

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

July 9, 2019

6 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110th Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA



AGENDA

Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

<p>Boardmembers:</p> <p>Heather Trescases,, Chair</p> <p>Dave Hamilton, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Paul Clark</p> <p>Stuart Heath</p> <p>Debra Kumar</p> <p>Eric Synn</p> <p>Pamela Unger</p> <p>City Council Liaison:</p> <p>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</p> <p>Staff Contacts:</p> <p>Camron Parker 425-452-2032</p> <p>Nancy Harvey 425-452-4162</p>	<p>Tuesday July 9, 2019 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bellevue City Hall Conference Room 1E-113 450 110th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004</p>
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**CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday
June 11, 2019
5:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-112
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Kumar, Vice-Chair Trescases, Boardmembers Hamilton, Heath, Synn¹, Unger²

BOARDMEMBER ABSENT: Boardmember Clark

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Betsy Anderson, Shelley Brittingham, Nancy Harvey, Joshua Heim (BAC), Glenn Kost, Ken Kroeger, Shelley McVein, Camron Parker

ARTS COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Paul Manfredi, Vice-Chair Philip Malkin, Commissioners Ashmita Gulati, Maria Lau Hui, Becky Lewis, Carl Wofteich

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kumar at 5:34 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Boardmember Unger and second by Vice-Chair Trescases to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

3. **DOWNTOWN PARK – NE GATEWAY:**

A quorum of the Arts Commission joined the Park Board for this agenda item.

Mr. Kroeger provided an overview of the Downtown Park Master Plan that was adopted in 1984 and then updated in 1997. 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. Mr. Kroeger noted that the northeast corner of the park, located at one of the most prominent intersections in downtown Bellevue (Bellevue Way & NE 4th Street) remains unfinished, leaving little connection to the park from the

¹ Arrived at 5:46 p.m.

² Departed at 7:37 p.m.

downtown area. He added that the Council approved funds to develop the Northeast Gateway of Downtown Park and supplemented those funds in the 2019 budget.

Mr. Kroeger reminded Boardmembers that the Board was debriefed on the site's opportunities and challenges at the July 10, 2018 meeting. At this meeting, there were four conceptual site plan options presented. These concepts were all consistent with the 1997 Master Plan but differed in the treatment of the promenade, water feature, art location, Union High Arch, pavilion and alleyway. Some comments received from Boardmembers at the July meeting included:

- Open up the park and make it more welcoming;
- Eliminate the alley;
- Should feel like a park, not a commercial plaza;
- The pavilion concept was not well supported;
- Greenery should soften, not hide the park;
- Use art and water feature to draw visitors in, but don't overwhelm them or overpower the entry;
- Most preferred the art piece at the "knuckle;"
- Keep the Union High Arch visible, not tucked away;
- Be mindful of how the park looks from the nearby high-rises.

Arts Manager, Josh Heim, shared early concepts from artist, Marc Fornes, for a pavilion. The intent is for the public art to be visible from all entrances of the park. Mr. Heim clarified that the art piece will be placed at the "knuckle" of the park.

Mr. Kroeger explained that the Union High Arch will also be integrated into the formal garden, which is closest to the promenade. Mr. Kroeger also reviewed the design elements of the water feature and discussed some of the continuity that will be incorporated into the park from the existing park elements.

Boardmember Synn suggested that particular attention be given to lighting throughout the park as well as deterring skateboarders.

Mr. Kroeger reviewed the following next steps for the project:

- Right of Way Vacation: Summer 2019
- Complete Design: thru Fall 2019
- Obtain Permits: Summer 2019 thru Spring 2020
- Public Bid: Summer 2020
- Construction: Spring 2020 thru Spring 2021

Boardmembers discussed the number of trees that will be removed from the park and replaced with new trees. Mr. Kroeger clarified that the tree removal and replacement will be in alignment with the land use codes. He added that there is a memorial tree within the park that will be transplanted.

Vice-Chair Malkin requested clarification about the surface material that will be used on the promenade and water wall. Mr. Kroeger discussed the crushed rock that will be used for the

promenade. This is similar to the crushed rock that is utilized in the current park circle. The water wall will be made out of concrete.

Chair Kumar expressed her support for the proposed art piece and water wall. Vice-Chair Trescases added her support of the structures and cautioned planners that the supports for the art piece will get utilized heavily by kids wanting to use them as a climbing tool.

Boardmember Heath expressed his concern for the number of trees being cut down throughout the park. He requested a presentation with additional details and asked if the art piece can be incorporated, while preserving the trees. Boardmember Heath cautioned that cutting down the trees at Downtown Park sets a precedent, so he wants to be sure that the process is carefully thought through and followed.

