

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

June 11, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-112

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><i>Pamela Unger</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 June 11, 2019 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Bellevue City Hall Conference Room 1E-112 450 110th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order of Meeting – Chair Kumar Page 2. Approval of Agenda 3. Downtown Park - NE Gateway (20/40, feedback requested) – 7 Ken Kroeger (Parks), Josh Heim (Community Development) <i>Notice: A quorum of the Bellevue Arts Commission will join the Park Board for this agenda item.</i> 4. Approval of Park Board Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Minutes from the May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting 1 5. Oral Communications/Public Comments N/A <i>Note: Three-minute limit per person; maximum of three persons permitted to speak to each side of any one topic.</i> 6. Communications from City Council, Community Council, Boards and Commissions N/A 7. Director’s Report N/A 8. Board Communication N/A 9. Chair Communication & Discussion N/A 10. Boardmember Committee/Liaison Reports N/A 	



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**CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday
May 14, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Kumar, Vice-Chair Trescases, Boardmembers Clark, Hamilton, Heath¹, Synn, Unger

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Councilmember Robertson

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Betsy Anderson, Shelley Brittingham, Julie Ellenhorn, Pam Fehrman, Nancy Harvey, Glenn Kost, Ken Kroeger, Nathan McCommon, Shelley McVein, Camron Parker, Scott VanderHyden, Lynde Wallick

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Boardmember Hamilton and second by Boardmember Unger to approve the April 9, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

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

None.

¹ Arrived at 6:03 p.m.

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

Councilmember Robertson provided the following update on Council projects:

- Work on the Aquatic Center Feasibility Study continues: there are four sites under consideration.
- The Council received a presentation from Parks staff regarding diversity and inclusion programming at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. In another presentation, Diversity Advantage staff reported on a Council-directed study evaluating options for a multicultural center.
- The Arts Program is in the process of updating the Cultural Compass Plan and will lead efforts for cultural arts programming within the community.
- There will be a community meeting at Newport Hills next week to gain community feedback about the park.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

In addition to the many events listed in the Board packet, Ms. McVein invited Boardmembers to attend the following events:

- June 8, 2019 Surrey Downs Park Grand Opening.
- May 29, 2019 Youth Link Community Leadership Awards Ceremony.
- May 25-26, 2019 REI Boathouse Grand Opening at Meydenbauer Bay Park and Enatai Beach Park.

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

Boardmember Unger attended the Youth Link Gumbo Night and visited Surrey Downs Park. She also met with Parks' staff to discuss the Surrey Downs Park grand opening celebration.

Boardmember Clark enjoyed Downtown, Ashwood, and McCormick Parks.

Boardmember Hamilton attended the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at North Bellevue Community Center. He commended Dan Lassiter and Darrion Spratley for their commitment and dedication to the center. Boardmember Hamilton also attended the Youth Link Gumbo Night event and thanked Patrick Alina and Helena Stephens for their hard work at the event. He was amazed by the youth involved with Youth Link.

Boardmember Synn enjoyed spending time at Meydenbauer Bay Park. He also encouraged Boardmembers to continue championing parks.

Vice-Chair Trescases visited Ashwood Park.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

Chair Kumar enjoyed the Youth Link Gumbo Night event. She also was amazed at the turn-out for Arbor Day at Lewis Creek Park. Lastly, Chair Kumar encouraged the city to consider pet waste composting.

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

No reports.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Bellevue Essentials Program**

Julie Ellenhorn, Program Coordinator for Bellevue Essentials, encouraged Boardmembers to consider taking the Bellevue Essentials course. Bellevue Essentials is a 9-week civic engagement class that provides a behind the scenes look at how city government works every day. It provides a hands-on, interactive experience with presentations, tours and activities designed to keep participants actively engaged.

Ms. Ellenhorn highlighted the following information about the class:

- What will class members gain from Bellevue Essentials?
- Program overview.
- Who should apply for Bellevue Essentials?
- How do you apply?
- How is the class selected?

There was a general discussion about other city classes and programs that are offered (i.e., Police Academy, Conflict Resolution/Mediation Training, etc.).

B. **Parks Capital Projects Overview**

Glenn Kost provided an overview of the park capital projects planning and public engagement process. He also introduced additional staff members (Pam Fehrman, Ken Kroeger, Scott VanderHyden, and Lynde Wallick) that have been involved with various capital projects.

Mr. Kost noted that the current capital projects for 2019-2020 include:

- Aquatic Center Feasibility Study
- Newport Hills Neighborhood Park
- Bridle Trails Neighborhood Park
- Downtown Park NE Gateway Design
- Ashwood Park Master Plan Update

Ms. Kost explained some of the public engagement objectives as well as the outreach techniques for capital projects. Some of the factors influencing outreach include: project type, project scale and scope, previous planning/outreach, level of interest/concern, partnership proposal, and special use facility. Mr. Kost also noted that outreach techniques vary from project-to-project.

Some of the past capital projects include:

- Replace playground equipment at Forest Glen Park
- Bridle Trails Corner Park
- Surrey Downs Park Master Plan & Update
- Bellevue Airfield Park Master Plan
- Meydenbauer Bay Park & Land Use Plan
- Fieldhouse Proposal

Chair Kumar asked if a master plan revision would need to take place if Airfield Park is considered for the aquatic center. Mr. Kost clarified that if Airfield Park was the recommended choice for the Aquatic Center, then a Master Plan revision would be necessary.

Boardmember Synn asked how the outreach efforts are determined, specifically for Ashwood Park. Mr. Kost explained that once a project begins then outreach will be determined to ensure the community has fair representation. Boardmember Synn also asked if there are risk assessments for understanding the best outreach approach. Mr. Kost noted that community outreach typically doesn't cause legal issues so risk assessments are minimal.

Boardmember Heath complimented Mr. Kost and Mr. VanderHyden for their fantastic work with outreach. He discussed some of the outreach efforts that have been conducted over the years and noted that things typically work out unless the process isn't followed.

Boardmember Hamilton expressed his appreciation for the thoughtful presentation. He called attention to the fieldhouse project noting that there are lessons that can be learned from this process. Boardmember Hamilton suggested that Boardmembers become more engaged with the outreach process. Mr. Kost also encouraged Boardmembers to attend the various outreach events.

Boardmember Clark asked if there are specific expenditures attached to each capital project approved by Council. Mr. Kost clarified that there are, however, Council can redirect the funds if recommended/needed. Mr. Kost discussed some examples of past funding flexibility. He also discussed projects that are phased due to funding or other limitations. Boardmember Clark called attention to the Ashwood Park Master Plan, noting that the plan includes affordable housing and a community building. Mr. Kost explained that the Ashwood Park Master Plan is quite dated and needs to be revised, particularly since it may not align with the community needs and current vision for the park.

Boardmember Unger asked if special attention is being given to the health concerns regarding synthetic fields. Mr. Kost explained that there is currently no empirical evidence to support the synthetic field health concerns. However, staff is keeping a close eye on research. A grant was recently received to replace the turf at Wilburton Hill Park and staff will most likely go through an exercise to find the best turf option.

In regards to community outreach, Boardmember Unger encouraged staff to continue conducting in-person meetings, as well as electronic and other alternatives. Boardmember Unger also asked if the Parks Board would receive the analysis for the Aquatic Center Feasibility Study and the preferred alternative. Mr. Kost explained that the Board's current role is to review the study and provide feedback, if desired.

Vice-Chair Trescases expressed her appreciation to staff and reiterated the complexity of the outreach process. She noted that the fieldhouse project was a perfect example of an unforeseen opportunity and does not want staff to be discouraged from exploring unforeseen opportunities.

In regards to risk management, Boardmember Synn asked Mr. Kost to provide an overview of Airfield and Ashwood Parks and the approved levy. Mr. Kost explained that Ashwood Park is funded for a Master Plan Update. The design and construction phase of Ashwood Park is not currently funded. In addition, Mr. Kost noted that Ashwood Park is not a levy project. In regards to Airfield Park, Mr. Kost clarified that the funding is still allocated. If the levy money is not spent on the project it won't disappear unless Council chooses to use it elsewhere, which also takes additional action and may have legal implications depending on the language in the approved levy documents. Boardmember Synn thinks that there is more risk involved if a master plan is completed and then an update needs to be conducted. He recommends that the work on Airfield Park proceed consistent with the current master plan. However, Mr. Kost clarified that the levy did not specify design elements for phase 1 of Airfield Park. Vice-Chair Trescases added that if the levy money exists but the project no longer exists, Council can reallocate the funds. She cited the example of the exception made on the Winter's House years ago.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Boardmember Synn suggested that a date be set for the Board Retreat. Boardmembers discussed the pros and cons of holding a retreat in the near future or waiting for a Director to be hired. Chair Kumar and Vice-Chair Trescases will meet with staff to discuss options and topics for a potential September retreat.

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

Mr. Parker reminded Boardmembers that the June meeting will be a joint meeting with the Arts Commission. The meeting will also include Board elections and the Department's Strategic Plan Overview. The July agenda is planned to include the following items:

- Aquatic Feasibility Study
- Environment Stewardship Initiative
- Choices Plan for Individuals with Disabilities

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

13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Arbor Day/Earth Day Memo and Proclamation (from Council packet)
- C. Commendation for Patrick Foran
- D. Email from Pamela Johnston re parks levy data
- E. Correspondence with Dwight Schrag re Ashwood Park
- F. List of upcoming Parks special events

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

None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Clark and second by Boardmember Unger to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).



Date: June 11, 2019

To: Parks & Community Services Board

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

Subject: Downtown Park – NE Gateway
(Board action – comment/feedback only)

SUMMARY

At your June 11th meeting, we will brief the Parks & Community Services Board on the preferred site plan and schedule for the Downtown Park’s NE Gateway project. This meeting follows the February 13 and July 10, 2018 Park Board Gateway project presentations. The Board will be joined by the City’s Arts Commission at the meeting to be briefed on the public art component and its integration into the overall site plan. Because the plan closely follows Council-adopted plans for the Downtown Park and Grand Connection, we are only asking for feedback from the Park Board and Arts Commission on the preferred plan presented tonight.

BACKGROUND

In 1984, Council adopted the Master Plan for the Downtown Park (DTP), followed in 1997 with a Master Plan Update, which reaffirmed the overall vision for the Park. The 1997 Master Plan Update has remained the guiding document for all subsequent development. The most recent development phase, completed in 2017, completed the circular promenade and Inspiration Playground.

However, the northeast corner of the park, located at one of the most prominent intersections in downtown Bellevue (Bellevue Way & NE 4th St) remains unfinished, leaving little connection to the park from the downtown area. While the site includes a standard park entry sign and landscaped turf area, the site lacks interest and goes largely unnoticed and unused. In 2017, the Council approved funds to develop the Northeast Gateway of DTP and supplemented those funds in the 2109 budget.

PUBLIC ART

In 2015, Council approved the *Grand Connection Framework Plan*, establishing the vision for a non-motorized corridor connecting Meydenbauer Bay, through Downtown Bellevue and the DTP, to the

Eastside Rail Corridor. The Council also adopted the companion *Arts & Cultural Plan* for the Grand Connection, which recommended a significant public artwork to serve as a gateway and a recognizable landmark at the NE corner of the DTP.

