

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

July 10, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110th Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA



AGENDA

Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

<p>Boardmembers:</p> <p><i>Debra Kumar, Chair</i></p> <p><i>Heather Trescases, Vice-Chair</i></p> <p><i>Paul Clark</i></p> <p><i>Dave Hamilton</i></p> <p><i>Stuart Heath</i></p> <p><i>Eric Synn</i></p> <p>City Council Liaison:</p> <p><i>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</i></p> <p>Staff Contacts:</p> <p><i>Camron Parker 425-452-2032</i></p> <p><i>Nancy Harvey 425-452-4162</i></p>	<p>Tuesday July 10, 2018 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bellevue City Hall Conference Room 1E-113 450 110th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004</p>																																
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**CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday
June 12, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Synn, Boardmembers Clark, Deng, Hamilton, Heath¹, Kumar, Trescases²

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Betsy Anderson, Shelley Brittingham, Bradley Calvert (Community Development), Christina Faine, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Brad Miyake (City Manager), Camron Parker, Cindy Shelton, Colin Walker

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Ogliore (Bellevue Downtown Association)

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Synn at 6:02 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Boardmember Trescases and second by Boardmember Kumar to approve the April 17, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Motion by Boardmember Trescases and second by Boardmember Kumar to approve the May 8, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

¹ Arrived at 6:06 p.m./Departed at 7:30 p.m.

² Departed at 7:28 p.m.

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

Mike Ogiore, Bellevue Downtown Association

Cindy Shelton, City of Bellevue

On behalf of the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Downtown Association, Mr. Ogiore and Ms. Shelton invited Boardmembers to the 27th Annual Bellevue Family 4th celebration presented by The Bellevue Collection. The event is the largest 4th of July celebration on the Eastside and will take place in Bellevue Downtown Park, where families and friends can enjoy food, games, live music, and a spectacular fireworks show.

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

No report.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Foran welcomed newest Boardmember Paul Clark to the Board. He also provided the following report:

- Toni Esparza, former Executive Director of Eastside Academy, was recently hired to fill Terry Smith's vacant Assistant Director position.
- Boardmembers are invited to attend the upcoming Cultural Competency Foundations class.

On behalf of the Board, City Council and staff, Mr. Foran presented Boardmember Deng with a plaque, commendation, and a framed picture as a token of appreciation for serving on the Parks Board. Boardmember Deng is moving out of state.

Boardmembers and staff expressed their appreciation to Boardmember Deng for her valuable contributions to the city and Board.

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Boardmember Deng recently attended the Community Leadership Awards Ceremony. She was enthused by today's youth.

Boardmember Heath recently visited Bellevue Botanical Garden with his family.

Boardmember Kumar attended the Community Leadership Awards Ceremony. She commended Helena Stephens for putting together such an inspiring event. She also discussed the new residential/retail establishments in the Crossroads community. Lastly, Boardmember Kumar discussed her concerns about the dangerous situations she has experienced with off-leash dogs.

Boardmember Trescases distributed a flier about the upcoming Strawberry Festival and encouraged Boardmembers to attend the event.

Boardmember Hamilton attended the Community Leadership Awards Ceremony. He also visited/toured the Highland Community Center. He was impressed by the staff at this facility.

Boardmember Clark recently visited Downtown Park and Goddard Mini-Park. He also concurred with Boardmember Kumar's comments regarding problematic off-leash dogs.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

Vice-Chair Synn noted that there has been a lot of focus and media about the growth in Bellevue. He stressed the importance for the Board to be aligned on the vision and values that Parks brings to Bellevue.

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

None.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Board Elections**

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

Motion by Boardmember Trescases and seconded by Boardmember Heath to nominate Boardmember Kumar as the Parks & Community Services Board Chair. Boardmember Kumar accepted the nomination.

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

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

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

Motion by Boardmember Kumar and second by Boardmember Deng to nominate Boardmember Trescases as the Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair. Boardmember Trescases accepted the nomination.

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

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

B. Grand Connection Interstate 405 Crossing

Mr. Calvert explained that in December, 2017 Council adopted the Grand Connection framework Plan Volume 1, addressing the route's identity, aesthetics, public space improvements, and improvements to mobility and connectivity between Meydenbauer Bay and the Civic Center District. Adoption of the plan initiated the process to amend the Comprehensive Plan, update the Land Use Code, and develop design Guidelines. In May, 2018, staff presented Volume 2 of the framework plan which provided an in-depth assessment of the three Interstate 405 crossing alternatives. Mr. Calvert added that the plan discusses important elements of each of the crossing alternatives, including a comparative analysis and next steps to selecting and refining a preferred alternative.

The 405 crossing alternatives include:

- Alternative 1—Sculptural Bridge
- Alternative 2—Linear Bridge
- Alternative 3—Lid Park

Mr. Calvert provided a detailed description of each of the alternatives and their features. The following is a summary of the next steps for the project:

- May-Summer
 - Distribute to Council
 - Open to public comment
 - Presentations to boards, commissions, public, civic organizations
- Summer
 - Council to recommend a preferred alternative
- Fall
 - Begin RFP process for design refinement of preferred alternative

Boardmember Heath inquired if there are any plans to combine a homeless shelter with any of the proposed alternatives. Mr. Calvert clarified that the goal is for the alternative to serve as a civic function. He clarified that Alternative 1 precludes a shelter facility. Boardmember Heath noted that there is a dichotomy between how homeless shelters help the community but no one wants them in the downtown corridor. Boardmember Heath supports an alternative that includes a homeless shelter facility.

Boardmember Clark inquired if there have been any communications with the business community to see if they have an alternative preference. Mr. Calvert noted that staff is working closely with the business community, particularly the Ford dealership and REI. The goal is to ensure that the vision created is a collaborative process.

