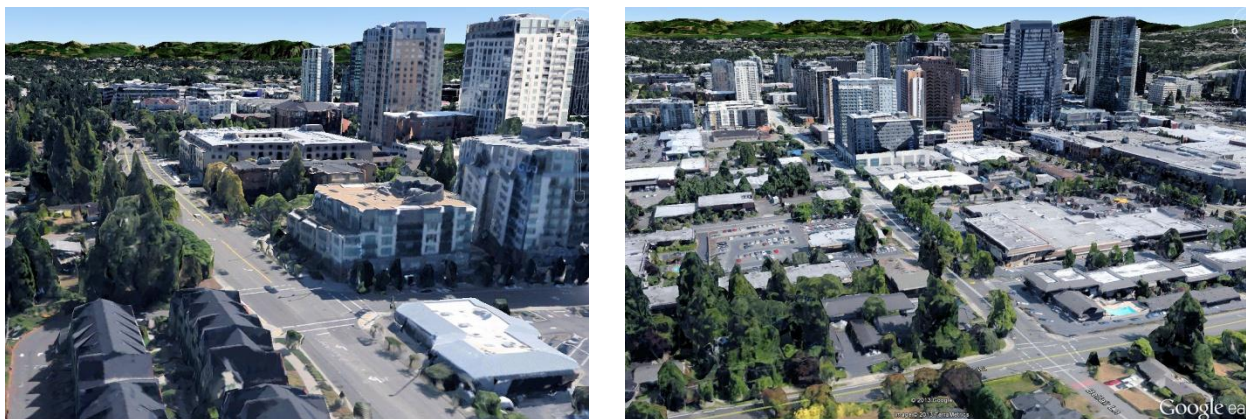


FIGURE 30. The northern perimeter along NE 12th Street (left image) – the height step-backs are visible in the Palazzo I and II development. The right image shows the Northwest Village looking east-southeast. Properties in the foreground, including QFC (roof visible center right) are within one of the Perimeter Design Districts. Also, you can also make out the relatively similar building heights of towers on the south side of NE 12th Street running diagonally through the image.



FIGURE 31. Left image is the Old Bellevue area with the Downtown Park visible. Main Street corridor is visible through center of the image from left to right. Main Street separates the shorter buildings (Perimeter Design District A) from the taller Perimeter Design District B buildings. The right image shows the Main Street corridor looking eastward.



FIGURE 32. The image above shows the East Main area, looking west-northwest over Main Street and 112th Avenue NE. Some of the height/district stepbacks are visible here.

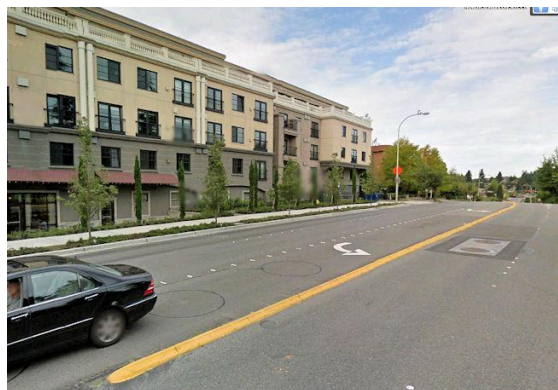
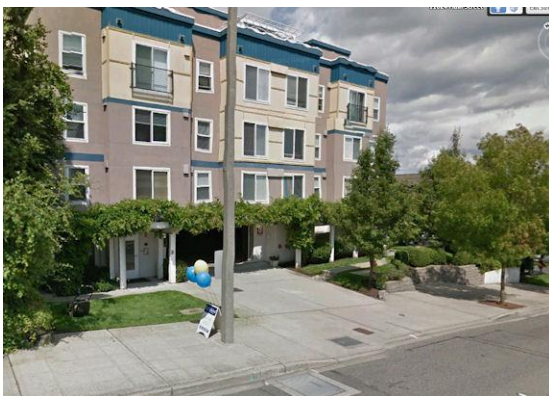