Boardmember Synn asked the following questions:

- Will Boardmembers have an opportunity to provide input on the art piece color?
- Are there special considerations being given for fundraising (i.e., brick sponsorships or other revenue streams)?
- How will parking restrictions be set for the local businesses so park users don't park in the designated business parking spaces?
- Will there be wayfinding signs?

In addition, Boardmember Synn requested a rendering of the wayfinding, color and lighting plans.

Mr. Heim explained that the feedback provided during tonight's meeting will be forwarded to the artist for consideration. He also clarified that the Parks Board's role is to provide comments/feedback to the Arts Commission; the Arts Commission's role is to approve the designs, among other items.

Boardmember Hamilton expressed his support of the conceptual drawings of the NE Gateway.

Boardmember Unger expressed her hesitation with the large amount of concrete depicted in the drawings. She suggested that pavers with grass in between be utilized or something that breaks up the concrete. She also likes the idea of pavers being utilized as a fundraising opportunity.

Commissioner Hui inquired if a soft surrounding is necessary under the art piece. Mr. Heim clarified that the surface structures are yet to be determined. Commissioner Hui also suggested that the pillars for the art piece be a different color than the roof.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Trescases and second by Boardmember Unger to approve the May 14, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

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

None.

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

No report.

7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

No report.

8. **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

Boardmember Hamilton attended the Newport Hills Park community meeting, which he found very interesting. He also enjoyed the 29th Annual Community Leadership Awards Ceremony and the Surrey Downs Park Grand Opening.

Vice-Chair Trescases attended the Surrey Downs Park Grand Opening and gave accolades to the Parks Department for the work that has been done at the park.

Boardmember Unger attended the Surrey Downs Park Grand Opening and also commended staff. She also enjoyed a picnic at Downtown Park and visited Meydenbauer Bay Park.

9. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

Chair Kumar attended the Newport Hills Park community meeting. She also had fun renting a boat through REI's rental program at Enatai Beach Park. Lastly, Chair Kumar congratulated Youth Link Program Coordinator Patrick Alina for receiving the Caesar Chavez Award.

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

No reports.

11. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Board Elections**

Chair Kumar opened nominations for the Parks & Community Services Board Chair position.

Nomination by Boardmember Hamilton to appoint Vice-Chair Trescases as the Parks & Community Services Board Chair. Vice-Chair Trescases accepted the nomination.

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

At the question, motion carried unanimously (6-0) to appoint Vice-Chair Trescases as the Parks & Community Services Board Chair.

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

Nomination by Vice-Chair Trescases to appoint Boardmember Hamilton as the Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair. Boardmember Hamilton accepted the nomination.

Chair Kumar requested other nominations for the Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair position.

There was a brief conversation about Boardmember Clark's level of interest for the Vice-Chair position. However, it was determined that Boardmember Clark also supports the nomination of Boardmember Hamilton as the Vice-Chair. Therefore, nominations were closed.

At the question, motion carried (6-0) to appoint Boardmember Hamilton as the Parks & Community Services Board Vice-Chair.

Boardmembers thanked Chair Kumar for her leadership.

B. **Parks 2020 Strategic Plan**

Ms. Anderson explained that the Strategic Plan establishes a shared understanding of the department's vision, mission, and guiding principles. It also prioritizes the department's key areas of focus over the next five years; translates policy-level guidance from city-and department-level plans into actionable goals and strategies; and meets CAPRA accreditation requirements.

Ms. Anderson reviewed the plan components, which include: vision, mission, values, goals, and strategies. She also reviewed the current plan goals and strategies noting that the Strategic Plan update is more of an internal-facing document than other plans, such as the Recreation Program Plan or the Parks & Open Space System Plan. Ms. Anderson highlighted the plan update process

noting that additional presentations will be given to the Board before an endorsement of the completed plan is requested in early 2020.

Boardmember Synn views the draft vision statement as a bit limiting and not sufficiently aspirational. Vice-Chair Trescases agreed and suggested that the vision statement be elevated. Ms. Anderson indicated that the planning team will take these comments into consideration as the draft statement is refined.

Boardmember Heath suggested that a healthy community be the fourth string in the vision statement.

Boardmember Hamilton sees the Strategic Plan document fitting into the organization's health. The more that staff at every level can spend with the document the better—it is a valuable document. He requested clarification about the term “entrepreneurial spirit” that is referenced in the plan. Staff clarified that this means being a nimble organization, looking for innovative ways to conduct the department's work, being a high-performing department, and keeping the department's business units on top of current trends, etc.