After funds were approved for a major public art piece, Arts and Parks staffs formed an artist selection committee that included City staff, the design team, arts professionals, and chairs from both the Arts Commission and Park Board (Mark Van Hollebeke). After reviewing 100 artist submittals and interviewing three finalists, the committee selected Marc Fornes. In January of 2018, the Arts Commission approved the selection of Mr. Fornes to receive the commission. The artist then prepared conceptual diagrams of the proposed installation and worked with the design team to integrate the art into the site plan.

The artist further developed the art concept, which was approved by the Arts Commission on April 9, 2019. The concept is an integrated pavilion with an elevated canopy of organic circles of different sizes, up to 25 feet in diameter and supported by thin metal rods. The motifs in the canopy evoke a forest canopy and the dappled light of the forest floor. An integrated approach to the ground scape, terrain, and integrated seating options were included. The purpose of the pavilion is to act as a beacon to be seen from Bellevue Way and NE 4th Street, as well as frame the view point at the top of the promenade connecting the entry plaza to the grand circle. The proposed pavilion will support informal uses such as small events like a birthday party and could act as a stage for intimate performances. The Arts Commission has requested that the artist continue to refine the concept and to explore the possibility of weather protection.

NE GATEWAY SITE PLANNING

On July 10, 2018, the Park Board was briefed on the site's opportunities and challenges and presented with four conceptual site plan options. All were consistent with the 1997 Master Plan, but differed in the treatment of the promenade, water feature, art location, Union High Arch, pavilion and alleyway. Board feedback included:

- All felt that each option opened the park up and seemed more welcoming than today;
- All supported eliminating the alley;
- The space should feel like a park, not a commercial plaza;
- The pavilion concept was not well supported;
- Provide enough greenery to soften without hiding the park;
- The Board like the options where the art and water feature drew visitors into the park but didn't overwhelm them or overpower the entry. Most preferred the art piece located at the so-called "knuckle;"
- Keep the Union High arch visible from the park and not tucked away in the formal garden.
- Be mindful of how the park looks from the nearby high-rise buildings;

We have revised the Site Plan to respond to the Board's comments, combining features from several previous options into a preferred plan, as follows:

- The alley has been eliminated;
- The entry plaza has been opened to better street views by removing one of the double rows of street trees along NE 4th, replaced by raised planters to soften the hardscape. The scale of the plaza provides for a pedestrian feel. It is designed as a welcome mat to the DTP and a relief from the busy downtown area;

- The water feature is now designed as an interactive “water wall” on the south side of the entry plaza. Expected to be approximately 8-9’ tall, it provides a visual backdrop for the plaza, generates interest for the passerby, provides white noise for the park user, and will be an attraction for children.
- The large, circular plaza in the “knuckle” has been retained, with the artwork as its centerpiece, providing the transition from the entry plaza to the DTP Circle. It will provide ample seating and will serve as both an entry from the street and place maker for the park;
- The split promenade has been retained;
- The Union High Arch will be located as the western entry to formal garden, visible from the promenade.

We are also proceeding with the work necessary to vacate the alleyway, working closely with City staff and the adjacent business owners to mitigate any concerns with closing access to NE 4th.

NEXT STEPS

After the joint Park Board/Art Commission meeting, the staff will make any necessary modifications to the preferred plan and proceed with design documents and permit applications. We expect to finalize the alley vacation process this summer, which requires Council action. Pending approval of the alley vacation, our plan is to advertise for bids this winter, begin construction next spring and complete construction by the end of 2020.

ATTACHMENTS

Preferred Gateway Site Plan



DTP NE Gateway -

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: June 11, 2019

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Camron Parker
Parks & Community Services

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

At your June 11 meeting, the Board will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve the next twelve-month term. Chair Kumar will facilitate the election process and continue to run the remainder of the meeting.

Chair and Vice-Chair elections follow direction from Bellevue City Code 3.62.020 regarding membership, appointment, and terms for the Parks & Community Services Board:

A chair, vice-chair and such other officers as the board deems necessary shall be elected annually from its members. The chair shall preside at meetings; the vice-chair shall preside at meetings in the absence of the chair.

The Parks & Community Services Board's Bylaws (Article II.B) state:

Election of Officers. The Board shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, and any other officers the Board deems necessary, for a term of one year at their first regular meeting in June of each year, or as soon thereafter as feasible based on seating of newly-appointed members. The election process shall be in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

You are free to nominate and elect the Chair and Vice-Chair officers at your discretion. Also, as always, the Board Chair votes along with other Boardmembers. Remember that a Boardmember cannot abstain from voting; a failure to vote will be counted in the affirmative (BCC 3.62.030.D).

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, including the Chair, 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, raise your hand up high.” And then - “Those opposed, raise your hand high.”
- 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.

IF YOU ABSTAIN FROM VOTING – YOUR VOTE COUNTS AS “YES”:

Affirmative votes from a majority of members present and voting shall be necessary to carry any proposition, including elections. A member who fails to vote without a valid disqualification is declared to have voted in the affirmative

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.

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

Date: June 11, 2019

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Betsy Anderson, Senior Planner
Parks & Community Services

Subject: 2020 Strategic Plan
(Information and feedback)

Parks & Community Services is in the process of updating its Strategic Plan, which prioritizes the department's key areas of focus over the next five years. The Strategic Plan acts like a bridge—it helps staff translate policy-level guidance from city- and department-level plans and initiatives into actionable goals and strategies.

The current Strategic Plan (enclosed in this packet) dates from 2015, and the update is due in 2020. The plan includes core components as well as dynamic components. The core components, such as the department mission and guiding principles, will generally remain consistent over time, as they express the department's overall value system and reason for being. In contrast, the goals and strategies are dynamic components that will typically evolve over the years to reflect the changing context of the community the department serves.

At the June Board meeting, a presentation will provide information about (1) the function of the Strategic Plan and the content of the current plan, (2) the scope of the proposed plan update, and (3) the proposed draft core components. After the presentation, the Board will have an opportunity to discuss and provide feedback on the draft core components, listed below. During a future Board meeting, members will have the opportunity to provide additional input on department priorities that staff will then use to refine the plan's goals and strategies. In early 2020 staff will return to the Board to request endorsement of the completed plan update.

Draft Core Components

VISION

Parks & Community Services supports all community members in achieving their full potential, advances values of stewardship and equity citywide, and cultivates Bellevue's legacy as a City in a Park.

MISSION

We build a healthy community through an integrated system of exceptional parks, recreation, natural areas, arts and culture, and community services.

EQUITY: A SYSTEM OF FAIRNESS

Equity acknowledges and removes disparities in opportunities, power, and resources so that everyone can reach their full potential to thrive. Bellevue Parks & Community Services practices equity, which is the responsibility of every individual in the department. Equitable access is a right and not a privilege and is fundamental to our mission of serving all people. Through the practice of equity, we cultivate ties that connect people to the fabric of our community.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our Guiding Principles describe the organizational culture associated with an exceptional public service agency as reflected in the City of Bellevue Core Values. As such, these principles are applicable across all functions and remain constant over time. They serve to unify our diverse and collective set of activities, create a common language for communication, provide a framework for organizational development activities, and serve as a benchmark for self-assessment.

1) **Commit to Excellence**

The pursuit of excellence produces a culture of creativity and high performance. From its very beginning, Bellevue's culture has been one of high expectations, driven by visionary leaders and steadfast support by the community. Bellevue is blessed with outstanding parks, recreation facilities, and community services today in large part because of a culture that does not settle for average. These high standards and expectations resulted in Parks & Community Services receiving the National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management (2005) and maintaining agency accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). Our challenge is to sustain this commitment to excellence and ensure that it carries forward to those who come after us.

2) **Be a Learning Organization**

Curiosity, continuous improvement, and an organizational culture that encourages creativity, prudent risk-taking, and an entrepreneurial spirit are characteristics of a high-performance, learning organization. As individual employees we must model this behavior and as an organization we must create an environment that encourages and supports this behavior.

3) **Deliver Highly Relevant and Effective Services**

Bellevue has transformed from a suburban community to a vibrant international city. This transformation includes dramatic changes in the built environment as well as shifting community demographics such as ethnicity, age, and economic status. These changing characteristics have profound implications for the focus, content, and delivery of our programs and services, as well as for the design of parks and other public spaces. Being relevant means we are applying our resources strategically to things that matter most to the community. Being effective means that we are achieving positive and demonstrable results in our areas of focus. To succeed we will need new tools to routinely and accurately monitor the drivers of change within the community and have an organizational culture with the willingness and ability to be nimble and responsive.

4) **Maximize the Value of Resources**

As stewards of public resources, we hold them in trust and are accountable for utilizing them efficiently and effectively. The City cannot and should not assume the sole responsibility to provide for all the needs associated with our mission. By seeking additional opportunities to create and participate in collective impact partnerships with other community service providers, the City strategically focuses scarce resources and encourages others to share the responsibility for our mission of building a healthy community.

5) **Apply the One City Philosophy**

A high-performance organization is defined by a culture of quality, community value, and sustainable financial performance and is committed to continuously improving. Beyond that, we recognize that other department and City services support and advance the mission of Parks & Community Services. The principle of One City represents a shift from a functional or departmental focus to a broader, more holistic community focus. This approach recognizes that for our citizens, service needs are not always neatly contained within the City's operational structure. To effectively serve the community we must have a culture that encourages cross-functional communication and coordination. To be relevant and effective we must be willing to routinely review service delivery models, realign staff and resources as necessary, and enable collaboration with shared resources, authority, and accountability.

6) **Actively Manage Organizational Health**

In delivering high-quality programs and services, our employees are our most valuable resource. Therefore, we must manage our organizational health with as much focus and skill as we do our other resources. We strive for a work environment that is healthy, enjoyable, and personally and professionally rewarding. Also, a healthy, well-trained, motivated workforce that embodies the principles of exceptional public service is our most effective means to meet the community's expectation for continued excellence.

FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Building a healthy community is a broad and complex mission that we share with others. Within the context of the larger community, our role focuses on parks, recreation, arts and culture, adult probation, and human services. The following identifies a set of building blocks that form the foundation for a healthy community. Bellevue Parks & Community Services plays a key role in building and sustaining this foundation.

Active minds and healthy lifestyles. A healthy community is one where residents strive to lead a balanced and meaningful life and are physically active and intellectually curious. We support the mental and physical well-being of the community through our system of parks and a diversity of activities for fitness, personal growth, socialization, and lifelong learning. We place special emphasis on meeting the needs of youth, older adults, persons with disabilities, and those with limited opportunities for recreation.

A caring and committed community. A healthy community is one where residents actively engage in civic life and are compassionate and generous in their support of others. The

department supports numerous boards, commissions, and advisory groups associated with the full range of our programs. We provide an extensive network of volunteer opportunities that facilitate community involvement and personal growth experiences for over 4,500 individuals, while producing more than 108,000 hours of work in support of our programs. In addition, City resources help sustain the regional social service network that addresses the full spectrum of human services needs and issues, such as challenges faced by immigrant populations, affordable housing, mental health support, probation services, domestic violence, early childhood development programs, and many others.