FIGURE 33. These images show developments integrating the required 20' landscaped setback along portions of Main Street (left image) and NE 12th Street (right image)

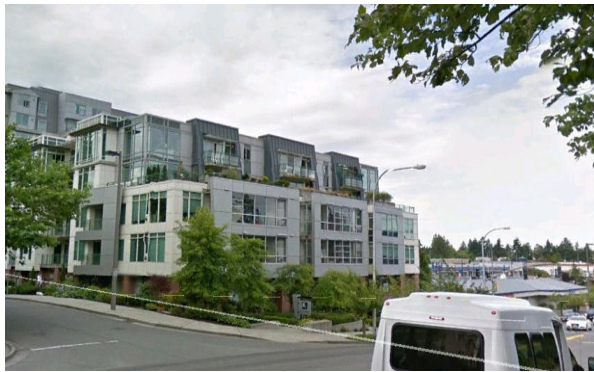


FIGURE 34. These two images illustrate required upper level building stepbacks required along NE 12th Street (left) and portions of the Main Street corridor (right).

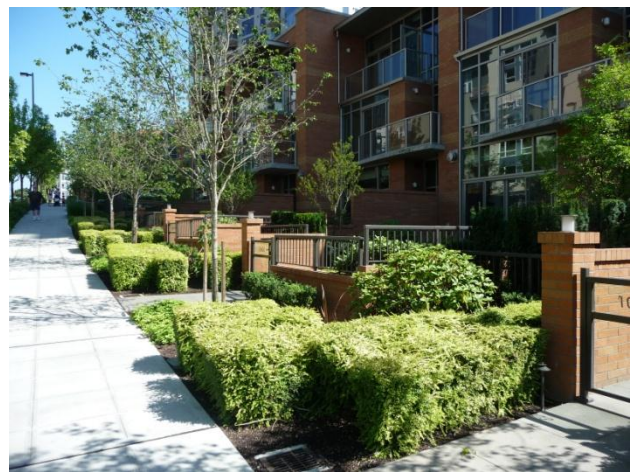


FIGURE 35. Good examples of landscaped residential frontages.



FIGURE 36. The images on the left include techniques to add interest to blank walls along sidewalks. The right image shows a mid-block parking garage entrance. Most projects have successfully integrated parking/vehicular access elements while minimizing impacts to the pedestrian environment and the streetscape.





## Future Opportunities

- Architects and engineers are making dramatic strides in new buildings' energy efficiency. And, there are emerging new methods for assessing and monitoring buildings' energy conservation performance. Design guidelines can support these advancements. Among other factors is to be aware of the special considerations that new technologies introduce. For example, large areas of solar panels atop towers may exceed floor plate limits and be contrary to guidelines roof top features.

## 5. Comments from Focus Groups

The following represents a distillation of the themes relating to Design Guidelines from the focus group sessions held in March 2013. Please see the final report for individual comments.

### Character of Downtown districts

- The “personality” of different districts Downtown is important. Screening, parking, street trees, signage, etc. may be different in different areas. But the cohesiveness of the Downtown is also important; also need to think about how to tie the districts together.
- Several participants commented that the Perimeter Design Districts provide an important function in helping transition from Downtown to adjoining neighborhoods. But some other views were expressed that the perimeter requirements do not address real planning or design challenges, that they penalize some property owners, and that it is also important to better connect neighborhoods to Downtown.

### Ensuring quality design and a more memorable Downtown

- Many comments in the Built Environment discussions focused on making Downtown Bellevue a more pedestrian-friendly place. These types of comments are likely repeated in the Pedestrian section of this report, but included elements such as wider sidewalks, pedestrian signage and way-finding, pathways to the new light rail station, mid-block crossings, vegetated buffer between sidewalk and cars, and other pedestrian linkages.
- Need to ensure the walk along the sidewalk is interesting, with lots of windows, seating, weather protection, and things to see. Integrate details of ground floor/storefronts with sidewalks and the streetscape; this can enrich the pedestrian experience.
- Need better lighting and weather protection for pedestrians. Need for more continuous weather protection was an often-repeated theme.
- Keep open distant views for drivers and pedestrians; for example Mount Rainier.
- Developments require encouragement for thinking about the human scale, character and identity.