Boardmembers discussed the cost difference between the proposed alternatives, with Alternative 3 being the most costly option. There was also a general discussion regarding noise mitigation and safety precautions. Ultimately, Boardmembers would like to determine their preferred alternative and forward this recommendation to Council. Boardmembers viewed partnerships for the Grand Connection as vital, particularly regarding funding implications of the project. Hopefully, partnerships can be leveraged for funding and as a revenue stream. Boardmembers would like the alternative option selected to be “grand” and viewed as another signature park within Bellevue. Boardmember Hamilton views Alternative 3 as accomplishing this goal.

Boardmember Trescases asked when the project will be assigned to the Parks Board. Mr. Calvert clarified that once Council determines their preferred alternative they will assign tasks to the various Boards/Commissions.

C. Social Media Strategy

Ms. Harvey is the department’s Website Administrator and typically posts and maintains the website content, as well as works with program staff on the website strategy. Ms. Harvey noted that the city recently conducted an extensive revision of the website to optimize the site for various devices (i.e., cell phones, tablets, etc.).

Ms. Faine is the department’s Public Information Officer and provided an overview of the areas that she oversees for social media.

Mr. Walker is the department’s Marketing Administrator and provided an overview of the various social media tools that the city utilizes. The primary purpose of the social media tools is to promote the revenue-generating programs and build awareness of events. The city’s social media tools include:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Nextdoor
- YouTube
- Instagram

Mr. Walker discussed some of the ways the Board can help with social media. These include:

- Like, share and retweet content
- Submit content
- Send in ideas

Ms. Harvey reminded Boardmembers to be mindful of the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Records Act, and city guidelines on endorsing positions.

Boardmember Kumar suggested that the city have a selfie campaign to encourage community members to submit selfies.

Mr. Walker encouraged Boardmembers to attend the June 18 Council meeting where the Parks Board will be presented a proclamation to declare July, 2018 Parks & Recreation Month. On behalf of the Board, Boardmember Kumar will attend the meeting to accept the proclamation.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Boardmembers would like to discuss the Council update at the next Board meeting. In the meantime, they would also like feedback provided to Council regarding the Grand Connection alternatives, before Council's next meeting.

Motion by Boardmember Clark and second by Boardmember Kumar to authorize the Board Chair and Vice-Chair to summarize the Board's discussion points regarding the Grand Connection and provide this feedback to City Council. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Motion by Boardmember Kumar and second by Boardmember Clark to extend the meeting until 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Cultural Competency Foundations Class – invitation to Board from Mayor
- C. 2018 Youth of the Year Award memo
- D. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation (from Council packet)
- E. List of upcoming Parks special events

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

None.

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

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Kumar and second by Boardmember Clark to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).



Date: July 10, 2018

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Emil King, Strategic Planning Manager
Community Development
Kevin McDonald, Senior Planner
Transportation Department

Subject: Wilburton Commercial Area CAC Vision
(Board action requested – feedback)

ACTION REQUESTED

The Parks & Community Services Board will be provided an update on the Wilburton Commercial Area Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) vision.

BACKGROUND

In December of 2015, City Council launched the Wilburton-Grand Connection planning initiative. The effort consists of the visioning of a multi-modal corridor stretching from Meydenbauer Bay Park, through Downtown, and across Interstate 405 into the Wilburton Commercial Area. The companion effort is the re-visioning of the Wilburton Commercial Area through a land use, transportation, and urban design analysis.

The Wilburton Commercial Area is defined by Interstate 405 to the west, NE 12th Street to the north, SE 5th Street to the south, and navigates 118th, 120th, and 124th Avenues NE to the east. The entire area is over 300 acres and is uniquely positioned between Downtown to the west and BelRed to the north.

A number of significant infrastructure improvements have positioned the study area to be re-imagined as a new urban neighborhood. In 2023 East Link light rail is anticipated to begin revenue service, providing one station within the study area boundary (Wilburton) and three additional stations (Bellevue Downtown, East Main, Spring District/120th) that will encompass the entire study area within a high capacity transit walkshed. The King County led Eastside Rail Corridor will create a non-motorized spine through the study area that will provide new opportunities for cyclist and pedestrian connectivity, while possessing the potential for an entirely new urban development form in Bellevue.

This network of multi-modal connectivity is further supported by the companion planning effort of the Grand Connection, which will establish a signature connection to Downtown and improve access and mobility for cyclists and pedestrians. The visioning process for the Grand Connection concluded in 2017 with Council adopting the Grand Connection Framework Plan: Sequence One and currently

reviewing the Interstate 405 crossing options and their relationship to the Wilburton Commercial Area.

The planning process for the Wilburton Commercial Area Land Use & Transportation Project has been guided by Council Principles, established at the project launch in December 2015. In October 2016 Council appointed a 15-member Citizen Advisory Committee and charged them with developing a land use, transportation, and urban design vision and policy recommendations for the Wilburton Commercial Area. The Committee included members from City boards and commissions, representatives from businesses, institutions, and civic organizations, and residents from nearby neighborhoods.

Citizen Advisory Committee meetings began in January of 2017 and concluded in April of 2018. The Committee was introduced to the context of the study area, including the many forthcoming multi-modal transportation improvements, and the unique characteristics of surrounding neighborhoods such as Downtown, BelRed, and Wilburton Hill. Subsequent meetings addressed the envisioned character of the area and organization of future land use intensity. This ultimately led to the development of two action alternatives, in addition to a No Action Alternative. Leading into their development of alternatives and consideration of height and density distribution, the Committee worked an urban framework defined by transportation, parks and open space, and urban design. The Committee identified their priorities for parks and open space, while developing a network of different streets to promote connectivity, permeability, and multi-modal transportation options.