Heart and soul. A healthy community has a strong sense of identity and pride, preserves and learns from its past, strongly supports the arts, and embraces its diversity. We deliver equitable and accessible community-building programs and collaborate extensively with other departments on community enhancement activities. We co-produce programs and special events celebrating and teaching about the arts, our cultural diversity, and our heritage. We work with partners to produce local celebrations such as the Family Fourth of July, the MLK Day of Service, and the Garden d’Lights.

Environmental sustainability. A healthy community manages its natural resources to achieve the highest level of ecological function feasible within the constraints of an urban environment. We are active in environmental stewardship activities in a variety of areas, including land use, non-motorized transportation systems, water quality, wildlife and forest management, environmental education, and environmental best practices for construction and maintenance activities. We support the City’s Environmental Stewardship Initiative, which includes action steps and performance measures for Parks & Community Services and other City departments.

A vibrant economy. A healthy community enjoys an exceptional quality of life. Parks & Community Services enhances Bellevue’s high quality of life by providing accessible open space and health-focused programs, as well as by stimulating economic growth. Studies have demonstrated that community investment in parks and recreation is returned to a city’s residents through tourism revenue, increased property values, and attracting businesses that seek a safe, healthy, beautiful, and culturally vibrant community. The department is very active in producing these attributes and therefore plays a key role in supporting economic development strategies.

THE CONTINUUM OF SERVICES:

ACHIEVING A COMMON FOCUS ACROSS DIVERSE PROGRAMS + SERVICES

Bellevue Parks & Community Services combines parks, recreation, and arts and culture with community service functions including adult misdemeanor probation and funding for human service programs. The integration of these services creates a rich environment, full of opportunities for collaboration. It represents a fundamental strength of Bellevue’s approach to community building.

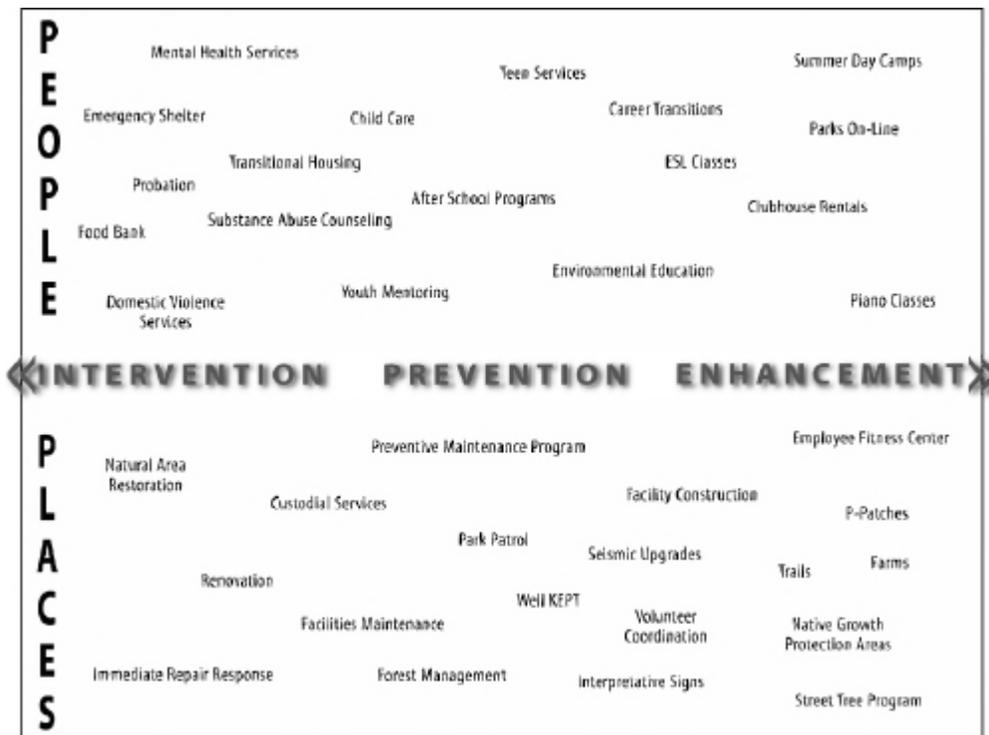
The term “Continuum” helps describe the dynamic nature of our mission of building a healthy community. This model recognizes that individuals and the physical environment are constantly in motion, at various stages of growth or development and sometimes decline. The Continuum

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The Bellevue Parks & Community Services Continuum of Services:



A copy of the 2015 Strategic Plan is included in this packet. If you have any questions prior to the meeting please contact me at 425-452-4280 or EHAnderson@bellevuewa.gov.



Bellevue Parks & Community Services

Strategic Plan

April 2015



2014 Bellevue City Council Vision

The City Where You Want To Be

Bellevue welcomes the world. Our diversity is our strength. We embrace the future while respecting the past.

The future of Bellevue is multi-dimensional, and City government will keep the trust of its residents by:

- Bringing economic prosperity to all
- Providing a highly-functioning transportation system
- Developing a quality built environment that services all aspects of our community
- Ensuring exceptional education opportunities for all ages
- Supporting the cultural strengths of our city – arts, heritage, culture, parks, recreation and community events
- Engaging with all residents and stakeholders and continuing to be a community that cares for all people
- Influencing state and regional politics to help Bellevue advocate for a better quality of life for our citizens and region.

Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board

The Purpose and Value of Parks

Parks give us places to be. They provide space for respite, reflection or recreation – individually or with a group. Natural areas, fields and trails maintain our connection to nature and provide a place for free unstructured exploration and self-directed education. They are places of beauty. Bellevue’s well-maintained facilities and sports fields provide an outlet for release, exercise and well-being.

Our parks reflect the values of our community. We value a healthy community, a healthy environment and a healthy economy. Parks, facilities, trail, recreation programming and community services are key supports each of these values.

BELLEVUE PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Strategic Plan

2015

OUR MISSION: *WE BUILD A HEALTHY COMMUNITY THROUGH AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF EXCEPTIONAL PARKS, OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, CULTURAL ARTS, AND HUMAN SERVICES.*

Director's Message

Bellevue Parks & Community Services enjoys exceptional community support due to a heritage of visionary leadership and an outstanding staff with a commitment to public service and a passion for what they do. To retain this position in the community we must actively adapt to change and continually challenge ourselves to be innovative while striving for continuous improvement. This Strategic Plan establishes the Guiding Principles and Strategic Goals that guide our day-to-day efforts and will direct our annual work plans. The overall theme of the Strategic Plan is that we are most effective when we work through collaboration with others within the Department, the rest of the City organization, and the larger community.

Guiding Principles

Our Guiding Principles describe the organizational culture associated with an exceptional public service agency as reflected in the City of Bellevue Core Values. As such, these Principles are applicable across all functions and remain constant over time. They serve to unify our diverse and collective set of activities, create a common language for communication, provide a framework for organizational development activities, and serve as a benchmark for self-assessment.

1. Commit to Excellence
2. Be a Learning Organization
3. Deliver Highly Relevant and Effective Services
4. Maximize the Value of Resources
5. Apply the One City and High Performance Organization Philosophy
6. Actively Manage Organizational Health



1. Commit to Excellence

The pursuit of excellence produces a culture of creativity and high performance. From its very beginning, Bellevue's culture has been one of high expectations, driven by visionary leaders and steadfast support by the community. Bellevue is blessed with outstanding parks, recreation facilities, and community services today in large part because of a culture that does not settle for average. These high standards and expectations resulted in Parks & Community Services receiving the National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management (2005) and maintaining agency accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). Our challenge is to sustain this commitment to excellence and ensure that it carries forward to those that come after us.

2. Be a Learning Organization

Curiosity, continuous improvement and an organizational culture that encourages creativity, prudent risk-taking and an entrepreneurial spirit are characteristics of a high performance, learning organization. As individual employees we must model this behavior and as an organization we must create an environment that encourages and supports this behavior.

3. Deliver Highly Relevant and Effective Services

Bellevue is amidst a transformation from a suburban community to an urban city. This transformation includes dramatic changes in the built environment as well as shifting community demographics such as ethnicity, age, and economic status. These changing characteristics have profound implications for the focus, content and delivery of our programs and services as well as the design of parks and other public spaces.

Being relevant means we are applying our resources strategically to things that matter most to the community. Being effective means that we are achieving positive and demonstrable results in our areas of focus. To succeed we will need new tools to routinely and accurately monitor the drivers of change within the community and have an organizational culture with the willingness and ability to be nimble and responsive.

4. Maximize the Value of Resources

As stewards of public resources, we hold them in trust and are accountable for utilizing them efficiently and effectively. The City cannot and should not assume the sole responsibility to provide for all the needs associated with our mission. By seeking additional opportunities to create and participate in collective impact partnerships with other community service providers, the City strategically focuses scarce resources and encourage others to share the responsibility for our mission of building a healthy community.

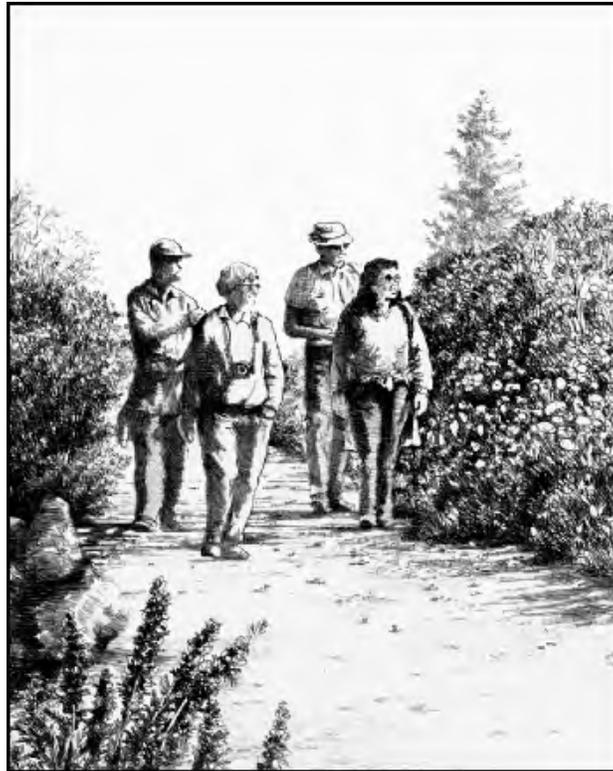
5. Apply the One City and High Performance Organization Philosophy

A High Performance Organization is defined by a culture of quality, community value, and sustainable financial performance, and is committed to continuously improving. Beyond that, we recognize that other department and city services support and advance the mission of Parks & Community Services. The principle of One City

represents a shift from a functional or departmental focus to a broader, more holistic community focus. This approach recognizes that for our citizens, service needs are not always neatly contained within the City’s operational structure. To effectively serve the community we must have a culture that encourages cross-functional communication and coordination. To be relevant and effective we must be willing to routinely review service delivery models, realign staff and resources as necessary, and enable collaboration with shared resources, authority, and accountability.