Motion by Vice-Chair Trescases and second by Boardmember Hamilton to extend the meeting until 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Chair Kumar does not like that the term “intervention” is referred to first in the plan's Continuum diagram, which explains how the department's different areas of focus mutually support a healthy community. She suggested that the Continuum begin with prevention. In regard to equity, Chair Kumar suggested that additional information about access to parks and trails be referred to by the plan. To identify areas that may be underserved by parks and open space, the department measures the number of households within 1/3-mile walking distance of a park or trail entrance.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Mr. Parker proposed the following agenda items for July:

- Aquatic Feasibility Study Update
- Environment Stewardship Initiative Update

In addition, Mr. Parker suggested that the October Board meeting be utilized as a special meeting for the retreat to focus on a Strategic Plan discussion as well as the Recreation Plan Update.

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

14. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Kids to Parks Memo and Proclamation (from City Council packet)
- C. Caesar Chavez Award to Patrick Alina (from City Council packet)
- D. Older Americans Month Memo, Proclamation, and Bellevue Network on Aging Report (from City Council packet)
- E. Bellevue Family 4th of July memo to Parks Board
- F. List of upcoming Parks special events

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

None.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Synn and second by Boardmember Hamilton to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: July 9, 2019

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Camron Parker
Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: King County Parks Levy Renewal
(Information only; no Board action requested)

At the request of the City Council, King County Parks staff will present information about the King County Parks Levy Renewal at your July 9 meeting.

The first King County parks levy was approved by voters in 2003 to support operations and maintenance of regional and rural parks. It was renewed and increased in 2007 and again in 2013 to support both operations and expansion of parks, open space and trails. If renewed in August, the levy would extend from 2020 to 2025.

The current levy (2013) was initially collected at a rate of 18.77 cents per \$1,000 of Assessed Value (AV) and, due to rising property values, is now collected at a rate of 12.68 cents in 2019. It is estimated that it will have generated \$420 million over the six-year levy period of 2014-2019. Bellevue property owners contribute approximately \$8 million per year under the existing levy. A home valued at \$941,000 contributes about \$119 annually under the existing levy.

The impact of the proposed renewal levy, at a rate of 18.32 cents per \$1,000 of AV would be approximately \$172 per year for a property assessed at the median value of \$941,000. This represents an increase of \$53 per year over the existing levy. Bellevue property owners would contribute about \$11.9 million per year under the proposed levy.

2020-2025 King County Proposed Parks Levy Structure

The proposed levy ordinance limits levy funds to the following objectives:

- Maintenance and operations of the existing King County Parks system, including parks, trails and open spaces
- Improving parks, recreation, access and mobility by acquiring open space and continuing to develop regional trails
- Repairing, replacing and improving local parks and trails in King County's cities
- Supporting rehabilitation and construction of aquatic facilities
- Preserving open space adjacent to rivers and floodplains
- Woodland Park Zoo maintenance and programming
- Seattle Aquarium capital construction

Proposed Parks Levy Projects in Bellevue

Park, trail and open space projects in Bellevue would receive levy funding in two ways. One is through the direct levy distribution to cities. The total direct distribution for cities is proposed to increase from \$29 million in the 2014-2019 levy to \$60 million for 2020-2025. Bellevue received approximately \$2.7 million under the existing levy and would receive about \$4.4 million under the proposed levy, about \$730,000 per year.

The second way that levy funds would be received by Bellevue is through the County's investment in its regional trails system as it extends through Bellevue, including the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC).

The existing levy is partially funding projects such as the ERC trail improvements south of I-90 that will be constructed concurrent with the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Renton to Bellevue I-405 project and the vegetated pedestrian bridge over I-405 that will reconnect the ERC at the site of the old Wilburton Tunnel.

The proposed 2020-2025 levy would allocate a total of \$50.5 million to the ERC projects throughout the corridor. In Bellevue, the list of ERC projects includes:

- Trail connection to SR 520 Trail at Northup Way.
- NE 8th Street Pedestrian Bridge overcrossing.
- Wilburton Trestle preservation and trail retrofit.
- Gateway trailhead improvements at the north end of the Trestle in Wilburton.
- Interim connection to the I-90 Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail at 118th Avenue SE and SE 32nd Street.

An additional \$700,000 from the proposed levy's regional trails acquisition fund would help acquire property for the Mercer Slough Gateway at 118th Avenue SE.

The County Council took final action on the proposed levy ordinance on April 17. The proposed levy will be on the August 6 countywide Primary ballot.