In February of 2018, the City released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) including a 45-day comment period. The City received a total of 34 comments from 32 individuals or organizations. A public hearing was held on February 28, 2018 at Bellevue City Hall. The DEIS used a planning horizon of 2035 and examined the land use, transportation, and environmental impacts of the No Action and two action alternatives. A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), which responds to public comments, will be developed as the project progresses through the adoption phase.

The Committee envisions the Wilburton Commercial Area as a dense and vibrant neighborhood, that capitalizes on initiatives such as the Eastside Rail Corridor and the Grand Connection to create a unique and memorable community. In support of these non-motorized facilities the Committee's vision includes a rich network of new streets and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists. This is intended to build upon the future East Link light rail station that will provide unmatched regional connectivity. The Committee developed a preferred alternative that creates a central spine of density to support this walkable urbanism, while also being nuanced in their approach to respect the surrounding context of the Wilburton Hill Neighborhood and the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Other important features to the Committee vision include a strong emphasis on parks and open space, a focus on trail-oriented development, and a robust set of design principles that will create a unique and authentic neighborhood that also recognizes the study area's history.

Tonight, staff will present to the Board the vision for the Wilburton Commercial Area. This will include the process to reach a preferred alternative, as well as important elements related to transportation, parks and open space, aesthetics and character.



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 29, 2018

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Glenn Kost, Planning Division Manager
Ken Kroeger, Project Manager
Parks & Community Services Department

Subject: Downtown Park – NE Corner Entry
(Board feedback requested)

At your July 10th meeting, we will brief you on the status of planning for the Northeast Entry of the Downtown Park. Our presentation will include a brief history of the park, the project goals, the latest site design options and initial public art concept.

We will then ask the Board to provide feedback on the key features of the plan that will help as we move towards the development of a preferred option.



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

June 2018

Aquatic Center Study

At their March 12 meeting, the City Council authorized the staff to proceed with additional studies to determine whether Council wishes to proceed with an Aquatic Center. Staff is now seeking a consulting firm to explore the potential scale and scope of a facility, estimated capital and operating costs, site feasibility and potential partnerships. The initial feasibility study done in 2009 will be updated to serve as a foundation for this new work. We anticipate work to begin later this summer.

Bannerwood Park

The staff is working with representatives of Seattle University to provide additional upgrades to the Bannerwood baseball facility. SU would like to install a roof over the existing batting cages and to construct a small multi-use/clubhouse building behind one of the dugouts, all at the cost of SU. We are currently working to amend our current agreements with SU to facilitate these improvements.

2019-25 CIP Budget

The Park Board approved a letter to the City Council endorsing the 2019-25 CIP budget projects. The Leadership Team is now reviewing those proposals and will deliver a recommendation to the City Manager later this summer. The requests include continued funding for the Renovation Program, Park & Open Space Acquisition, and Park Planning; neighborhood park development in Bridle Trails and Newport Hills; construction at Airfield Park; planning future phases of Meydenbauer Bay; supplemental funding for the Northeast Corner of Downtown Park; and initial funding for Bel-Red parks and streams.

Downtown Park – NE Entry

Even though an artist contract has yet to be executed, staff has worked with the artist and design team on the initial concept plans that have been prepared, refined, and will now be shared with the Park Board in July. Additional discussions with the neighboring businesses and internal staff to eliminate the existing alleyway through the property are ongoing, and we have started the process to vacate a portion of that alley.

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

Construction is approximately 75% complete, with expected completion at the end of 2018. The beach house structure is complete and interior work is ongoing. Stream bed construction and pedestrian overlook structures are complete. Most in-water work is complete, including shoreline restoration, piling installation and the pier structure. The swimming platform has been installed, and the floating pier sections will be installed this summer. Most concrete retaining walls are complete, and the rock retaining wall and terrace work is now underway. Pedestrian pathways and stairways are being paved over the next several weeks. The utilities along LWB have been buried and street lights are installed. Sidewalks along 99th Ave. and LWB are expected to be constructed in July. Utility work along 99th Street is complete, and a series of retaining walls at the end of 99th to provide access to the water and hand-carry boat launch is nearing completion. We expect to award the Whaling Building renovation contract July 2, with work to begin after Labor Day. Consistent with

one of our project requirements, we are now developing a parking plan to address the busy summer days, as we expect that parking will be challenging for both the marina and park.

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 initial schematic design is complete. The cost estimates for Phase 1 are significantly over the anticipated budget, so we continue to explore schematic design options and costs to determine the Phase 1 scope of work.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
 - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Bridle Trails/140th Ave property acquisition:** Project complete.
 - **Bridle Trails Corner Park acquisition & development:** Project complete.
 - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Project complete.
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Project complete.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Park construction is underway, and on track for completion by year’s end. We continue to coordinate park work, construction access and utility infrastructure with Sound Transit. The park was closed to the public in April and rough grading throughout the park is close to completion. Underground infrastructure to support irrigation, power and stormwater systems is underway. Some planting/restoration work may continue next spring depending on weather and light rail construction. Staff continues to work with the adjacent neighbors to address property encroachment issues and to identify an appropriate boundary fence to install. The City Attorney’s office is preparing the next communication with the neighbors.