6. Actively Manage Organizational Health

In delivering high quality programs and services, our employees are our most valuable resource. Therefore, we must manage our organizational health with as much focus and skill as we do our other resources. We strive for a work environment that is healthy, enjoyable and personally and professionally rewarding. Also, a healthy, well trained, motivated workforce that embodies the principles of exceptional public service is our most effective means to meet the community’s expectation for continued excellence.



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Building a healthy community is a broad and complex mission that we share with others. Within the context of the larger community, our role focuses on parks, recreation, cultural arts, adult probation, and human services. The following identifies a set of building blocks that form the foundation for a healthy community. Bellevue Parks & Community Services plays a key role in building and sustaining this foundation.

Active minds and healthy lifestyles. A healthy community is one where residents strive to lead a balanced and meaningful life and are physically active and intellectually curious. We support the mental and physical well-being of the community through our system of parks and a diversity of activities for fitness, personal growth, socialization, and lifelong learning. We place special emphasis on meeting the needs of youth, older adults, persons with disabilities, and those with limited opportunities for recreation.



A caring and committed community. A healthy community is one where residents actively engage in the practice of citizenship and are compassionate and generous in their support of others. Our citizenship-building activities support fourteen boards and commissions associated with the full range of our programs. We provide an extensive network of volunteer opportunities that facilitates community involvement and personal growth experiences to over 4,600 individuals while producing over 109,000 hours of work in support of our programs. In addition, City resources help sustain the regional social service network that addresses the full spectrum of human services needs and issues such as immigrant populations, affordable housing, mental health, domestic violence, early childhood development, and many others.

Heart and soul. A healthy community has a strong sense of community identity and pride, preserves and learns from its past, strongly supports the arts, and embraces its diversity. We provide neighborhood-building programs and collaborate extensively with other departments on neighborhood enhancement activities. We co-produce programs and special events celebrating and teaching about the arts, our cultural diversity, and our heritage. We work with community partners to produce local celebrations such as the Family Fourth of July, the Magic Season, and the Garden d'Lights.

Environmental sustainability. A healthy community manages its natural resources to achieve the highest level of ecological function feasible within the constraints of an urban environment. We are active in environmental stewardship activities in a variety of areas including land use, non-motorized transportation systems, water quality, wildlife and forest management, environmental education, and environmental best practices for construction and maintenance activities. We support the City's Environmental Stewardship Initiative, which includes actions steps and performance measures for Parks & Community Services and other city departments.

A vibrant economy. A healthy community enjoys an exceptional quality of life which is, in large part, the result of a robust economy. Private investment can help produce the resources necessary to meet the community’s expectations for an exceptional quality of life. This investment comes from individuals and businesses that seek a safe, healthy, attractive community that values education, a clean environment, and an abundance of parks, recreation, and cultural arts opportunities. Parks & Community Services is very active in producing all these attributes and therefore plays a key role in crafting and implementing economic development strategies.



The Continuum of Services: Achieving a Common Focus across Diverse Programs and Services

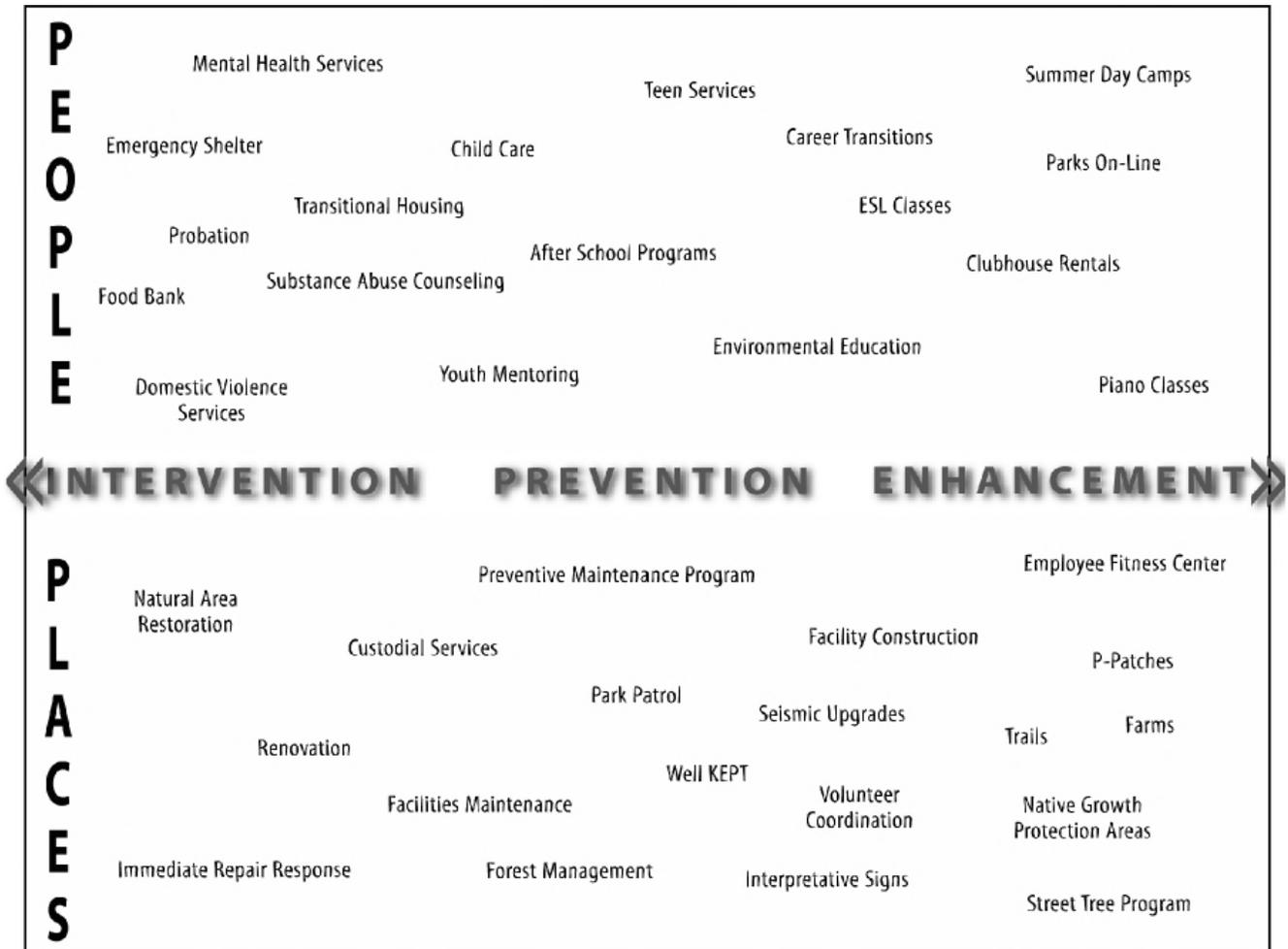
Bellevue Parks & Community Services combines parks, recreation, and cultural arts functions with community service functions including adult misdemeanor probation and funding for human service programs. The integration of these services creates a rich environment, full of opportunities for collaboration. It represents a fundamental strength of Bellevue's approach to community building.

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Patrick Foran, Director

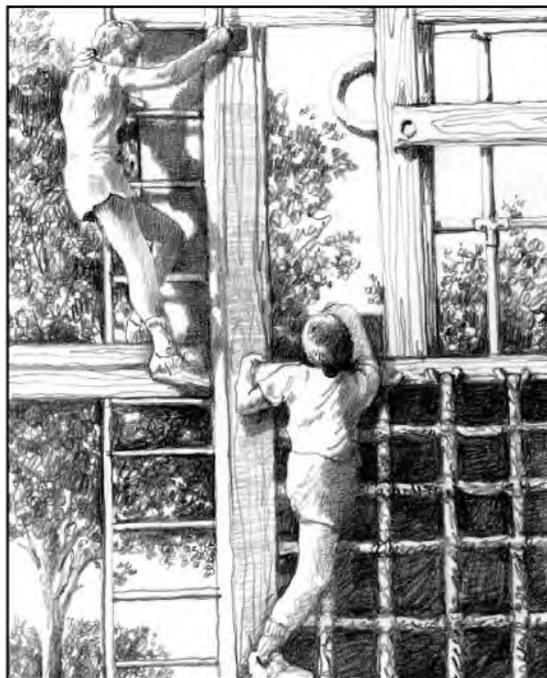
Plan Implementation

Implementation of this Plan is organized around a set of six Strategic Goals that are intended to be ongoing and supported by an annual work plan that will be responsive to contemporary issues, priorities, and resources.

- **Advance** our Mission of Building a Healthy Community
- **Assess** Relevancy and Effectiveness of Programs and Partnerships
- **Leverage** the Value of Assets, Resources, Technology, External Funding, and Partnerships
- **Integrate** Parks & Community Services into Local and Regional Economic Development Strategies
- **Influence** Policy Outcomes that Advance our Mission
- **Align** Organizational Development Activities with Department Guiding Principles

This *Strategic Plan* serves as a guide to craft a more specific departmental work plan over the next several years. The timeframe for developing this work plan will follow the City's biennial budget process, and the plan will be reviewed periodically. It should be assumed and expected that this work plan might be modified at any time to respond to contemporary issues, opportunities, or available resources.

This plan provides a framework for keeping us focused and flexible in an ever changing environment. As seen in the following Goals and Strategies, there is much work to do over the next several years. The future of Bellevue Parks & Community Services is exciting and full of opportunities.



GOALS AND STRATEGIES



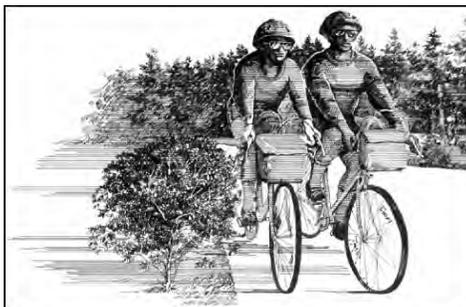
Goal I: Advance our Mission of Building a Healthy Community

A. Uphold and advance the vision of Bellevue as a “City in a Park”

- Update the *Parks and Open Space System Plan* and *Recreation Program Plan*. Assess the implications of a changing planning environment and modify the plans as necessary:
 - Reflect the increased urbanization and changing ethnic, cultural, and economic demographics of Bellevue and the region.
 - Plan for the major restoration or redesign of elements of the park system due to age or to reflect contemporary environmental values and recreational interests.
 - Address funding constraints and new funding mechanisms for the expansion, redesign, and restoration of the park system.
 - Integrate elements including Environmental Stewardship, Technology, Cultural Arts, Cultural Diversity, and Public Safety.
- Work collaboratively with the City’s Planning and Transportation departments to develop Bellevue Byways - a right of way enhancement program to create a park-like experience featuring historical and cultural themes for non-motorized and motorized travelers; close gaps in development and maintenance standards; and advance neighborhood enhancement activities.

B. Promote Healthy Lifestyles

- Redefine and restructure our program inventory to integrate Healthy Lifestyles as an organizing principle for our programs and community partnerships.
- Encourage nature exploration and unstructured recreational use of the park and trail system
- Work collaboratively with the City’s Planning and Transportation departments to expand opportunities for non-motorized mobility within Bellevue and the region.