King County Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Levy

Voter Ballot Measure Fact Sheet

August 6, 2019 Primary Election

The 2020-2025 King County Parks, Trails, and Open Space Replacement levy ballot measure is a property tax levy lid lift that would replace the current park levy expiring at the end of 2019. It would fund operations and maintenance of King County's parks and trails, support the growth and connection of regional trails, and establish grant programs to expand access to recreation and protect open space for King County residents. Proceeds from the levy would also directly support parks in King County's cities, as well as the Woodland Park Zoo and the Seattle Aquarium.

King County Proposition No. 1 Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy

The King County council passed Ordinance 18890 concerning replacement of an expiring parks levy. If approved, this proposition would provide funding for county, town, city and park district parks, and for open space, trails, recreation, public pools, zoo operations and an aquarium capital project. It would authorize an additional six-year property tax beginning in 2020 at \$0.1832 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation with the 2020 levy amount being the base for calculating annual increases in 2021 - 2025 by the King County inflation plus population index or the 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater. Should this proposition be:

- Approved?
- Rejected?

King County Parks Levy Oversight Board

As was done in the past, the levy ordinance establishes a nine-member Levy Oversight Board, nominated by King County Council and confirmed by the King County Executive. The board will meet annually to review levy expenditures and report on progress in the implementation of the levy.

About King County Parks

King County Parks offers 200 parks and 28,000 acres of open space, including Marymoor Park and Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park, 175 miles of regional trails, 215 miles of backcountry trails, and facilities like the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center. King County Parks maintains relationships with non-profit, corporate and community partners to enhance recreation for King County residents.

**Election Day is
August 6, 2019**

For more information, visit
kingcounty.gov/parks/levy.



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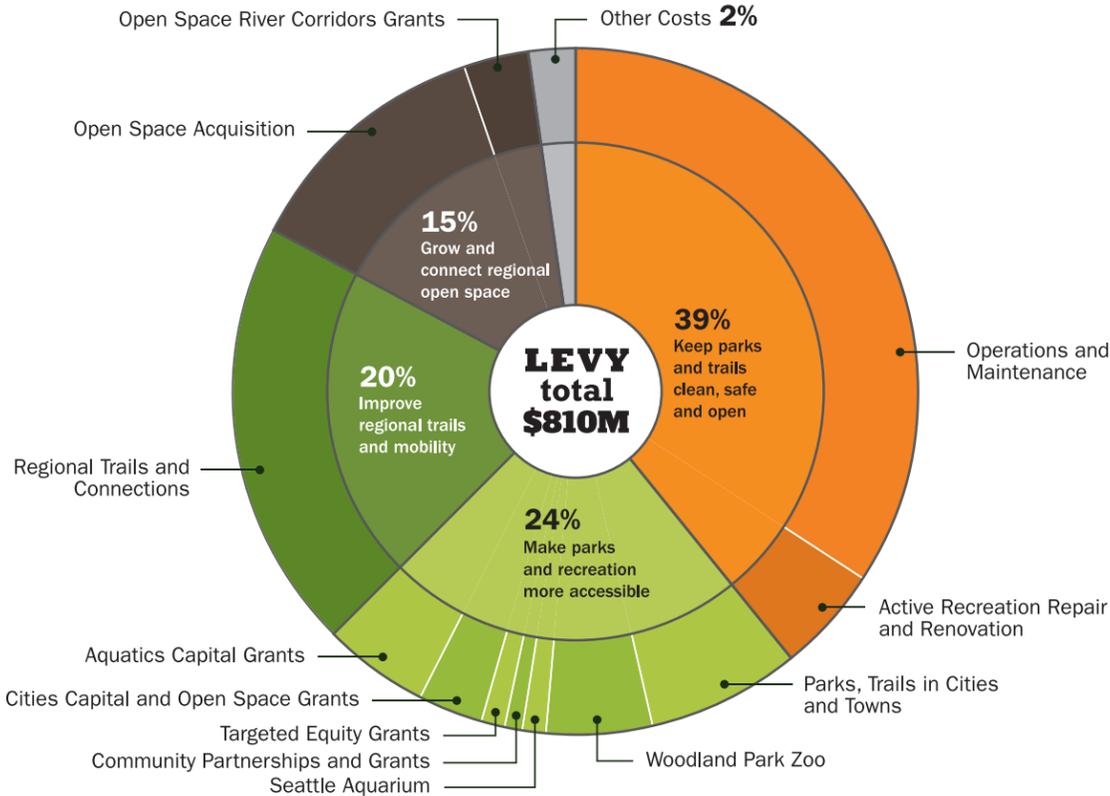
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Department of Natural Resources and Parks