Renovation Program

Project Status: Planning (P); Design & Bid (DB); Under Construction (U); Complete (C); Deferred (D)

The following 2017 projects were deferred into 2018:

- Re-coring of parks facilities (U)
- Multi-site drinking fountain (P)
- BGC Parking lot sealcoat & restripe (P)
- Cherry Crest Resurface sport courts (C)
- Eastgate Park Ticket booth & deck (DB)
- Forest Park Trail landslide repair (DB)
- Wilburton Hill Turf Replace A&E (P)
- NWAC Restroom Remodel (DB)
- Robinswood Tennis Bubble (U) ■
- Kelsey Educational Barn A&E (P)
- MSEEC Interpretive Signage (DB)
- McDowell House Repairs (U)
- Summit Trail Repairs (DB)
- Kelsey Cr Paving & Drainage (DB)
- Meydenbauer Whaling Building (DB)

59 projects are approved for the 2018 program, as follows:

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| Programmatic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park furnishings (U) • Robinswood House ADA (DB) • Multi-site asphalt repairs (U) • Energy Conservation (U) • Outdoor Skate Park Refurb. (C) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPDES requirements (U) • Natural Area Restoration (U) • Urban Forestry Park Sites (U) • Streetscapes (U) • Greenways & Trails (U) |
| Bannerwood Ballfield Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Lot Improvements (DB) • Concession Stand Improvements (C) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burrows Cabin Insurance Claim (P) |
| Chism Beach Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Lot Sealcoat & Curb (U) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comm. Center Carpet & Paint (U) |
| Coal Creek NP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Bridge Replacement (DB) | |
| Crossroads Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spray Park A&E (DB) • Air Handler Replacement (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Restroom Floor (C) |
| Downtown Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dumpster, Fence & Gator Storg (U) • Irrigation Improvements (C) | |
| Eastgate Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little League Field Irrigation Replacement (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge Course Improvements (P) |
| Forest Glen Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Equipment Repl. (DB) | |
| Goldsmith Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Court Repair & Fence Replacement (U) | |
| Highland Community Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation Replacement (DB) • Exterior Painting (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&E for 2019 Boiler Repl & AC at Gym (P) |
| Kelsey Creek Farm Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Lot Lighting Repl (U) • Boardwalk Foot Bridge Replacement Phase 1 (U) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Coop Roof Repl & Rabbit Hutch Improvements (U) |
| Lake Hills Nursery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exterior Painting (U) | |
| Lakemont Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace Sewer Pumps (DB) | |
| Lattawood Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace Play Equipment (DB) | |
| Lewis Creek | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor Center Exterior Coatings (DB) | |
| Mercer Slough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siding, Decking & LED Imp. (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooring Replacement at Classrooms, Labs (DB) |
| Environmental Education Center & Nature Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor Center A/C (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&E for Overlake Blueberry Drainage (DB) |
| Meydenbauer Whaling Building | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretive Signage (DB) | |
| Newcastle Beach Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic Shelter, Caretaker House Painting (U) | |
| Northwest Arts Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boiler Replacement (DB) | |
| Odle Trail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paving (C) | |
| Robinswood Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis Center Fire System (DB) | |
| Robinswood Park North | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket Pitch Replacement & Practice Pitch Install (DB) | |
| Sunset Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickleball Court Conversion (DB) | |
| Spiritridge Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation System Replacement (DB) | |
| Westwood Highlands | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Court Resurface (DB) | |
| Wilburton Hill Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBG Ground Cover Garden Irrigation (U) • WHP Field 1 Drainage Install (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBG Shorts House Security FA Panel (DB) |

July 2, 2018

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT

Resolution authorizing execution of all documents necessary for the acquisition of property located at 1233 and 1237 West Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, consisting of approximately 1.5 acres as an addition to Weowna Park.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adopting this Resolution obligates the City to a one-time payment of \$420,000 for the land plus related closing costs. This acquisition is funded by CIP Project P-AD-82, Parks and Open Space Acquisition, with 50 percent of the cost reimbursed by a grant secured from the King County Conservation Futures Program (KCCF Amendment N, approved under Ordinance 6075). The acquisition was anticipated and sufficient funding exists within the project.

STAFF CONTACTS

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Civic Services Department

POLICY CONSIDERATION

Bellevue Comprehensive Plan; Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element:

- PA-1. Establish a coordinated and connected system of open space and greenways throughout the City that provide multiple benefits including preserving natural systems, protecting wildlife habitat and corridors, and providing land for recreation.
- PA-5. Obtain, for preservation, natural areas that are sensitive to urbanization or represent a valuable natural and aesthetic resource to the community.

2016 Parks & Open Space System Plan:

- OST-2 Lake to Lake Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
- OST-8 Connect / Extend Trails: Enhance Connectivity and Walkability

Bellevue City Code:

Under Bellevue City Code 4.30.010, City Council approval is required to purchase property or property rights when the acquisition is not a part of a previously approved project and the purchase price exceeds \$25,000.

BACKGROUND

Weowna Park was originally set aside in common ownership by a group of private property owners that lived along the shore of Lake Sammamish. The 80-acre park was acquired by King County as part of the Forward Thrust bond measure in the late 1960's. It stayed in King County ownership until being transferred to the City of Bellevue in 1996. Since that time, Parks & Community Services has worked diligently to enhance the trail system and protect the unique natural features of the remnant old growth forest and stream corridors that cross the park.

The property considered for acquisition consists of two parcels, totaling 1.5 acres, located within the West Lake Sammamish neighborhood. The site is bounded on two sides by Weowna Park (Attachment A). The property provides a valuable pedestrian connection from Weowna Park to West Lake Sammamish Parkway. The property also includes an informal trail along a utility maintenance road. With the acquisition, this trail would become part of the official trail system of the park and be maintained as such. The connection is also less than a quarter mile from the City's property on Lake Sammamish, which when developed for public access, will be the City's first public park site on Lake Sammamish and act as the terminus for the Lake to Lake Greenway Trail.

Joyce B. Johnson and her family have owned the property for several decades. They have discussed possible purchase by Parks & Community Services for many years. With the support of the Johnsons, Parks & Community Services obtained approval to use the King County Conservation Futures grant program to fund half of the acquisition costs. The remaining funds are available through the 2008 Parks & Natural Areas levy proceeds.