C. Celebrate Bellevue’s cultural arts, cultural diversity, and rich heritage

- Support implementation of the City’s Cultural Compass Plan through facilitation, collaboration, and direct action.
- Align Cultural Arts, Diversity, Heritage, and Special Events programs and services to leverage the synergy between them and create experiences of interest to all Bellevue residents throughout the park system.
- Facilitate collaborative relationships between nonprofit arts and heritage organizations including the Eastside Heritage Society, the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, and the Bellevue Arts Museum.
- Implement the Bellevue Diversity Initiative in service to the community and to build cultural competence within the city as an organization.

D. Practice Environmental Stewardship

- Work collaboratively with other City departments, public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the business community to expand environmental education, interpretation, public outreach and civic engagement.
- Model environmental stewardship leadership consistently through our design and construction principles, maintenance and operations practices, and our organizational behavior.
- Support the implementation of the Bellevue Environmental Stewardship Initiative.

E. Nurture a Caring and Committed Community

- Update the Human Services Needs Assessment to guide actions of the City and community in building and supporting the human services network.
- Facilitate a community response to develop a permanent winter shelter for individuals experiencing homeless on the Eastside.
- Work collaboratively with the Police and Fire departments to conduct a comprehensive assessment of public safety mechanisms within the park system, including program and policy reviews, data sharing, infrastructure (signage, lighting, etc.), park patrol, volunteer management, and vulnerable populations.
- Work collaboratively with Bellevue Adult Probation to develop programs and services of value to the community and offering offenders opportunities for positively community engagement.

Goal II: Assess Relevancy and Effectiveness of Programs and Partnerships

A. Implement the Goals and Tactics of the Marketing and Communications Plan

B. Update user-group program reviews:

- Older Adult Services Vision
- Youth and Teen Recreation Review
- Bellevue Youth Theatre Program Action Plan
- Choices for People with Disabilities

C. Conduct additional Program Reviews:

- Initiate a Human Services Plan to complement the Human Services Needs Update
- Pursue Collective Impact strategies, such as Eastside Pathways, including collection and assessment and community indicator data for evaluating program effectiveness
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Goal III: Leverage the Value of Assets, Resources, Technology, External Funding, and Partnerships

A. Expand the Department's role as facilitator to address gaps and leverage community resources for services relevant to our Mission.

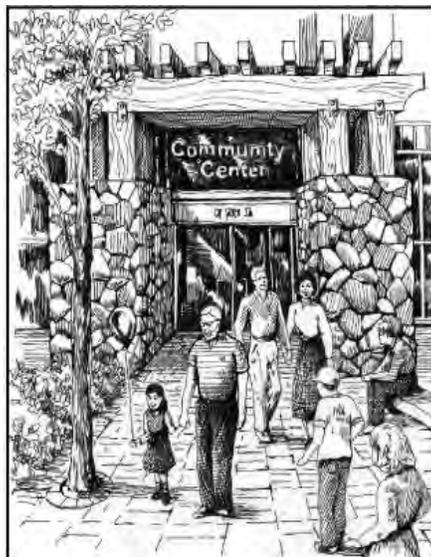
- Map services utilizing the Continuum model for public, nonprofit, and private organizations.
- Create defined program pathways for moving toward enhancement along the Continuum of Services.
- Facilitate the creation of new service delivery models that bring service providers together into strategic and collective impact relationships.

B. Create a Department Technology Plan

- Explore and implement new technology applications including information and referral; recreation, health and wellness; marketing, communications, and public outreach; way finding within the park system; mapping; management information; and ongoing business process improvements.

C. Implement Fund Development Plan Activities:

- Forge new strategic alliances, partnerships, and endowment opportunities.
- Aggressively pursue external funding including grants, foundation support, sponsorships, and donations.
- Leverage public "currencies" such as transfer or sale of development rights and mitigation banking to achieve greater public benefit.
- Evaluate alternative operating and public financing models for core service delivery such as park districts, interagency agreements, and public/private partnerships.



Goal IV: Integrate Parks & Community Services into Local and Regional Economic Development Strategies

A. Identify Parks & Community Services' role in major economic development catalyst projects, including:

- Meydenbauer Waterfront redevelopment and Downtown Connection, including completion of Downtown Park.
- Cultural Campus at Ashwood Park
- Other major economic development catalyst projects such as: Bel-Red redevelopment; Grand Connection pedestrian corridor connections across I-405; Lake Bellevue redevelopment; regional indoor/outdoor sports and aquatic facilities; Arts Factory; Greenways; regional non-motorized trail system connections; and Eastside Rail Corridor redevelopment.
- Implementation of the 2014 Economic Development Plan, including the tourism and visitor strategy.

B. Collaborate with others to preserve and enhance neighborhood vitality.

- Support the City's Neighborhood Enhancement Program and other civic engagement strategies.

C. Facilitate the creation of a regional Parks and Recreation Coalition to leverage the collective value of the City, County, and State parks systems on the Eastside.



Goal V: Support Policy Outcomes that Advance our Mission

A. Sustain and strengthen community support for parks, open spaces, recreation, and human services.

- Implement relevant Marketing and Communications strategies to systematically measure community support and create key messages.
- In collaboration with the City Manager's Office:
 - Place board members, commissioners, and staff on key boards or committees relevant to our Mission.
 - Support the City's legislative liaison and advocacy role, particularly at the Federal level.



Goal VI: Align Organizational Development Activities with Department Guiding Principles

A. Work through the One City initiative to apply High Performance Organization strategies and performance metrics to department services and programs.

- Staff interdepartmental organizational development teams
- Measure, track and report performance indicators over time

B. Implement relevant marketing and communications strategies to enhance internal communication and staff understanding of the full spectrum of Department services.





PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT May 2019

Aquatic Center Study

Staff updated City Council on the current status and next steps of the Aquatic Center Study at their April 22 Study Session. The Council re-affirmed the intent of the feasibility study and supported the direction and information presented. Staff and consulting team continue dialogues with representatives of the Bellevue School District, Bellevue College and SplashForward. Technical work continues on program options, capital and operating costs, and site analysis. Staff expects to present a preliminary report to the Council this fall, with a final report expected next spring.

Ashwood Park Master Plan Update

Five architectural and engineering teams submitted qualifications to assist the City with site analysis/feasibility, cost estimating, public outreach and design. Staff evaluated written material and conducted interviews with select teams and have now begun contract negotiations with the preferred team. Contract approval is expected in July, after which we will proceed with site analysis this summer. We plan to share project background, process overview and key issues with Council and Park Board before beginning the public outreach later this fall.

Ashwood Park and 1020 Tower Plaza

The current 1020 Tower building owner, UDR, has agreed to make landscape repairs to the plaza located above their underground garage and adjacent to Ashwood Park. Repairs will include replacement of planter box: water-proofing, irrigation, lighting, soil, and plants. Staff will work with our legal department to develop work agreements prior to work commencing and participate in construction observation to assure future successful Park Department operation and maintenance. Work is anticipated to occur this summer.

Bridle Trails 140th Street Park Development

Construction design and permitting phases will begin later this year, with construction following in 2021. Staff met with BTCC in March to present the project timeline and park naming opportunities.

Downtown Park – NE Gateway

Staff continues to work with the design team and artist to finalize the site plan and art concepts to be presented to a joint Park Board/Arts Commission meeting on June 11th. Additionally, the right of way (alley) vacation process is underway and Staff is negotiating agreements with the adjacent business owners to mitigate concerns over the closure of the NE 4th Street access. City Council action is expected this summer.

Hearing Assistance for Public Spaces

The staff has initiated a feasibility study to determine the hearing assistance needs for the large meeting spaces in our community centers. The study includes Highland, South Bellevue, North Bellevue and Crossroads Community Centers as well as the Botanical Garden Visitor Center. When complete, the spaces will be prioritized and a determination made as to which spaces can be completed within available funding. Parks staff is working with the City's ADA coordinator.

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

Park construction is complete and the park is open to the public. The Whaling Building is also complete and REI hosted a grand opening of their boat concession operation May 25/26. We have initiated a plan starting May 20 to provide overnight security during the busy summer season.

Newport Hills/Tyler Park

Work is underway on neighborhood park planning in the Newport Hills neighborhood. We attended a Newport Hills Community Club meeting on May 21 to kick-off public outreach. Over 70 people attended, and we have already received over 30 follow-up comments on neighbors' desires for this park. Public outreach is expected to continue throughout the summer, with a second meeting planned for mid-to-late July, followed by a presentation to the Park Board in September. We hope to have the park completed by the end of 2020.

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 complete and the park is open for public use. Work continues to address punch-list, warranty and park operation and maintenance start-up. Except for one property, the new boundary fence has been installed. The Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled Saturday, June 8.

Renovation Program

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

The following projects were deferred into 2019:

- Chism Burrows Insurance Claim (C)
- Coal Creek Lower Bridges (P)
- Crossroads CC Air Handler (CP)
- Eastgate Park Ticket booth & deck (C)
- Meydenbauer Whaling Building (CP)
- Forest Glen Playground (CP)
- Highland CC Door & Lock (CP)
- Kelsey Creek Rabbit (CP)
- Lattawood Playground (CP)
- Bannerwood Power Extension (CP)

70 projects are approved for the 2019 program, as follows:

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| Programmatic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park furnishings (C) • Multi-site asphalt repairs (C) • Energy Conservation (C) • NPDES requirements (C) • Natural Area Restoration (C) • Urban Forestry Park Sites (C) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscapes (C) • Greenways & Trails (C) • Pedestrian Counter System (P) • Irrigation Modem Repl (C) • Dock Inspections (CP) |
| Ardmore Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Improv (NEP) (C) | |
| Bellevue Aquatic Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carpet Replacement (DB) • Recirculating Pump Replacement (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm Springs Liner Repl (P) • Fire Suppression Add (DB) |
| Chandler Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation System Replacement (DB) | |
| Crossroads Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spray Park & Play Area Impr (CP) • Sport Court Repairs (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC Playground Swing Repl (C) • Gym Air Conditioning (DB) • Vault Access Improvements (P) • Challenge Course Improv. (P) |
| Downtown Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plaza Power Extension (CP) | |
| Eastgate Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBCC Boiler Replacement (C) | |
| Evergreen Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation Repl. (DB) | |
| Forest Hill Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Equipt & Surf Repl. (DB) | |
| Highland Community Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boardwalk Repairs (C) • Indoor Skate Park Remodel (C) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gym Air Conditioning (DB) |
| Kelsey Creek Farm Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic Shelter Restain (CP) • Trail Timber Stair Repl (DB) • Ed Barn Fan Install (DB) • Transformer Relocation A&E (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Connector Trail Repair (D) • Barn Conc Apron&Drain (CP) • Footbridge Replacement (CP) |
| Killarney Glen Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power POC Reconfigure (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Court Repair & Resurf (DB) |
| Lake Hills Greenbelt | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabin Roof & Ext Maint (C) • Ranger Station Interp Signs (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larsen Produce Stand Cooler (CP) • Produce Stand Farm Bridges (DB) • Produce Stand Parking Imp (DB) |
| Lake Hills Nursery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunker Improvements (DB) | |
| Lake Hills Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballfield Asphalt Repair (DB) | |
| Lakemont Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street of Dreams Trail Repair (DB) | |
| Mercer Slough EEC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beam & Handrail Refinish (DB) | |
| Meydenbauer Bay Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contingency Project (C) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting Connection (Cancelled) |
| Newcastle Beach Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathway Repairs (DB) | |
| Newport Hills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Area Sealcoat & Stripe (DB) | |
| North Bellevue Community Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restroom Remodel A&E (DB) • Hearing Loop Room D (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accordion Partion Repl (DB) |
| Robinswood Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barn Security System (DB) • Dog Park Surfacing (CP) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seal Log Cabins (DB) • Irrigation System Repl (DB) |
| Saddleback Mini Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summit Stairs Renovation (DB) | |
| SE 32 nd Street Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asphalt & Trail Repairs (DB) | |
| Silverleaf Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Court Resurface (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation Replacement (DB) |
| Wilburton Hill Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transformer Relocation (CB) | |