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assessed value

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valued at \$500,000

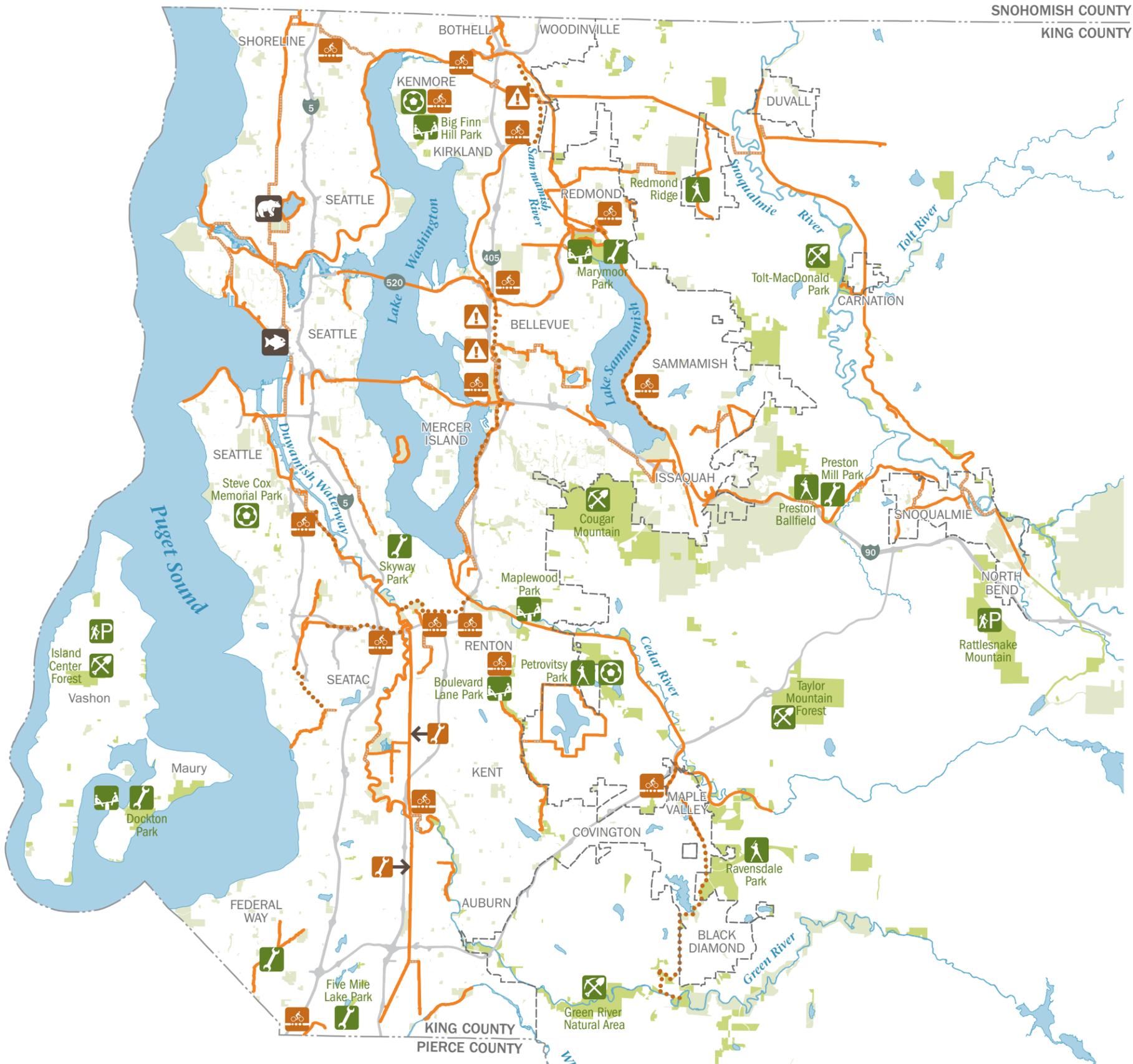
\$810 million
over six years
(2020-2025)



Proposed 2020-2025 King County Parks Levy

PARKS & TRAILS PROJECTS

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- name King County Parks
- Other Parks

Infrastructure Projects

- Infrastructure Repair
- Play Area Rehab
- Trailhead Parking Improvement
- Turf Ballfield Replacement
- Grass Ballfield Rehab
- Backcountry Trail Rehab

TRAILS IN KING COUNTY

- Existing Regional Trail
- On-street Trail Connection
- Other Future Projects

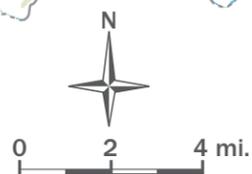
Trails Projects

- Regional Trail Connection
- Critical Crossing
- Trail Improvements

COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

- Woodland Park Zoo
- Seattle Aquarium

Urban Growth Area Boundary



King County
PARKS
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Date: July 9, 2019

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Glenn Kost, Capital Project Manager, Parks & Community Services
Doug Sanner, Senior Budget Analyst, Parks & Community Services

Subject: Aquatic Center Feasibility Study
(Information Only)

At your July 9 meeting we will summarize the “Update on the Aquatic Center Feasibility Study” that was presented to City Council in April.