In June 2018, a purchase and sale agreement was signed by the owner, contingent upon Bellevue City Council approval. If approved, the property will be included within the boundary of Weowna Park by the end of September 2018.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If approved, this Resolution becomes effective immediately upon Council adoption.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of all documents necessary for the acquisition of property located at 1233 and 1237 West Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, consisting of approximately 1.5 acres as an addition to Weowna Park.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1

MOTION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9425 authorizing execution of all documents necessary for the acquisition of property located at 1233 and 1237 West Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, consisting of approximately 1.5 acres as an addition to Weowna Park.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Property Map
- B. 2017-2023 CIP Project P-AD-82 Description
Proposed Resolution No. 9425

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL DOCUMENT LIBRARY

Copy of proposed purchase and sale agreement



Johnson Property Acquisition



Map Generated on: 06/21/2018

FY2017-2023 Capital Investment Program

P-AD-82 Park & Open Space Acquisition (Levy)

Category: **Quality Neighborhoods/IVCC** Status: **Approved Prior**
 Department: **Parks & Community Services** Location: **Various**

Programmed Expenditures

Programmed Expenditures	Appropriated To Date	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2018 Budget	FY 2019 Budget	FY 2020 Budget	FY 2021 Budget	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget
13,381,803	6,206,802	1	350,000	1,275,000	1,275,000	1,275,000	1,500,000	1,500,000

Description and Scope

This project provides the resources to acquire park and open space property throughout the City. An "Acquisition Opportunity Fund" was identified in the 2008 Park Levy to dedicate resources to obtain land that complements the existing park system, to increase public access to the waterfront, preserve open space, protect water quality, increase trail connectivity and create opportunities for new neighborhood parks. The City has identified needs throughout Bellevue to provide additional parks and open space. Specific acquisition targets include the Eastgate neighborhood, BNSF and Lake-to-Lake Trail connections, downtown Bellevue, the Bel-Red Corridor, along Lake Sammamish, and in support of the Grand Connection. We are also exploring the extension of the long-term agreement with WSDOT for the continued use of portions of Enatai Beach Park.

Rationale

Available open space is disappearing as land in Bellevue is developed for other uses. Where increases in population are occurring due to development or redevelopment, there is increased demand for additional parkland. It is incumbent upon the City to identify and satisfy this demand before available parkland disappears. This project is of highest priority to meet the needs identified in the adopted 2016 Parks and Open Space System Plan. It will enable the City to react to opportunities that require immediate action and will help to ensure that adequate open space will be available to meet growing demands for both active and passive recreation.

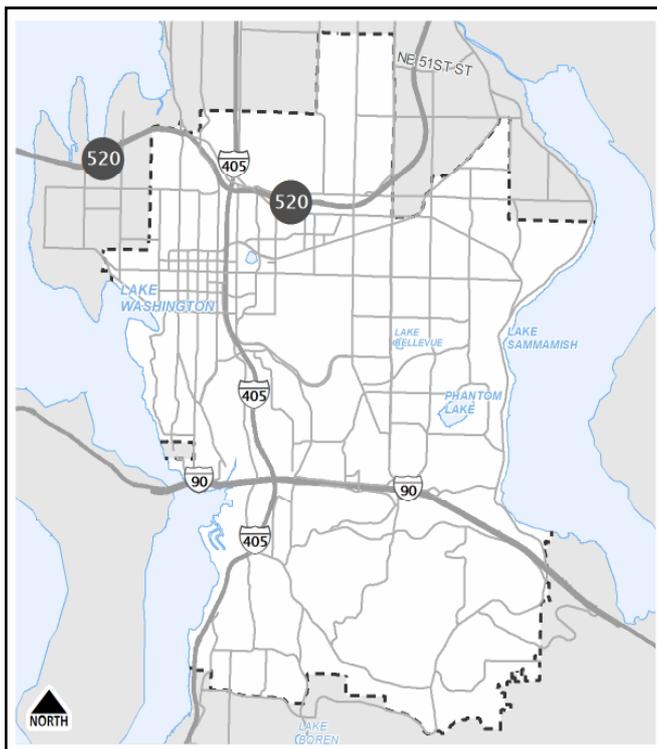
Environmental Impacts

Land acquisition is exempt from the requirements of the State Environment Protection Act (SEPA).

Operating Budget Impacts

This program will have no impact on operating expenditures.

Project Map



Schedule of Activities

Project Activities	From - To	Amount
Project Costs	2011 - 2023	13,381,803

Total Budgetary Cost Estimate: 13,381,803

Means of Financing

Funding Source	Amount
2008 Parks Levy - Property Tax	9,103,798
Intergovernmental Contributions	3,600,604
Rents and Leases	595,000
State Grants	82,401

Total Programmed Funding: 13,381,803

Future Funding Requirements:

Comments

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

Date: June 19, 2018

To: Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember
Bellevue City Council
Parks & Community Services Board Council Liaison

Bradley Calvert, Planning Manager
Community Development Department

From: Debra Kumar, Chair
On behalf of the Parks & Community Services Board

Subject: Comments on the Draft Grand Connection Framework Plan, Sequence Two

At the Board's June meeting, we received a progress report on the Grand Connection planning initiative, specifically the alternatives identified for the I-405 crossing. The crossing alternatives are described in the Grand Connection Framework Plan Sequence Two, which is currently inviting public comment. In discussing the alternatives, the Board identified key principles that we ask the City Council to consider in its selection of a preferred alternative. In October 2017, the Board submitted a memorandum with comments on the Draft Grand Connection Framework Plan Sequence One. The principles below build on the Board's previous comments, which support the Framework Plan's vision for a vibrant urban experience that will enhance Bellevue's long-standing identity as a City in a Park.