The following contingency projects were added in 2019:

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| Entatai Beach Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boathouse Waterproofing Asses. (DB) |
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DATE: May 13, 2019

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

FROM: Shelley McVein, Interim Director, 452-5378
Parks & Community Services Department

SUBJECT: National Kids to Parks Day, May 18, 2019

National Kids to Parks Day is a national grassroots movement established as part of the National Park Trust's ongoing efforts to connect youth with nature and encourage outdoor exploration, especially at parks in their communities. National Kids to Parks Day is held on the third Saturday each May. Over 1,000,000 kids and families participated in Kids to Parks Day in 2018. This year, National Kids to Parks Day is celebrated on Saturday, May 18. Cities, towns, and councils in all 50 states have joined the official celebration by issuing proclamations.

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 seven beach parks for public enjoyment. Program and activities for all ages are scheduled year-round. On May 18, 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 130th Place SE

Chinese Floral Art Exhibit, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., free
Members of the Hua Yuan School of Chinese Floral Art create exquisite floral arrangement displays, on view in the Gathering Place at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

American Crow: The "Feathered Ape?" 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., free, registration required
Do crows "talk" to each other? Can they distinguish peoples' faces? Where can you see a nightly "river of crows"? Learn about the surprisingly smart American Crow, selected as the Species of the Year for Bellevue Parks. Join the Master Naturalists for a slideshow, activity or game, and a crow-inspired habitat walk around Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walks, Saturdays 2 - 3 p.m., free

Join us Saturdays for an interpretive tour of the Lake Hills Greenbelt. We will talk about some local history and see native plants and wildlife that call Bellevue home.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Bellevue Botanical Garden Tours, Saturdays and Sundays 12 - 3 p.m., free

Discover the world of plants at the Bellevue Botanical Garden with a docent-led tour.

The tour meets at the Shorts house and lasts about one hour.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

Attachment

A. Proclamation



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: May 18, 2019 is the ninth annual **National Kids to Parks Day** organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and

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: It encourages youth to choose rewarding paths to adulthood by providing opportunities to build physical, intellectual, and emotional strength; and

Whereas: Bellevue Parks & Community Services is in the business of building a healthy community; and

Whereas: Bellevue, widely known as a “city in a park,” has over 2,700 acres of parks and open spaces, 90 miles of trails, 46 playgrounds, and 7 beach parks to explore; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue has strategically invested in local parks and playgrounds to encourage families and kids to embrace healthy life-choices and value outdoor recreation.

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 18, 2019** as:

NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY

and encourage all of our residents to celebrate by taking the children in their lives to a neighborhood, city, state or national park.

John Chelminiak, Mayor
City of Bellevue



DATE: May 20, 2019

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

FROM: Toni Esparza, Assistant Director, 452-5379
Parks and Community Services

SUBJECT: 2019 “Cesar Chavez” Living Legacy Community Advocate Award
presented to Patrick Alina, Program Coordinator

Patrick Alina was recently awarded the 2019 “Cesar Chavez” Living Legacy Community Advocate Award at an event hosted by Latino HEAT and the Bellevue School District at the ninth annual, Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta Awards and Celebration: “BREAKING BOUNDARIES THROUGH UNITY.”

The “Cesar Chavez” Living Legacy Community Advocate Award highlights those who demonstrate the core values of leadership, service to others, dedication to strengthening and celebrating community and steadfast commitment in the pursuit of a just society through equity.

Patrick Alina has served the City of Bellevue for 18 years as the Youth Link Program Coordinator.

The selection committee provided the following statement to explain why Patrick Alina was chosen for this award:

This year’s award recipients were chosen to highlight community heroes who inspire and motivate yet so often are invisible. We wanted to honor Patrick’s, many, many years of work in Bellevue! Patrick’s way of being and working did not go unnoticed by the committee; his integrity, skills, innovative ideas and inspirational words, instantly help connect youth to opportunities and see the potential within themselves. As such, he was recognized for his tireless passion for community and determined advocacy to support youth and families of all backgrounds.



DATE: May 20, 2019

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

FROM: Dan Lassiter, Community Services Supervisor, 452-4470
Shelley Brittingham, Assistant Director, 452-5213
Parks & Community Services

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 32 years, the City of Bellevue has celebrated National Older Americans Month. This year's theme is "*Connect, Create, Contribute*," which encourages older adults and their communities to:

- **Connect** with friends, family, and local services and resources.
- **Create** through activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment.
- **Contribute** time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

According to the 2016 US Census Bureau American Community Survey, the percentage of the population 65 years and older living in the United States is 15 percent. In King County, that percentage is 13 percent, and in Bellevue, the percentage of the population 65 years of age and older is 15 percent. This number is expected to continue to grow, with the percentage of people 65 years and older anticipated to surpass those age 18 and under by the year 2035.

The City of Bellevue provides program opportunities to meet the changing needs of a more active, diverse older adult population. These programs include aerobic and strength building classes, fitness centers, dance classes, health lectures, singing groups, swimming, biking, regional trips, golf, volleyball, pickleball, biking, tennis, hiking, meals, and social activities at North Bellevue, Crossroads, South Bellevue, and Highland Community Centers. Programs are also offered at the Northwest Arts Center, Bellevue Youth Theatre, Bellevue Municipal Golf Course, Robinswood Tennis Center, and the Bellevue Aquatic Center, as well as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue's Hidden Valley and Main Club locations.

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 increasing Bellevue's transportation options, affordable housing, and outreach to educate aging adults of local resources.

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

Attachments

A. Bellevue Network on Aging 2018 Report
Proclamation



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: The City of Bellevue includes a growing number of older Americans who enrich our community through their diverse life experiences; and

Whereas: The city is committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society; and

Whereas: Bellevue recognizes the importance of bringing together all generations and engaging in activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of all; and

Whereas: Residents can enhance the lives of older Americans in our community by involving them in community events and other activities, and providing opportunities for work, volunteering, learning and mentoring.

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **May of 2019 as:**

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

and urge every resident to take time during this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve them as essential and valuable members of our community.

John Chelminiak, Mayor
City of Bellevue

Bellevue Network on Aging 2018 Accomplishments

- Senior Lobby Days: In February and October, members of the Bellevue Network on Aging (BNOA) and Kirkland Senior Council (KSC) attended Senior Lobby day and met with Washington State Legislators and/or legislative assistants. The BNOA state legislative agenda requested restoration of the former Medicaid adult hearing aid benefit and the legislature did pass a law requiring Medicaid to cover adult hearing aids.
- In July, BNOA members met with Senator Dhingra and discussed the need of affordable and accessible housing for seniors, the effects of increasing property taxes, and the negative impact of current state law on condominium construction.
- In August 2018 BNOA members met with Stasha Espinosa, a legislative assistant to Senator Patty Murray and discussed the BNOA federal agenda. Stasha was particularly interested on information to eliminate the cap on the amount of income when paying into Social Security.
- On September 28th, a legislative candidate's forum at the North Bellevue Community Center was held in partnership with BNOA, Aging & Disability Services, Kirkland Senior Council, and AARP. The purpose of the forum was to hear from the public about issues affecting aging adults. Bellevue's Deputy Mayor Lynne Robinson was present and conducted the welcome to public and legislators.
- Partnered with Bellevue Human Services Commission and King County METRO to survey the community to collect Bellevue senior transportation needs information. Participated in a series of four meetings, in which King County METRO identified possible METRO transportation solutions.
- Supported Eastside Easy Rider in their grant request process by writing a Bellevue Network on Aging letter of support.
- Participated in transportation-focused activities, including: American with Disabilities Act (ADA) focus group, Ride2 Shuttle open house, Coffee-Talk transportation workshops, Puget Sound Regional Commission (PSRC) Vision 2050, and a community transportation summit.
- Updated the A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) website for 2018 affordable senior housing options on the Eastside.
- BNOA throughout the year participated in other affordable housing activities, including ARCH Housing 101, SHARE/WHEEL presentation on homelessness, Lunch-n-Learn at IMAGINE Housing, Eastside Neighbors Network on the village living concept, an opioid crisis workshop, and the Legislative Age Wave Forum.
- Prepared a BNOA presentation identifying the BNOA's purpose and how it is working for Bellevue aging adults.
- Distributed a variety of flyers in several languages on topics including: fall prevention, emergency preparedness, and long term care rights at outreach events. Instructions were also translated for the "Vial of Life", a medical

information kit given to aging adults to aid emergency staff when responding to a call to an individual's home.

- Initiated an informal partnership with a variety of community agencies working to provide activities on the eastside for individuals living with memory loss.

Outreach Events at which Bellevue Network on Aging participated:

- Overlake Hospital Active Senior Fair.
- Elder Abuse Awareness Day - Diana Thompson received the proclamation at City Council meeting and delivered a presentation on the subject.
- City of Bellevue-King County Library System (KCLS) Quarterly Resource Fair.
- Crossroads Farmers Market.
- Bellevue Strawberry Festival.
- Bellevue Farmers Market recruited seven organizations with a focus on aging, including BNOA, to participate in the first Aging Adult Day at the Farmers Market. The Farmers Market is planning to produce this event annually.
- Annual Senior Health Fair developed by Chinese Information Service Center (CISC) at The North Bellevue Community Center (NBCC).
- Monthly participation at Alzheimer's Café located at Tutta Bella of Bellevue.
- Kirkland's Volunteer Fair
- Initiated a public service announcement on Bellevue TV regarding the Hospital Observation law, a law that helps protect aging adults from receiving unacknowledged bills from hospital visits.

DATE: June 11, 2019

TO: Debra Kumar, Chairperson and Parks & Community Service Board

FROM: Cindy Shelton, Program Manager, 452-7156
Parks & Community Services
Mike Ogliore, Vice President, Events & Operations, 453-3110
Bellevue Downtown Association

SUBJECT: 2019 Bellevue Family 4th

Fireworks will illuminate the skies over Bellevue's Downtown Park this July 4th as part of the 28th annual Bellevue Family 4th presented by The Bellevue Collection. This free family event continues to be the Eastside's largest Independence Day celebration, with an estimated viewing attendance of 60,000 in the Downtown Park and surrounding areas.