## Environmental, technical, or design innovations

- Coordination between City departments is important; the Transportation Department in particular needs to work side-by-side in creating distinctive places, because the sidewalk and private property should engage together. In some cases would like to use more interesting materials on public right-of-way but has been hard to coordinate with City.

## Green development

- Downtown could be made “softer;” there is a lot of concrete.
- Retain existing green space Downtown, esp. Ashwood Park
- Green building should be encouraged, incentivized.

## Specific design guidelines to reinforce or eliminate

- There is an acknowledgement that some of our built projects have not been entirely successful; there is room for improvement.
- Consider impact of design guidelines on the market cost of housing.
- Need Code to better address noise and screening of rooftop equipment.
- Be wary of spawning too many new prescriptive standards, and watch out for updated standards being a “take-away.”
- The City is in the best position to build some major urban amenities when the private sector cannot or will not provide them.

Current Downtown Incentive Zoning System - Updated Frequency Chart, June 2016

|                       | Zoning District | Underground Parking (Bonus) | Pedestrian-Oriented Frontage (Basic) | Marquee (Basic) | Residential Use (Bonus) | Plaza (Bonus but Basic on D/R street, nonres building in DT-OLB) | Landscape Area (Bonus) | Landscape Feature (Basic) | Active Recreation Area (Basic in DT-R) | Arcade (Basic) | Above Ground Parking Residential Building (Bonus) | Pedestrian Corridor / Major Public Open Space | Awning (Basic) | Enclosed Plaza (Bonus) | Residential Entry Courtyard (Bonus but Basic on D/R streets residential buildings) | Water Feature (Basic) | Public Meeting Room (Bonus) | Sculpture (Basic) | Nonprofit Social Services (Bonus) | Child Care (Bonus but Basic in DT-R) | Food Retail (Basic in DT-R) | Public Restroom (Bonus) | Performing Arts Space (Bonus) | Donation of Park Land (Bonus) |
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| Frequency (out of 44) |                 | 42                          | 39                                   | 23              | 22                      | 20   | 15                     | 14                        | 11                                     | 10             | 8   | 8   | 5              | 3                      | 3  | 2                     | 2                           | 1                 | 0                                 | 0                                    | 0                           | 0                       | 0                             |                               |
| 1 Bellevue Center     | O-1             | X                           | X                                    |                 |                         | X  | X                      | X                         |  | X              |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| 2 Bellevue Center     | O-1             | X                           | X                                    |                 |                         | X  | X                      | X                         |  | X              |   |   |                |                        |  | X                     |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| 3 Bellevue Center     | O-1             | X                           | X                                    | X               |                         | X  |                        |                           |  |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| BAM                   | O-1             | X                           | X                                    |                 |                         |  |                        |                           |  |                |   | X   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Bellevue Towers       | O-1             | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       |  | X                      |                           | X                                      | X              |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| City Center I         | O-1             | X                           | X                                    |                 |                         | X  |                        |                           |  | X              |   |   |                |                        |  | X                     |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| City Center II        | O-1             | X                           | X                                    | X               |                         | X  |                        | X                         |  |                |   |   |                | X                      |  |                       |                             | X                 |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Galleria              | O-1             | X                           | X                                    | X               |                         |  |                        |                           |  | X              |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Lincoln Square 1      | O-1             | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       |  |                        |                           |  |                |   |   |                | X                      |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Skyline Tower         | O-1             | X                           | X                                    | X               |                         |  |                        |                           |  | X              |   |   |                | X                      |  |                       |                             |                   | X                                 |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Bellevue Place        | O-2             | X                           | X                                    |                 |                         | X  | X                      | X                         | X                                      |                |   |   |                | X                      |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Bravern               | O-2             | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       |  |                        |                           |  |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| The Summit I, II      | O-2             | X                           |                                      |                 |                         | X  |                        |                           |  |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Expedia/Tower 333     | O-2             | X                           | X                                    | X               |                         |  |                        |                           |  |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Avalon Meydenbauer    | O-2/MU          | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       |  |                        |                           |  |                |   |   | X              |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Ashwood Commons I     | MU              | X                           | X                                    |                 | X                       | X  |                        |                           |  |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Ashwood Commons II    | MU              | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       | X  | X                      |                           | X                                      | X              |   |   |                | X                      |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Avalon Tower          | MU              | X                           | X                                    |                 | X                       |  |                        |                           | X                                      |                | X   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Baker Main            | MU              | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       |  | X                      |                           |  |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| BelPac Center         | MU              | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       | X  | X                      |                           | X                                      | X              |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Civica                | MU              | X                           | X                                    |                 |                         | X  |                        | X                         |  |                |   |   | X              |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Hyatt Expansion       | MU              |                             | X                                    |                 |                         | X  |                        |                           |  |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| LIHI                  | MU              | X                           |                                      | X               | X                       |  | X                      |                           |  |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   | X                                 |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Marriott Courtyard    | MU              | X                           | X                                    | X               |                         |  |                        |                           |  | X              |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   | X                                    |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Marriott HEI          | MU              | X                           | X                                    | X               |                         | X  |                        | X                         |  |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   | X                                    |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Metro 112             | MU              | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       |  |                        |                           |  | X              |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| SOMA I                | MU              | X                           | X                                    |                 | X                       | X  |                        |                           | X                                      |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Washington Square     | MU              | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       | X  | X                      | X                         |  | X              |   |   |                |                        | X  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Belletini             | MU/ A,B         | X                           | X                                    |                 | X                       |  |                        |                           |  |                |   |   | X              |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Palazzo               | MU/ A,B         | X                           |                                      |                 | X                       | X  | X                      |                           |  |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Alamo Manhattan       | MU/A            | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       |  |                        |                           | X                                      |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Silver Cloud          | MU/A            |                             |                                      |                 |                         | X  | X                      | X                         | X                                      |                |   |   | X              |                        |  | X                     |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Ashton/Vue Hanover    | MU/C            | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       |  | X                      | X                         |  | X              |   |   |                |                        | X  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| BRE BelCarra          | MU/C            | X                           | X                                    |                 | X                       | X  |                        | X                         |  | X              |   |   | X              |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| The Seasons/Amali     | OB              | X                           | X                                    |                 |                         |  |                        |                           | X                                      |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| One Main              | OB/ A,B         | X                           | X                                    |                 | X                       |  |                        |                           |  | X              |   |   | X              |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Bellevue At Main      | OB/A            | X                           | X                                    |                 | X                       |  | X                      |                           | X                                      | X              |   |   | X              |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Main Place            | OB/A            | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       |  |                        |                           | X                                      |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Borgatta              | OB/B            | X                           | X                                    | X               | X                       |  | X                      |                           |  | X              |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| 112th @ 12th          | OLB             | X                           |                                      |                 |                         | X  |                        |                           |  |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Alley 111 (Vida)      | R               | X                           | X                                    | X               |                         | X  |                        |                           |  | X              |   |   | X              |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Avalon Bellevue       | R               | X                           | X                                    |                 |                         |  | X                      |                           |  |                |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Ten20 Tower           | R               | X                           | X                                    |                 |                         |  |                        |                           |  | X              |   |   |                |                        |  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |
| Park Metro            | R/A             | X                           | X                                    |                 |                         |  |                        |                           |  |                |   |   |                |                        | X  |                       |                             |                   |                                   |                                      |                             |                         |                               |                               |