- **Keep the Grand Connection grand.** During its discussion of the three alternatives, the Board observed that the City has a unique opportunity to create a signature park that will define Bellevue for future generations. The Board encourages the City to think big as it considers the best way to connect the landscape and urban fabric of Downtown with the Wilburton Commercial Area.
- **Provide a significant public park for the Grand Connection's east side.** As articulated in the 2017 memorandum, the Board stresses the value of creating a public park of significance on the east side of the Grand Connection, to counterbalance Downtown Park and Meydenbauer Bay Park to the west.
- **Consider cost, funding sources, and partnership opportunities.** The Board identified the need to evaluate potential funding strategies for each alternative, noting that certain funding, cost-sharing, or partnership opportunities might be easier to achieve with one alternative versus another. We also ask the City Council to consider implementation strategies for the three alternatives. Lastly, costs should be weighed against each alternative's capacity to provide the iconic crossing that is a goal of the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this next step in the Grand Connection and Wilburton planning initiatives. The Board continues to enthusiastically support the Grand Connection's vision for a connected, inclusive network of parks and public spaces, and we look forward to future opportunities for comment.



DATE: June 18, 2018

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

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

SUBJECT: Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

cc: Parks & Community Services Board

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim July 2018 as:

Parks & Recreation Month

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

John Chelminiak
Mayor

From: Pam Johnston
To: [Foran, Patrick](#); [Miyake, Brad](#); [McCormick-Huentelman, Mike](#)
Cc: [parkboard](#); [Council](#)
Subject: Bridle Trails Black Bear -->Governor?
Date: Thursday, June 14, 2018 4:07:16 AM

Dear City Manager's Office, Parks, and Neighborhood Services:

The situation

I understand that you are aware some people still have concerns about the "Kirkland" bear. The Nextdoor post from Parks was helpful for some. An accusation that WDFD lied to the City of Bellevue has weakened the widespread respect normally bestowed on their expertise and authority.

Nextdoor is used for people to be heard. Because there is no authority to answer, the one way conversations echoes and increases in strength. In 2010, a neighbor took the bear matter to the governor to force a move. 2018 Echo.

I will continue "Don't feed the bear" messaging and pointing people to Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE, Saturday, June 16, 2-3 p.m. I feel it is brilliant that we have this opportunity scheduled on an ongoing basis. It backs up the WDFW from another angle. **Good job, Parks!** I let WDFW Sgt. Kim Chandler know about this event. I'll be interested to hear what may come up at the NEP meeting tomorrow at Cherry Crest Elem.

Requests

- Please let me know if you have better ideas that you or I could do to help.
- Be prepared to get a call from Olympia.
- I will be curious to see if the park event will be well attended by concerned BT residents. If not and the concern continues, please consider a repeat in BT.

Pamela Johnston
The rural nature of Bridle Trails

My "educational campaign" is summarized below..

My post on Nextdoor Bridle Trails <reply@rs.email.nextdoor.com> @: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 12:46 PM

Black Bear

A new bear post so that the recent information is relayed. Added class info and WDFW black bear info in brief. Attached City of Bellevue Parks notice.

0. Never approach a bear. Call 911 if you feel threatened
- 1.. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has no commitment to remove the bear in the Bellevue-Kirkland area..
2. WDFW has only identified one bear in the area
3. WDFW does not have access to Nextdoor, but is looking into it.
4. WDFW will only remove the bear if the metrics call for the bear to have to be moved. e.g. we don't do our job in eliminating human/human supplied food sources that are hazardous to bear health and keep it from moving on.
5. IF you see the bear, email or call to help keep the metrics up to date Sgt. Kim Chandler W34, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Program, King County Detachment 10 425 775-1311 ext. 122 kim.chandler@dfw.wa.gov
6. The Little School and Cherry Crest are up-to-date on this information, Please forward my post only to other schools as you desire (NOTE: Nextdoor policy blocks you from reposting from Nextdoor without permission. My understanding is that you can in your own words summarize if you respect identities)
7. Questions: Contact Sgt. Chandler or Lewis Creek Visitor Center Visitor Center - open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed on Monday, Tuesday and all City-observed holidays. 425-452-4195
8. Concerns? Attend THERE'S A BEAR IN THE YARD! Saturday, June 16, 2-3 p.m. Ages: This program is best for

adults, but participants ages 13+ are welcome with accompanying adult(s). Registration: No preregistration or RSVP required. Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE DOUBLE CHECK classes in https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_4779004/File/Parks%20&%20Community%20Services/Natural-Resources/Programs/natural-resource-programs-summer-2018

9. Black bears are common in Bellevue, usually the South side.

10. Diet: grasses, berries, nuts, tubers, wood fiber, insects, small mammals, fawns, elk calves, eggs, honey, carrion, and fish. Attracted to pet foods, carrion, compost, BBQ grills, garbage, bird feeders.

10. Habits Black bears are primarily crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk) and solitary, except for sows females with cubs.

11., Breeding season is June – July.

12. Encounters If you spend time outdoors, your chances of seeing a black bear in Washington are fairly good. Attacks on humans are extremely rare; Black bears are not aggressive and avoid people..Only one fatality and four attacks have been recorded in Washington. Most confrontations with bears are a result of surprise encounters at close range or bears protecting their cubs. Please excuse the repeat info, but lack of clarity disagrees with me.

I would also like to clarify. Remove food sources or be fined. "Two state laws prohibit leaving food or food waste in places where it can attract bears and other wild carnivores. Unintentionally or "negligently" feeding bears can bring a fine of \$87, while the fine for intentional feeding can be as much as \$1,000." If you put a bleach solution or ammonia on all waste cans, you have taken precautions and will not be fined for the cans being out one day.