The day's events begin with the Four on the 4th Dog Jog & Walk at 9am produced by the Bellevue Downtown Association at Ashwood Park. At 2pm the Downtown Park comes alive with children's activities in the Family Fun Zone that offers inflatable rides, children's entertainment, toy vendors, and education and activity booths provided by the City and non-profit groups. The popular food court will operate from 2 until 10pm offering a variety of food choices.

The PACCAR Main Stage presents quality entertainment from 3:45pm to 10:40pm and will include:

- Live music by The Dimestore Prophets (Feel Good/ Groove), The Lowdown Drifters (Country) and The Nines! (Dance Party).
- The Bellevue Honor Guard, Placement of the Colors Presentation at 8:50pm
- The National Anthem will be presented by the International School iJazz Choir
- The evening will conclude with the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra concert at 9:30pm in addition to playing patriotic ballads synchronized to the fireworks show and a post-fireworks set.

The fireworks show will be coordinated by Pyro Spectaculars North this year and will blast off at 10:05pm.

This popular community event is a partnership between the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Downtown Association and made possible by the generous support of The Bellevue Collection, PACCAR Inc., Sound Transit, Puget Sound Energy, and the

Bellevue Club. Our media Sponsors this year include: KOMO 4, The Seattle Times, 95.7 The Jet and 98.9 The Bull.

We invite the Parks & Community Services Board to join the community at this popular event and enjoy the spectacular fireworks show from the VIP Area provided by The Bellevue Downtown Association. Parking is free and available after 6pm at The Bellevue Collection (Bellevue Square, Lincoln Square, and Bellevue Place.)



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- June 1** **The Seattle Garden Club Flower Show: Nature's Poetry**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join us in celebration of the beauty of nature. Explore exhibits showcasing floral design, horticulture, photography, and conservation. The Seattle Garden Club aims to encourage and assist in civic beautifications as well as charitable, scientific, and educational activities. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://www.seattlegardenclub.org/public-events/>
- June 1** **Hop into Spring**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Bunnies love Spring because the carrots are growing everywhere! Your child will get to meet our adorable bunnies, go on a pony ride, do a bunny-themed craft, and find out what's growing in the garden. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1902122.
- June 1** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
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. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **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.
- June 2** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine
Meet at: 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. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 7** **Tag-A-Long Tour, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Rise and shine! Adult and child teams will get a sneak peek at Kelsey Creek Farm life as they help the farmers with their morning chores. Help us prepare the animals' meals, make sure they have fresh water, and clean their stalls. After all that hard work, we'll reward ourselves with a farm-themed snack. Adult/child teams only; a team is one adult and one child. **Ages:** 3-5 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1921252.
- June 7** **All about Amphibians, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Ribbit! Ever wonder about the incredible chorus of frogs heard on warm evenings, or maybe even the sleek salamanders that find refuge under logs and leaves? Learn all you need to know about the amphibians that inhabit our natural spaces, take home a fun craft, and head out on a park ranger-led walk for a chance to spy a few! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- June 7** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Beautiful Buzzing Bees”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! When Mason meets a native bee for the first time, he learns why they're amazing and that bees need his help! Discover how you can be a bee's superhero too, just in time for National Pollinator Week. 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.
- June 8** **8th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Robinswood Park, 14915 SE 22nd Street
Enjoy a non-competitive, recreational ride for the whole family. The ride has two unique loops – the mostly flat, nine-mile 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 to and through Bellevue's award-winning park system, exploring hidden treasures of Bellevue. All participants will receive a custom “buff,” and there will be goodies at the post-ride fest. **Ages:** Main ride is recommended for ages 9 and older. Kids under 9 out on the course should be on a trailer, tagalong or tandem. New in 2019 is a kids ride in the park for children under age 8, at 12:15. **Cost:** \$15 if pre-registered or \$20 on day of event, if space is available (registration begins at 8 a.m.). **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for activity code 1902819. **Info:** bikeride@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4882.
Social media: #coblk2lk
Web page: <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/lake-to-lake-bike-ride>

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- June 8** **Bugs, Beetles and Worms – OH MY!** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Parent and child go “buggy” together into the fascinating world of creepy crawly creatures. Join us for crafts, music, snacks and a good time. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 1902691.
- June 8** **Garden Class: The Smartphone Gardener,** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by David E. Perry. Choose to attend either the lecture or the lecture and workshop. **Lecture** (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) – Author/photographer David E. Perry demonstrates the amazing potential of smartphone cameras. **Workshop** (12 p.m. to 4 p.m.) – Practice what you’ve just learned in the morning lecture and expand on it in this hands-on workshop with individual and small group help from David. **Cost for both Lecture and Workshop:** \$65 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$85/non-BBGS members. **Cost for Lecture only:** \$10 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 8** **Surrey Downs Park Grand Opening,** 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
11177 SE 4th Street
Join us to celebrate Bellevue’s newest park with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, food and activities. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** cfaine@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4286 .
- June 8** **Family Discovery Series: Who Let the Bugs Out?** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
We can find insects in almost every habitat, yet insects are underappreciated for their role in the food web. Without insects to help break down and dispose of wastes, dead animals and plants would accumulate in our environment. Other animals rely on insects as their primary food source. Without them, they would starve. Join a Park Ranger for a nature walk in search of bugs. Enjoy some hands-on activities and crafts as well. **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.
- June 8** **Frog Hop!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
One of the earliest sounds of spring is the constant rib-bit song of frogs. Learn about the amazing life cycle of these amphibians, as well as the kinds of frogs that live in Western Washington. Then join a Park Ranger to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- June 11** **Washington Native Plant Society Lecture: Butterflies and Garden Habitat,**
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
With Julie O’Donald. Meet some of the butterflies found in the Puget Sound Lowlands. Learn the best native flowering shrubs and wildflowers for attracting butterflies. Julie will also cover practices that help butterflies survive throughout the year and in all stages of their life cycle. Be part of the garden connection needed to keep butterflies in our neighborhoods. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://www.wnps.org/events>
- June 14** **Story Time on the Farm, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, and doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- June 14** **Indoor Play with Jamtown Live! 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Come join us for a 45-minute show for children and their parents. Join Jamtown John while he plays his ukulele and shares fun props and Jamtown Fair Trade Instruments! Afterwards, families are encouraged to stick around(11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and participate in our final Indoor Play session before summer break. **Ages:** 0-5. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- June 14** **Evening Nature Walk, 8:30 p.m. – 10 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. **Ages:** This program is for adults. **Distance:** Approximately one mile. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>, course 1902087. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- June 15** **A Day of Play with Dad**, 8:30 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
South Bellevue Community Center hosts an event that celebrates Father's Day by inviting Dad to a delicious pancake breakfast, then challenges him to fun family adventures that include the SBCC climbing wall, outdoor scavenger hunt, Bellevue Challenge Course and disc golf! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** \$8/registrant 4 years and older; free for ages 3 and under. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuwa.gov>, course 1902328. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- June 15** **Garden Class: Summer Dry Gardening in the Pacific NW**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Jason Jorgensen. We will cover an introduction to our Pacific NW climate, summer dry gardening history and inspiration, suitable plan choices, planting techniques, and gardens of inspiration. Hands-on practice to follow. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 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 hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- June 19** **Garden Class: How to Prune and Renovate the Overgrown Garden**,
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This workshop will be taught by Shawna van Nimwegen. This is one of Plant Amnesty's most popular classes, because we have all seen landscapes that are overrun and seemingly beyond control. In this class, you will learn about the different types of cuts that you should (and shouldn't) make, including topping, shearing, and undoing past horrors. Come to the class and earn credit toward your Master Pruner Certificate and/or WSNLA CEUs. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 21** **Story and a Stroll: "A Log's Life"** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This book introduces young readers to the life cycle of a tree, inspiring them to look at logs in their own backyards. After the story, head out with a Park Ranger to investigate some fallen logs on the forest floor of the Mercer Slough Nature Park. **Ages:** Best for 3-6 years. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 22** **Garden Class: Ethnobotanical Sketchbook**, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Dorota Haber-Lehigh. Explore creative and meditative ways to draw and learn about native forest plants. Connect with nature through careful observation and study of native plants and through keeping an ethnobotanical sketchbook. We will begin with loose and meditative sketching exercises, then practice creating a personal sketchbook page combining sketches, ethnobotanical information and reflections. The class will include a short presentation on a few native plants and their historical uses as well as ecological significance. **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$55/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 23** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Meet at: 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. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 27-29** **Vintage and Collectables Sale**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale will feature both old and new, from antiques to mid-century modern and beyond. Proceeds from the sale will benefit our educational programs for both children and adults. **Cost:** Free admission; open to the public. Costs vary for items for sale. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/vintage-collectables-sale/>
- June 29** **Toddler Trails**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the trails at Lewis Creek Park with a park ranger and get out some wiggles on select Fridays this summer. We'll take frequent stops while we investigate the different environments of Lewis Creek Park as we wander through and learn how we can make hiking fun for everyone. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 18 months to 3 years with accompanying adult(s). **Distance:** Approximately a half mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- June 28** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Learning to See the World of Insects,”**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Insects are everywhere. They are by far the most common animals on our planet. In fact, more than 1.5 million species have been named. Yet there are many more to be discovered. Enjoy one man’s transformational journey as he immerses himself into the world of the Amazon’s strangest creatures. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 29** **Evening Wildlife: Great Blue Herons, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Did you know that Bellevue is home to great blue heron rookery? These patient fishers can be seen all year round in our lakes and streams. Come learn about what makes a wetland such a magnificent home for these long-legged birds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- June 30** **Summer Science: Water You Know, 2 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. **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.
- June 30** **Frog Hop! 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
One of the earliest sounds of spring is the constant rib-bit song of frogs. Learn about the amazing life cycle of these amphibians, as well as the kinds of frogs that live in Western Washington. Then join a Park Ranger to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- July 4** **Bellevue’s Family 4th – presented by The Bellevue Collection,**
2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Celebrate our nation's birthday with friends and family in Bellevue Downtown Park at the Eastside's largest 4th of July event! Enjoy live music, children's activities and entertainment, inflatable rides, a variety of foods at the Outdoor Food Court, and enjoy the park! The evening concludes with a spectacular fireworks show synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra at 10:05 p.m. Bring a flashlight for safety. Free event parking is available at The Bellevue Collection after 6 p.m. (Bellevue Place, Lincoln Square, and Bellevue Square). **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>
- July 5** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Hiding Tree”**
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! Dive in for a closer look at the role trees play in hiding all sorts of forest critters during this story time. We’ll read about smallest beetles to the great horned owl that call hiding places in trees “home.” 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.
- July 6** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
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. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **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 7** **Street Smart Raccoons, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Finding masked bandits in your garbage can be startling, but there’s no need to be afraid! Come learn more about our problem-solving neighborhood raccoons and how they’ve learned to navigate our urban environments. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- July 9** **Space Dog from Planet K-9 Show**, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Robinswood Park, 2432 148th Avenue SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a fabulous performance by Eric Ode. It is a fun space adventure when Benjamin D Dog pretends to be a space alien who has crash landed his cardboard spaceship on Earth. Can he get back to Planet K-9? **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 9** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Hotel Transylvania”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue 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. [See web page for more information.](#) **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 12** **Toddler Trails**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the trails at Lewis Creek Park with a park ranger and get out some wiggles on select Fridays this summer. We’ll take frequent stops while we investigate the different environments of Lewis Creek Park as we wander through and learn how we can make hiking fun for everyone. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 18 months to 3 years with accompanying adult(s). **Distance:** Approximately a half mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- July 13** **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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- July 13** **Garden Class: Introduction to Chinese Tea**, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join us for this introduction to Chinese tea, including climate and nature of tea plantations, roasting techniques, regional cultures, and tea-related etiquette and manners. Three teas and their related culture will be presented in three rotating sessions: Green Tea from Jiangnan (in Eastern China), Red Tea from Wuyi Mountain (in Southeast China), and Pu Er Tea from Yunnan (in Southwest China). **Cost:** \$20 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/event/introduction-to-chinese-tea/>
- July 13** **Eat or Be Eaten**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Predator and Prey relationships are essential to creating a healthy and balanced ecosystem. The Mercer Slough Nature Park is home to many creatures, both predator and prey. Join a Park Ranger to learn more about these critical interactions and enjoy some fun activities and crafts. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 14** **Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Course Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Explore Coal Creek 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 you’ll learn about while being guided by a Bellevue Park Ranger. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (240 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 16** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “A Dog’s Way Home”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue 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. [See web page for more information.](#) **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 17** **Evening Summer Farm Tour**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come spend a warm summer evening learning about Kelsey Creek Farm and meeting our resident animals. Visit with our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1921181.
- July 17** **Garden Class: Basic Tree Pruning, including Fruit Trees and Japanese Maples**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Ingela Wanerstand from Plan Amnesty. This class will cover basic cuts and tree physiology, followed by some basics on fruit trees and Japanese maples. Learn how to approach and look at some of your favorite trees, how to encourage or slow growth, and how to know when to put the pruners down and appreciate their natural beauty. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 19** **Story and a Stroll: “Under One Rock”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever peeked under a rock? A whole community of creatures lives there! One of the world’s most fascinating habitats is right at your feet. After the story, venture out with a Park Ranger to uncover some rocks and investigate these hidden creatures. **Ages:** Best for 3-6 years. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 19** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park**, 8:30 p.m. –10 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 Northwest 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 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1902083. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- July 20** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- July 20** **Street Smart Raccoons**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Finding masked bandits in your garbage can be startling, but there's no need to be afraid! Come learn more about our problem-solving neighborhood raccoons and how they've learned to navigate our urban environments. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 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.
- July 21** **Living with Wildlife – Backyard Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park 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, but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompany adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 23** **Alien Invasion Concert**, 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents entertainer Rick Huddle – storyteller, dancer, and musician. Little blue creatures are coming to take over our planet and eat all of our pizza! Join us for a mini-musical with songs, comedy and puppets! **Ages:** 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 23** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Smallfoot”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue 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. [See web page for more information.](#) **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 24** **Evening Summer Farm Tour, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come spend a warm summer evening learning about Kelsey Creek Farm and meeting our resident animals. Visit with our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1921182.
- July 26** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Clash Encounters of Bears and Wolves”**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
In this documentary the grizzly and the wolf, two fierce competitors, test their strategies for survival. In a complex and vast region such as Yellowstone National Park, where predators, scavengers and opportunists fight to survive, each one plays a vital role. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 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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- July 27** **Garden Class: Watercolor – Birds of the West**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Molly Hashimoto. Learn how to sketch and paint birds in watercolor and gouache in this fun workshop designed for all levels. We'll use pencils to draw and to establish good proportions, and then add watercolor and gouache to finish our sketches in full color, working on high quality watercolor paper as well as toned paper. As we work, you'll learn about a wide variety of bird habitats and where to go to see the colorful and remarkable birds of the west. Supplies included. **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$55/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 30** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue 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. [See web page for more information.](#) **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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- Aug 1** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Christopher Robin”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk
Crossroads Community Park, 16140 NE 8th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Crossroads Movies in the Park, presented by Crossroads Mall. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for four consecutive Thursday evenings through August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities for the whole family. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240, or see the web page - <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park>
- Aug 2** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Remarkable Reptiles”**
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! If you look closely in Bellevue and step lightly, you’re sure to spot one of our marvelous garter snakes! Reptiles come in all shapes and sizes that we’ll learn about during this story time. 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.
- Aug 3** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
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. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **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.
- Aug 3-4** **“Visions” Flower Show,**
12 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs is proud to present Visions, an NGC Standard Flower Show, in celebrations of our 60th anniversary! Come and see beautifully arranged floral designs and pristine specimens of horticulture competing for first prize. **Cost:** Admission is free, and children are welcome. **Info:** <http://www.elwd.org/flower-shows.aspx>