While the Board does not have a specific role in this project, we seek to inform you on the status of this Council priority. Following an informational staff presentation, there will be sufficient time for Board questions and discussion.

Attachment

- April 22, 2019 Bellevue City Council Study Session Agenda Memo

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

Update on the Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

Patrick Foran, Director, 452-5377
Parks & Community Services

DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL**INFORMATION
ONLY**

Staff seeks to update Council on the progress to date, including the status of potential partnerships and a summary of future policy and financial decisions related to the Aquatics Center Feasibility Study, should the City decide to proceed with a new aquatic center. Staff seeks feedback on the information being developed and next steps to inform future Council decisions.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

Built in 1970, the existing Bellevue Aquatic Center has served Bellevue's 140,000 residents for nearly 50 years, but its age and capacity are inadequate to meet current and future demand for aquatic programming in Bellevue. The City is currently evaluating alternatives and partnership opportunities to develop a new, year-round aquatic facility that considers the full-range of activity and demographic market segments associated with contemporary, state-of-the-art aquatic facilities (Attachment A).

As part of the 2007-2008 budget, Council approved funding to complete a feasibility study for a new aquatic facility. The study 1) explored a range of facility options with estimated financial performance; 2) analyzed the current aquatic market; 3) conducted a preliminary site analysis; and 4) explored a range of financing options. A public outreach effort included stakeholder meetings, focus groups, and a public interest survey.

The study was presented to Council in March 2009. Council expressed support for a high profile, comprehensive aquatic facility (Option D: Regional Aquatic Center) and directed staff to explore regional partnerships with adjacent cities, school districts, and King County. Staff reported back to Council in early 2010 that, after a thorough review, these potential partners were not prepared to pursue a project at that time. Because of the general lack of partner interest coupled with the severe impacts of the recession, Bellevue ceased further exploration of aquatics alternatives.

Since 2010, the cities of Redmond and Kirkland have been independently exploring aquatics alternatives. In 2015, the City of Kirkland placed an aquatic center ballot measure before voters that ultimately failed. The City of Redmond recently completed a comprehensive public recreation facilities study.

In 2017, King County Parks convened a process to explore the viability of a regional approach for filling the aquatic facilities gap on the Eastside. King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci secured an appropriation of \$2M to work toward a regional solution. This process is not complete and all parties

continue to meet.

On May 1, 2017, staff presented the aquatics issue to Council and were directed to continue to evaluate both a regional alternative and a Bellevue option. This work would also include exploring additional public/private partnerships and identifying potential locations.

On May 21, 2018, the City Council approved a Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between King County and the cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond to continue exploring the feasibility of a regional approach to developing aquatics facilities and to coordinate on a public aquatics assessment.

On November 19, 2018, the City Council approved a Resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with ARC Architects to provide technical evaluation and support for an Aquatics Center Feasibility Study Update for the City of Bellevue. The study will develop more precise and updated technical information to assist the City in determining whether, and to what extent, the City wishes to proceed with a new aquatic center, including project scale and scope, estimated costs, site feasibility, financing and operational plan, and public outreach and communications.

An aquatics facility addresses several strategic target areas of Council's adopted vision: great places where you want to be, economic development, regional leadership, and high quality built and natural environment. City Council Vision Priority 2018-2020 states that following the staff report, determine whether to explore the possibility of a regional aquatic center in Bellevue (Priority #13).