Per email to me from Ranger Curtis Kukal "Please note that all black bear management questions or concerns need to be directed to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Bellevue Parks & Community Services does not manage wildlife, just the habitat contained in the Bellevue park system. "

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JULY 2018

- July 1** **Mercer Slough Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 4** **Bellevue's Family 4th of July**, 2 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Celebrate our nation's birthday with friends and neighbors in Bellevue Downtown Park at the Eastside's largest 4th of July event. Enjoy live music, children's activities, a variety of foods at the Food Court, the new Inspiration Playground, all leading up to the spectacular fireworks show. Synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra, fireworks will begin at 10:05 p.m. Bring a flashlight for safety. Free event parking is available at The Bellevue Collection after 6 p.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission! Costs vary for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-453-1223 or <https://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/family-4th>
- Sept 2** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology. We'll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 6** **Summer Science Series: Water You Know**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Park Ranger for this new summer pre-teen program to investigate the water of the Mercer Slough and learn more about what factors influence the quality. This inquiry-based program involves observation, critical thinking and hands-on learning with chemical water testing kits to be used at various locations within the nature park. Please come prepared to spend two hours outside and hike on uneven terrain. Bring a day pack with a water bottle, sunscreen, hat and bug spray. **Ages:** Best for children ages 10-13 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- July 7** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 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 (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 8** **Living with Wildlife: Backyard Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Washington is home to 15 species of bats! Every fall these bats find a place to hibernate, hopefully avoiding human structures in their search. Find out which species live in Bellevue and how to prevent your home from becoming a bat cave! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, kids but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 10** **Alt-Rock Retro Reboot Concert, presented by Rick Huddle** (Children’s Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents entertainer Rick Huddle – storyteller, dancer and musician. Reboot your brain as you listen to parodies and stories based on alternative rock from the 70s, 80s and 90s. This is a great opportunity to introduce your little ones to bands like They Might Be Giants, REM, Blondie and The Clash! **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 10** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Despicable Me 3”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>

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- July 14** **Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Join a Park Ranger to at the Cinder Mine Trailhead to discover Bellevue’s largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
Distance: 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (2 miles with 240 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 15** **Bobcats and Bunnies**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that Bellevue is home to bobcats and cougars? Come discover how our stealthy neighbors help keep the ecosystem balanced by playing a game of “bobcats and bunnies”! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 17** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Boss Baby”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly 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.
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- July 21** **Bobcats and Bunnies**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that Bellevue is home to bobcats and cougars? Come discover how our stealthy neighbors help keep the ecosystem balanced by playing a game of “bobcats and bunnies”! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- July 21** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- July 21** **Family Discovery Series: Butterflies, Bees and Birds, Oh My!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that hummingbirds flap their wings 80 times per second? And that butterflies and bees are perfect pollinators? Join a Park Ranger to discover more fun facts about some of nature's greatest gifts, enjoy some crafts and explore the trail. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 22** **Wilderness Tea Party**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you'll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 4-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- July 24** **The Bing Bang Boom Show, presented by Duo Finelli, Luz Gaxiola and Molly Shannon** (Children's Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Robinswood Barn in Robinswood Park, 2432 148th Ave SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a fabulous performance by three great entertainers. When Molly and Luz join forces to put on a spectacular circus show with dance and music, there will be plenty of mishaps, but also a lot of fun! Discover how they find funny solutions to their problems through curiosity, playfulness and working together. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- July 24** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Lego Ninjago Movie”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- July 27** **Nature Movie: “Shallow Seas,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This episode of *Planet Earth* is devoted to the shallow seas that fringe the world’s continents. Although they constitute 8% of the oceans, they contain the most marine life. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 31** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Goodbye Christopher Robin”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>

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- August 1** **Theatre on the Green: “The Day Zero Left Dodge,”** 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Enjoy the summer evening outdoors while being entertained by a live theatre experience presenting a unique mathematical Western musical for children. Children’s art and bubbles activity will be available from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Theatre presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. This classic theatre is presented by Last Leaf Productions. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 2** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Coco,”** 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue Parks & Community Services has partnered with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring you four Thursday night movies in Crossroads Park. Join your friends and family for a night of free admission, free pre-movie activities, and free popcorn. Family activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Movies begin at dusk (around 9 p.m.) and are shown under the stars on a huge, 40-foot inflatable screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Voices of the Wild”**
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! Ride along with a kayaker as he discovers that every animal around him has its own story. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- August 3-19** **“The Jungle Book” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Play),**
August 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 at 7 p.m.; August 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Rudyard Kipling’s famous tale of Mowgli and his relationship with the animals who raise him from a small child. Set in India, this is a great show for all families. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- August 4** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 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 (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 5** **Mercer Slough Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- August 5** **Forest Fire Tag**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to learn about forest fires this month. We'll play some fun games to explore the science behind wildland fires, how trees protect themselves from fire, and even how some forests need fire to keep the ecosystem healthy. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for kids ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 7** **The Battle of the Bands, presented by The Brian Waite Band** (Children's Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents the energized Brian Waite Band. Visit the "musical land of Rockmania" and sing, dance and laugh as you journey to this magical and musical place! The natives of Fastopolis, Beatborough and Lowburg like to argue but quickly learn that working together and playing in harmony makes for a better and happier country. **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- August 7** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Paddington 2”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause.
Ages: All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 8** **Theatre on the Green: “The Emperor and the Nightingale,”**
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Enjoy this live children’s musical theatre experience while you relax outdoors with your family. Children’s art and bubbles activity will be available from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Theatre presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. This classic theatre is presented by Last Leaf Productions. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 9** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Wonder,”** 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue Parks & Community Services has partnered with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring you four Thursday night movies in Crossroads Park. Join your friends and family for a night of free admission, free pre-movie activities, and free popcorn. Family activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Movies begin at dusk (around 9 p.m.) and are shown under the stars on a huge, 40-foot inflatable screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 11** **Wilderness Tea Party, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you’ll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don’t mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 4-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- August 12** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds alongside a creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (2 miles with 700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 14** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Greatest Showman”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 15** **Theatre on the Green: “Twelfth Night,”** 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Enjoy this live Shakespeare comedy while you relax outdoors with your family. Children’s art and bubbles activity will be available from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Theatre presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. This classic theatre is presented by Last Leaf Productions. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be accepted by Last Leaf Productions. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 16** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Cars 3,”** 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue Parks & Community Services has partnered with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring you four Thursday night movies in Crossroads Park. Join your friends and family for a night of free admission, free pre-movie activities, and free popcorn. Family activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Movies begin at dusk (around 9 p.m.) and are shown under the stars on a huge, 40-foot inflatable screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Movie is rated G. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park/>