**From:** Pam Johnston  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Cc:** [parkboard](#); [PlanningCommission](#); [Ewing, Jennifer](#)  
**Subject:** Trees: Redmond pulls ahead, Redmond Plans to Protect Trees While Accommodating Growth  
**Date:** Monday, June 05, 2017 7:51:54 AM

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Please move forward on a Tree Canopy Strategic Plan  
<http://redmond.gov/Environment/StreamsHabitat/treecanopy>

News update:

### **City Plans to Protect Trees While Accommodating Growth**

Redmond's tree canopy—the percentage of a city that's covered by trees when viewed from above—is 39%. Read up on the Tree Canopy Strategic Plan and the City's plans to continue its environmental stewardship and preserve the natural beauty that surrounds us.



Our Redmond community values protection and enhancement of our natural environment and sustainability of our natural resources.

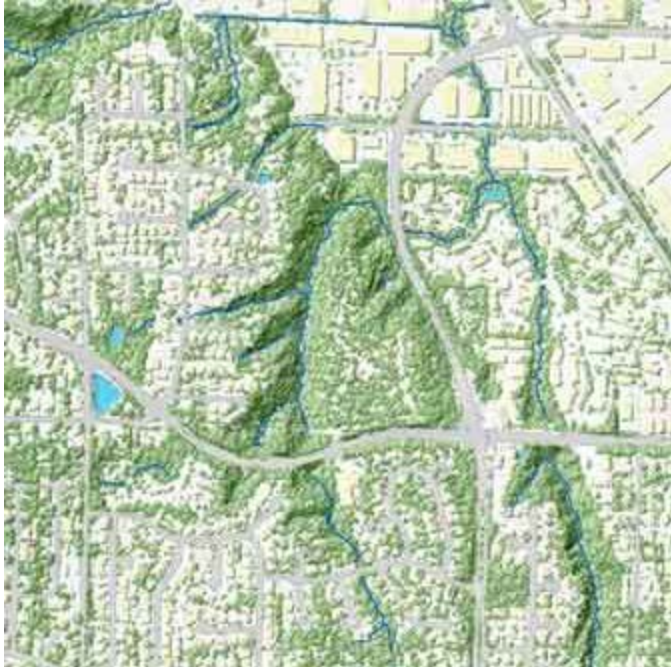
As we invest in our environment, trees play a critical role. Trees help purify the air, generate oxygen, slow and absorb stormwater runoff, stabilize slopes, reduce erosion, mask noise, contain glare, and conserve energy. They enhance the community's appearance, identity, and natural beauty. Trees also provide habitat for birds and a variety of wildlife.

The City already has policies and programs in place to monitor and protect our trees, while at the same time accommodating growth and development.:

- Our Tree Preservation Ordinance sets development requirements to avoid extensive removal of trees and incentives for protecting existing trees. When tree removal is a necessity during land development, mitigation is required through on and off-site tree replacement.
- All trees in the City of Redmond, regardless of location (private property, city-owned property, easements, etc.) are subject to our permitting and protection requirements.
- Our Green Redmond Partnership is a volunteer-focused program to bring 1035 acres of forested parkland into active management i.e., focused on the removal of non-native, invasive plants and replanting with native trees and shrubs.
- We also proactively manage and maintain nearly 8,000 trees along major city-owned arterials and downtown to promote long-term health, keeping visibility and safety in mind.

# Tree Canopy Strategic Plan

We recently completed our Parks, Arts, Recreation, Culture and Conservation (PARCC) 2017 – 2030 plan. During community engagement, the Redmond community reaffirmed their desire for conservation and broadly supported an aspirational tree canopy coverage goal.



**City of Redmond Tree Canopy Map**

Tree canopy refers to the percentage of a city that's covered by trees when viewed from above. The great news is that we've successfully maintained our City's tree canopy of 39%-- less than a 1% difference between 2009 and 2013. It's a testament to our environmental stewardship and value we as a community place on preserving the natural beauty that surrounds us.

To ensure we continue to increase tree canopy across the city, city staff is currently developing a Tree Canopy Strategic Plan. This plan will establish a canopy goal, proposed timeline, and methods for achieving that goal, focusing on policies, cost and public support.