Bellevue Partnership Interests

Partnerships to build and operate an aquatic facility have been encouraged with private non-profit organizations, private for-profit companies, and other public agencies who share common goals and objectives. The viability of partnerships can be evaluated based on whether they enhance the likelihood of meeting the current and future demand for aquatic facilities and programs. Partnerships should be consistent with and support the underlying principle of universal public access. Program capacity should be distributed equitably, and fee structures should not pose a barrier to public participation. Staff has explored potential partnerships with the following groups and additional work in this area remains necessary:

- The Bellevue School District (BSD) previously submitted a letter of interest to the City of Bellevue to meet the needs of their student athletes. It is expected that capital contributions would come through a future Bellevue School District voter initiative, and the District is in the early stages of gathering community input on long-term capital funding needs.
- Bellevue College has expressed an interest in the possibility of siting an aquatic facility on their campus as a means of enhancing student services and exploring potential curriculum programs around health and wellness. The City has been asked to discuss the Aquatic Center Feasibility Study and potential college interests and participation in the study at the Bellevue College Board of Trustees meeting on April 24.
- The City remains open and interested in pursuing public-private partnerships and attracting corporate sponsorships that directly advance the goal of an Aquatic Center. There have been preliminary discussions with several health care providers exploring potential partnerships for the

warm water therapy pool and wellness/fitness/rehabilitation components of a comprehensive aquatic center. Some initial feedback suggests that there needs to be more specificity about the scale, scope, and location of an aquatic center and clarity about the process and timing for public investments.

- The cities of Kirkland, Redmond, Bellevue, and King County have continued to meet to share respective interests and explore regional partnership opportunities. The regional group is in the process of identifying potential sites for multiple facilities and more precisely defining what aquatic elements would be featured in each site. It is expected that the King County report will be completed before the end of 2019.
- Staff anticipates strong interest from national, state, and regional competitive aquatics organizations. It is believed that this project advocacy might generate additional partnership opportunities beyond those described above.

Bellevue Feasibility Study Update

The City of Bellevue is planning a contemporary, state-of-the-art health and wellness facility that meets the aquatics needs of the community and potential partner groups. This facility will not only meet core aquatics needs but will be a place that promotes community health and wellness through medically integrated fitness. The facility will be culturally inclusive, operationally sustainable, and a vibrant hub for the entire community. The facility will serve the full range of fitness, recreation, health, wellness, and competitive programs for all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. This includes a 50-meter pool with movable bulkheads, deep water, therapy/wellness, lesson program pool, and leisure pool. This is essentially the regional model described in 2009, updated to reflect contemporary needs and best practice recommendations of the consultants and in concert with the needs of partners. Key issues include the extent of dry-side features and specific needs of partners which were not fully developed in the 2009 study. The overall goal is to develop an optimal mix of features that meets program needs while balancing operating and capital investments.

This study will develop more precise information necessary to assist Council in determining whether, and under what circumstances, to proceed with an Aquatic Center, and includes the following tasks:

- Finalize the scale and scope of the program elements and prepare a schematic drawing and architectural rendering.
- Update the estimated capital costs by program element as well as by identification of potential cost recovery strategies.
- Update the estimated operating cost performance by program element.
- Conduct a site feasibility analysis for several sites.
- Develop a financing and operational plan that could include public/private/nonprofit partnerships.
- Prepare communication tools and conduct a public outreach meeting and presentation.
- Provide information on how existing pools and aquatic facilities in the region may be impacted by a new aquatics center.

ARC Architects is the prime consultant for the City's feasibility update and was a key member of the team that helped the City of Bellevue and SPLASH with the 2009 study. ARC Architects is well known

for recreation and community facilities throughout the region having completed more than 50 community center programming and design projects. ARC has compiled a strong team with extensive experience in the nuances of aquatic, community, and student centers both regionally and nationally including:

- Ballard*King (B*K) – with over 20 years of experience, B*K has developed numerous aquatic feasibility studies for communities, and colleges/universities around the country. B*K has first-hand experience working in our region and is fluent in national trends. They have a strong track record for successful cost recovery, operating cost, and business planning studies.
- Aquatic Design Group (ADG) – with a national reputation for aquatics facilities that are program-rich, creative, and buildable (both physically and economically), ADG’s collaborative approach will benefit the process to ensure that multiple aquatic programs and synergies are explored.
- The ARC team also includes local firms that will provide civil engineering, transportation engineering, and cost estimating services.

Staff is also working closely with SplashForward, a community advocacy group and stakeholder that provides a deep knowledge and experience of the aquatics landscape. SplashForward has also secured the services of the Isaac Sports Group (ISG). ISG has knowledge and experience in competitive swimming, managing aquatic programs and facilities, business and marketing, program development, operational sustainability and partnership development.