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- August 17 Aloha Picnic and Dance**, 5 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This event is facilitated for individuals living with intellectual disabilities. Highland presents warm breezes and tropical beach wishes at this annual summer picnic and aloha dance. Celebrate your summer with friends, as there will be grass skirts a-plenty, on this warm summer evening. The picnic starts at 5 p.m., with the dance to follow at 7 p.m. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Contact Mary Boyle at Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- August 18 Fuchsia Show and Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
See fuchsia blossoms of all shapes and colors, and purchase hardy fuchsias for your home garden. This event is hosted by the Eastside Fuchsia Society. Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission and parking; costs vary for plants. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**
<http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/societies.htm>
- August 18 Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- August 18 Family Discovery Series: Dragonflies – Ferocious Sky Hunters**,
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Dragonflies are beautiful and intriguing to watch, but did you know they are also ferocious predators? They can judge the speed and trajectory of their prey with such precision that they adjust their flight accordingly and ambush unsuspecting insects in mid-air. Join a Park Ranger for a fun-filled hour to learn more about these aerial hunters. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free!
Pre-registration: Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- August 18** **Forest Fire Tag**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to learn about forest fires this month. We'll play some fun games to explore the science behind wildland fires, how trees protect themselves from fire, and even how some forests need fire to keep the ecosystem healthy. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for kids ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 21** **Downtown Movies in the Park: "Ferdinand"**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue's Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit's wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 23** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: "Beauty and the Beast,"** 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue Parks & Community Services has partnered with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring you four Thursday night movies in Crossroads Park. Join your friends and family for a night of free admission, free pre-movie activities, and free popcorn. Family activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Movies begin at dusk (around 9 p.m.) and are shown under the stars on a huge, 40-foot inflatable screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 24** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come test your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We'll learn all about our Northwestern bat species before taking a dusk hike to watch for bats as they leave their roosting sites to forage for insects! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for youth and adult participants. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>, course 1802340. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- August 25 Forest Fire Tag, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to learn about forest fires this month. We'll play some fun games to explore the science behind wildland fires, how trees protect themselves from fire, and even how some forests need fire to keep the ecosystem healthy. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for kids ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 25-26 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 28 Downtown Movies in the Park: “Ghostbusters”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 31 Nature Movie: “Ocean Deep,” 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This final installment of *Planet Earth* concentrates on the least-explored area of the planet – the deep ocean. The last sequence depicts the largest animal on Earth, the blue whale. At one time 300,000 blue whales once roamed the world’s oceans. Now fewer than 3% remain. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Sept 1** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 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 (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 2** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology. We'll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 3** **Holiday Farm Tour: Labor Day, 11 a.m. – noon or 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 410 130th Place SE
Come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them. **Ages:** Kids ages 2 years and older, with an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$12/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:**
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1835371 for the 11 a.m. tour, and course #1835372 for the 1:30 p.m. tour).
- Sept 7** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Salamander Room”**
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! Have you found a salamander hidden in the forest or wondered about what our mysterious amphibian friends are up to? There are thirteen species of salamander that call Washington home, and they come in all sizes and colors. This story time, we'll read two stories all about some of our favorite amphibians! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:**
LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- Sept 8** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology. We'll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 15** **Painting with Chickens**, 10 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 410 130th Place SE
Create a painting with a chicken! Children will work with a chicken to create a fun, colorful piece of artwork, combining your child's creativity with the footprints of one of our resident chickens. Children will also get to pet the chicken artists and feed them some yummy treats. All activities will be inside, but children should dress warmly because the barn is not heated. The nontoxic children's finger paint is washable, but have your child wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. **Ages:** 5-9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1835361.
- Sept 15** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- Sept 19** **Flu Shot Clinic and Community Resources Fair**, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., rain or shine
Stevenson Elementary School, 14220 NE 8th Street
Bring the whole family to visit the new Stevenson Elementary building! Join vendors, organizations, and community services providers at a fun event for everyone. Limited free flu shots will be available to low-income individuals and families. Bellevue organizations will share their informational materials at their tables. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Cecilia Martinez-Vasquez at cmartinezv@bellevuewa.gov or 425-456-6000.

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- Sept 22** **Fall Farm Fun: Sheep, Chickens**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 410 130th Place SE
Meet a sheep, feed a chicken, and pet a bunny! Enjoy a fall morning on the farm in the company of our animals. Activities include animal petting, crafts, and snack time. Come dressed for the weather. This event is for adult/child teams only. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1803644.
- Sept 22** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology. We'll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 27** **Pasta Dinner Class**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Farm House Upper Room, 410 130th Place SE
Enjoy the farm in the evening as you learn how to make pasta with tools you probably have in your kitchen. We will use fresh herbs from the garden for the sauce to complement the pasta. Class includes recipes and hearty samples. No previous cooking experience is necessary. **Ages:** Adults only, 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$40/resident and \$48/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1803563.
- Sept 28** **Evening Nature Walk**, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Bellevue Park Ranger for a (grown-ups only) hike where we'll explore some of the park's nocturnal species, as well as strategies for seeing these shy animals at night. Please bring a flashlight or headlamp, dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Distance:** 1 mile. **Difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Adults only. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>, course #1803884. **Info:** 425-452-4195.