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**From:** Sue J  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2017 10:07 AM  
**To:** Smith, Terry <[TSmith@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:TSmith@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Lower off leash area Robinswood Park

It disturbs me to see yet more furniture going into the lower off leash dog area. This is a dog run. It is not a picnic area. Other areas of the park serve that purpose. It is also not someone's backyard. There are now twice as many benches inside this corral than the larger upper area. Additionally, a private company has been allowed to advertise on these benches. One of my dogs suffered a contusion running into one of these benches. This is not okay. The over abundance of furniture in this area has created a hazard to the original purpose of this area being an off leash dog run. I would like to see this area limited to just two benches. That is what this size of this area can safely support. Additionally, the 20,000 dollar 10x10 shelter now being built is not fiscally responsible and is not at all wanted by many of us using this area. I wish we had been consulted prior to the installation of this. Also, the site has been littered with an overabundance of signs. Is it too much to ask for users to take personal responsibility for their dogs and make sure doors are closed prior to entry? Must we have signs for this?

There are many of us who use this area and have for years. Please let's keep it safe and usable for us all. For those who wish to sit and chat or have a picnic, there are other areas of the park for that. This is a dog run, not an obstacle course. In future, please consult with more members of the community before making decisions based upon a very loud few.

Thank you,

Sue J

**From:** Wallick, Lynde  
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2017 2:50 PM  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Harvey, Nancy <[NHarvey@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NHarvey@bellevuewa.gov)>; Kost, Glenn <[GKost@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:GKost@bellevuewa.gov)>; Smith, Terry <[TSmith@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:TSmith@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Lower off leash area Robinswood Park

Hello Ms. Johnson,

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the Robinswood off-leash area located near the tennis center. The improvements that have been made to this off-leash area are a result of park user requests including some financial contributions.

The shelter completed today was funded through City's Neighborhood Match Program. Residents along with a local company, Wagly Pet Campus, made cash donations to the City for this project. The request was to provide shelter from the rain (and sun), similar to the shelter in the off-leash area adjacent to 148<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.



Last year, a group of residents approached the city and requested additional seating in this same area. At that time, Wagly Pet Campus offered to purchase two benches through the City's park bench donation program which allows donors the opportunity to purchase a recognition plaque. The benches are spaced apart from one another, and placed near the corral fencing to allow as much open space as possible, but also providing requested seating for users.

The new "Keep Gates Closed" signs were a request of residents stating that on multiple occasions park users have left gates open while other dogs are using the park, allowing pets to escape the corral. Parks personnel have witnessed this occurring as well.

We appreciate your concerns, and if requested would be happy to reach out to you for comment on further improvements. At this time, none are planned.

Thank you,

Lynde Wallick  
Project Manager  
City of Bellevue  
Parks & Community Services  
Office: (425) 452-2932  
Fax: (425) 452-2814

## Bellevue Parks & Community Services

### Events List

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## JUNE 2017

- 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**      **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
*Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 164<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Please join us to celebrate the Bellevue Botanical Garden's 25<sup>th</sup> 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>
- June 10**      **Family Discovery Series: Bee Aware! Who is Pollinating Our Food?™**,  
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- 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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

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- June 13**      **Sound of Swing Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
*North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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](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 148<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sbcc@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4240.

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- June 17**     **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org) or 425-450-1049.
- June 17**     **Adult Enrichment: Save the Bees**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- June 28**      **Downtown Park Complete the Circle and Inspiration Playground Grand Opening**, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Join us to celebrate the completion of the 35-year vision and a new, universally accessible playground! Ribbon cutting will be at 3:30 p.m., with live music, activities, and food trucks throughout the event. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Christina Faine – [cfaine@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cfaine@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4286.
- 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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