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- Aug 4** **Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine
Meet at: 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. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 4** **Adult Enrichment Series: Bindweed, Blackberry, and Ivy, Oh My!**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A monster is creeping through our gardens! It invades with runners and through clippings to choke trees and shade plantings. Join a Bellevue Park Ranger to learn more about the plants invading your flowerbeds and what you can do to keep them out. **Ages:** Best for adults, but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 7** **Evening Summer Farm Tour**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come spend a warm summer evening learning about Kelsey Creek Farm and meeting our resident animals. Visit with our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1921181.
- Aug 8** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Ralph Breaks the Internet”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk
Crossroads Community Park, 16140 NE 8th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Crossroads Movies in the Park, presented by Crossroads Mall. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for four consecutive Thursday evenings through August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities for the whole family. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240, or see the web page - <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park>

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- Aug 9** **Toddler Trails**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the trails at Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger and get out some wiggles on select Fridays this summer. We'll take frequent stops while we investigate the different environments of Lewis Creek Park as we wander through and learn how we can make hiking fun for everyone. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 18 months to 3 years with accompanying adult(s). **Distance:** Approximately a half mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Aug 9** **Garden Class: Hypertufa Containers Hands-On Workshop**,
11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Presented by the Northwest Perennial Alliance, taught by Lisa McGregor. Lisa will start with a "how to" presentation and offer some ideas of what you can make out of hypertufa. Then it's time to get your hands dirty as you choose what to make. (We will not be planting up your new container at this event, and Lisa will explain why.) Fee includes all the materials needed to make a hypertufa pot for you to take home, and a handout on after-care and planting. **Cost:** \$25 for NPA members; \$35/non-NPA members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/classes_signup19.php
- Aug 10** **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.
- Aug 10** **Family Discovery Series: Perfect Pollinators**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Pollination is not just fascinating, it is an essential ecological function. Over 80% of the world's flowering plants require a pollinator to reproduce. Unfortunately, we are witnessing a significant decline in our natural pollinator populations. Without these pollinators, humans will not survive, and terrestrial ecosystems will continue to deteriorate. Join a Park Ranger to learn more about what we can do to protect our future of food. **Ages:** 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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- Aug 11** **Busy Beavers**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Beavers shape the environment with help from their whole families to make places where animals of all shapes and sizes live. Join us as we learn all about nature’s engineers. We’ll do a fun fur experiment and go on a short walk around our wetland. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 13** **The Jammin’ on Jupiter Show**, 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents the energized Brian Waite Band. Sing, dance and laugh with the band as they blast off to the moon! **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Aug 14** **Evening Summer Farm Tour**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come spend a warm summer evening learning about Kelsey Creek Farm and meeting our resident animals. Visit with our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1921181.
- Aug 15** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Incredibles 2”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk
Crossroads Community Park, 16140 NE 8th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Crossroads Movies in the Park, presented by Crossroads Mall. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for four consecutive Thursday evenings through August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities for the whole family. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240, or see the web page - <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park>

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- Aug 16** **Story and a Stroll: “Secret Place”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
In the heart of the city, there is a special place, a place for wildlife to call home. This story immerses young readers into a hidden habitat, a place you may even have just outside your front door. The Mercer Slough Nature Park is one of those places. Join a Park Ranger to explore a little bit of nature in our urban areas.
Ages: Best for 3-6 years. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 16** **Aloha Picnic and Dance,** 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This event is facilitated for teens and adults, 16 and older, with intellectual disabilities. Highland presents warm breezes and tropical beach wishes at the annual summer picnic and aloha dance. Celebrate your summer with friends on this warm summer evening. We will be serving hamburgers, baked beans, and potato salad. Group home staff, caregivers, parents and guardians eat for free. Participants, please bring food items according to last name: A-H (chips), I-M (pop), N-Z (dessert). **Please, no homemade items.** **Ages:** Teens and adults, 16 and older, with intellectual disabilities. **Cost:** \$10/Bellevue resident and \$12/non-Bellevue resident. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-450-7686.
- Aug 17-18** **Fuchsia Show and Plant Sale,** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. both days
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
See fuchsia blossoms of all shapes and colors, and purchase hardy fuchsias for your home garden. This event includes free fuchsia care classes at 1 p.m. on Saturday and at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday! This show is hosted by the Eastside Fuchsia Society. **Cost:** Admission and parking are free. Cost of plants will vary. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/societies.htm>
- Aug 17** **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 hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

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- Aug 22** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Mary Poppins Returns”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk
Crossroads Community Park, 16140 NE 8th Street
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- Aug 23** **Bats at Twilight, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Discover bats and the important role they play in Bellevue’s ecology. Bats Northwest will teach us about bats that live in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. After dusk, we will scan the evening skies to see the bats that live at Kelsey Creek Park and use a bat detector to see and hear the resident bats at work. **Ages:** Appropriate for teenagers and adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Aug 23** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park, 8:30 p.m. –10 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 Northwest 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 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1902084. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 24-25** **Arts in the Garden, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Saturday) and 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Sunday)**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Discover more than 30 artists and a wide variety of sculpture and garden art available for purchase among the flowerbeds and woodlands of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Enjoy music, food and libations. Your whole family will enjoy the magic of the Garden and the additional delight our artists bring to it. **Cost:** Admission and parking are free; art and refreshments for sale. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/arts-in-the-garden/>

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- Aug 24** **Busy Beavers**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Beavers shape the environment with help from their whole families to make places where animals of all shapes and sizes live. Join us as we learn all about nature's engineers. We'll do a fun fur experiment and go on a short walk around our wetland. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 28** **Garden Class: Winter Flowering Perennials**, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class is presented by the Northwest Perennial Alliance and taught by Trevor Cameron. Get your garden ready to have beautiful blooms over the winter. **Cost:** \$25 for NPA members; \$35/non-NPA members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/classes_signup19.php
- Aug 30** **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Bees: Tales from the Hive,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Honeybees have been mysteriously disappearing across the planet at alarming rates in the past decade or more. This phenomenon is referred to as a Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). While endless hours and years of research has been dedicated to solving this mystery, a definitive answer has not been found. Come and learn more about what may be leading to bees' demise, what it means for our future, and what we can do to help save the bees. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 31** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
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. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.