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**JULY 2017**

- July 4**      **Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Presented by The Bellevue Collection,**  
2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.  
*Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
With rockets' red glare, bombs bursting in air, and a jam-packed lineup of festivities, the Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- July 11**      **Sound of Swing Dance,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
*North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> 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 11**      **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Sing”**  
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .
- July 12**      **Garden Explorers Class: A Sensory Discovery Program for 5-8 Year-Olds,**  
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Experience nature at the Garden with children with our newest program, Garden Explorers. These classes are a great way for kids and their caregivers to spend time together while discovering more about nature at the Botanical Garden. This class is focused on **Scent**. Being in the garden is an exciting time to explore your sense of smell. From roses to lesser-known aromas, your nose will be delighted. You will enjoy sharing this aromatic journey with your child. Each class will have an activity with an item to take home. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members: \$14/child, and \$8/each additional child. Non-BBGS members: \$18/child, and \$12/each additional child. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 12**      **ChowDown(Town) Food Truck Round-Up,** 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
*Ashwood Park, 10895 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Enjoy an evening of live music and food! A variety of food trucks will be available to offer you food that is new or familiar. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission and entertainment. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Jon Wilson – [jwilson@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jwilson@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4278.
- July 14**      **Who’s in Your Backyard: Cousin Coyote,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7225.

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- 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 410 130<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org) or 425-450-1049.
- July 15**      **Family Discovery Series: Who’s Humming?**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- July 18**      **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Storks”**  
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .

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- 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 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- July 25**      **Elephant Umbrella: “We’re Working on a Building” (Children’s Program)**,  
11 a.m. – noon  
*Robinswood Barn at Robinswood Park, 2430 148<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.

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- July 25**      **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Angry Birds Movie”**  
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .
- July 26**      **Garden Explorers Class: A Sensory Discovery Program for 5-8 Year-Olds,**  
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Experience nature at the Garden with children with our newest program, Garden Explorers. These classes are a great way for kids and their caregivers to spend time together while discovering more about nature at the Botanical Garden. This class is focused on **Sight**. Unleash your sense of wonder through your sense of sight. We rely on our sense of sight the most, but what do we really see? Marvel at everyday sights by looking at the Garden in a new and fun way. Each class will have an activity with an item to take home. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members: \$14/child, and \$8/each additional child. Non-BBGS members: \$18/child, and \$12/each additional child. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 28**      **Nature Movie Night: “Super Hummingbirds”,** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

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**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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**AUGUST 2017**

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

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- August 3**      **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Finding Dory”**  
Free family activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*16000 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Bellevue Parks & Community Services partners with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring this Movies in the Park series to our community! Grab a blanket, a lawn chair, and your family, friends, neighbors or co-workers to watch blockbuster movies under the stars on a huge screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Kristina DeFlorio at 425-452-4240, [outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov), or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .
- August 4-20**      **“Alice in Wonderland” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**  
August 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 7 p.m.; August 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 2 p.m.  
*Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street*  
This delightful journey includes all your favorites, from the White Rabbit to the Mad Hatter. This show includes actors of all ages and is suitable for the whole family. However, this show has three casts. If you are coming to see someone in the play, ask the Box Office which weekend they are performing. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** \$10. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- August 5**      **Garden Class: “Lavender in the Pacific Northwest – An Exhilarating, Multi-Faceted Adventure,”** 10 a.m. - noon  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Join us to hear the fascinating story of how a small lavender farm on San Juan Island has inexplicably grown into a nationwide operation, celebrating agricultural sustainability as it broadens public awareness of this amazing plant’s extraordinarily wide range of natural properties. Stephen Robins, owner of Pelindaba Lavender, will focus on specific lavender varieties for different applications, lavender in the Pacific Northwest, cultivation, and lavender history, interwoven with captivating stories. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- August 8**      **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The LEGO Batman Movie”**  
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .

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- August 9**      **ChowDown(Town) Food Truck Round-Up**, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
*Ashwood Park, 10895 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Enjoy an evening of live music and food! A variety of food trucks will be available to offer you food that is new or familiar. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission and entertainment. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Jon Wilson – [jswilson@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jswilson@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4278.
- August 9**      **Theater on the Green: Shakespeare’s “A Comedy of Errors”**  
Free craft activities for children at 6 p.m.; show time is 6:30 p.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Bring your picnic and enjoy a night out on the “Green” in a peaceful, family-friendly environment. *A Comedy of Errors* is Shakespeare’s zaniest comedy, in which two sets of twins separated at birth find themselves in the same city on the same day. This leads to a string of mistaken identities, over-the-top slapstick and false accusations. This Shakespeare comedy is performed in the style of ‘Commedia dell’arte.’ There will be a donation opportunity for Last Leaf Productions and a chance to meet the actors following the show. Presented by Last Leaf Productions, the shows in this series start at 6:30 p.m. and last for 40 to 60 minutes. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- August 10**      **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Zootopia”**  
Free family activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*16000 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street*  
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- August 12**      **Garden Class: “Learn to Make Herbal Salves,”** 10 a.m. - noon  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
This class will be taught by Tilth Alliance (formerly Seattle Tilth). In this class we will learn how to identify, harvest and process herbs for salves, discuss beneficial and healing properties of different herbs. We’ll see, smell and feel different oils and waxes you can use for infusions, salves and ointments. Finally, we’ll make a simple recipe you can replicate at home. Leave with a small sample to try out! **Cost:** \$30/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$40/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org>



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- August 15**     **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Secret Life of Pets”**  
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .
- August 16**     **Garden Class: “Creative iPhoneography Workshop,”** 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
This class will be taught by Charles Needle. Learn how to craft creative, expressive flower and garden images using nothing more than your iPhone! The workshop begins with an in-depth classroom lecture covering some of the technical aspects of iPhoneography (equipment, accessories, and apps). The second half of the class is outside in the garden, with one-on-one help. Dinner is included with registration. **Cost:** \$110/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$130/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required; space is very limited. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org>
- August 16**     **Theater on the Green: “The Magic Hat”**  
Free craft activities for children at 6 p.m.; show time is 6:30 p.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Bring your picnic and enjoy a night out on the “Green” in a peaceful, family-friendly environment. *The Magic Hat* is an original musical developed in conjunction with the Shapiro Foundation for Anti-Racist Education. It follows our hero, Balfour, who has a special hat that can change its shape to fit into any group. The hat allows Balfour to make friends with different groups of people who have very strange and often untrue ideas about each other. Presented by Last Leaf Productions, the shows in this series start at 6:30 p.m. and last for 40 to 60 minutes. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.

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- August 17**     **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Pete’s Dragon”**  
Free family activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
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- August 19**     **Garden Event: Fuchsia Show and Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
See fuchsia blossoms of all shapes and colors, and purchase hardy fuchsias for your home garden. Event is hosted by the Eastside Fuchsia Society. **Cost:** Free admission; costs for plants varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/societies.htm>
- August 22**     **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Middle School”**  
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .
- August 23**     **Garden Class: “From Far and Near: Native and Not-So-Native Plants for the Pacific NW Gardener,”** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Daniel Mount will educate gardeners on the benefits and pitfalls of using native plants. You will learn which plants perform best in which locations, how to plant and care for natives, and how to balance the desire for a garden that supports native plant communities, as well as a desire for a beautiful garden that meets the myriad needs of the modern gardener. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org>

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- August 24**     **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Moana”**  
Free family activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
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- August 26-27**     **Garden Event: Arts in the Garden, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Enjoy this opportunity to see art in a natural setting, meet the artists, and get inspired to bring art into your own home and garden. Discover about 40 artists and a wide variety of sculpture and garden art available for purchase among the flowerbeds and woodlands of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Purchase art for your home and garden, while enjoying music, food and libations. **Cost:** Free admission and parking; prices vary for artwork for sale. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.artsinthegardenbellevue.org/>
- August 29**     **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Sandlot”**  
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for free popcorn and movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies> .