Site Needs/Preferred Locations

Based on the 2009 Bellevue study, approximately four to seven acres are needed to develop a comprehensive aquatic facility. This estimate ranges from approximately four acres with structured parking to seven acres with surface parking. The scope of the Bellevue Aquatic Center Feasibility Study Update includes site feasibility analysis for several sites including:

- Bellevue College Campus—the Bellevue College updated master plan reserved space for a community partnership and college officials have indicated a willingness to explore this idea further.
- Grand Connection—refers to City-owned property (Lincoln Center) along the Grand Connection and as part of the Wilburton commercial area redevelopment.
- Marymoor Park—refers to the larger County regional park and the Bellevue Utilities site which contains three ballfields. Use of the Bellevue Utilities site would require fair market value compensation.
- Airfield Park (formerly Eastgate Area Property)—a City-owned park parcel whose development was included in the 2008 Bellevue Parks & Natural Areas Levy. The City is currently working toward a master plan including an athletic complex and general outdoor recreation facilities.

The above sites were previously evaluated in the 2009 study or specifically discussed during City Council presentations on an Aquatic Center. Sites were evaluated for the following criteria: location to population, relationship to other facilities, convenience, site cost and ownership, size and capacity for expansion, zoning/land use, constructability, utilities availability, and partnership potential. Kirkland, Redmond, and King County are also in the process of identifying other potential sites that would work either for their own needs or in collaboration on a regional approach. The Bellevue Feasibility Study

Update remains open to considering additional sites that are identified over the next several months, including sites identified by the City or the interests of one of the partner groups.

Future Decisions/Next Steps

Future Council Decisions:	Information Being Developed:
Scale and Scope of Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital and Operating costs by program element • Schematic drawings and architectural renderings • Public Outreach and Market Analysis
Preferred Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze locations identified using scoring matrix of key factors
Operating Model/Governance Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review other facilities/best practices and develop proposed operational plan • Business Points/Partnership Agreements • Continue to participate in KC Regional Study
Funding Mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of Financial Sustainability • Review potential funding mix including partnerships, voter initiatives • King County Park Levy

Next Steps:

- Review Aquatic Center Preliminary Program/Design/Financials (September-October 2019)
- Review Final Study (December-January 2020)
- Additional work on Partnership Agreements, Governance Structure, and Funding Mix (To Be Determined based on specific interests and timelines of partner groups)

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element

- PA-3. Equitably distribute a variety of parks, community centers and other indoor and outdoor recreation facilities throughout the City.
- PA-8. Develop partnerships with other public agencies and the private sector to provide parks, open space, and cultural and recreation facilities in the City.
- PA-15. Encourage the development of facilities for special purpose recreation.
- PA-25. Promote partnerships with public and private service providers to meet cultural, recreational, and social needs of the community.

An aquatics facility addresses several strategic target areas of Council’s adopted vision: great places where you want to be, economic development, regional leadership, and high quality built and natural

environment. City Council Vision Priority 2018-2020 states that following the staff report, determine whether to explore the possibility of a regional aquatic center in Bellevue (Priority #13).

Fiscal Impact

Funding for the Bellevue Aquatics Center Feasibility Study Update and the King County Regional MOU is included in CIP Plan No. G-114, Regional Aquatic Center Study, in the adopted 2019-2025 CIP Plan.

OPTIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Bellevue Aquatic Center Concepts
- B. Seattle Times article
- C. CIP Project Description

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

2009 Bellevue Aquatic Center Feasibility Study



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT June 2019

Aquatic Center Study

Staff continues to work with representatives of Bellevue College and SplashForward, and is currently meeting with local aquatic stakeholders to confirm the previously shared information and to solidify area aquatic needs and opportunities. Technical work continues on creating the final program study 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. We will also present information to the Park Board at their July meeting.

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 is now negotiating a contract with the preferred team. Contract approval is expected in July, after which we will proceed with site analysis this summer. We plan to begin public outreach later this fall or early winter.

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 successful operation and maintenance. Work is anticipated to begin in July.

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 presented the preferred site plan and artist concept at the joint Park Board/Arts Commission meeting on June 11th. The Board generally supported the plan and public art but expressed concern about the projected loss of trees and amount of hardscape. Staff is working with the design team to address these issues while meeting site design goals and accessibility requirements. We will respond to these issues and provide a public art update at the September Board meeting. The Council approved agreements with the adjacent business owners to mitigate concerns over the closure of the NE 4th Street right-of-way (alley), which sets the stage to proceed with the right-of-way vacation, which is scheduled to occur in August.

Hearing Assistance for Public Spaces

The staff is finalizing a 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.

Newport Hills/Tyler Park

Work continues 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 received about 40 responses from neighbors expressing their desires for this park. We are now preparing a series of alternative site plans that respond to these comments, and a second public meeting is scheduled for July 23 at the Newport Hills Swim Club to solicit feedback on those plans. We currently hope to present our findings to the Park Board for feedback in September and 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:** Project complete.

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 Hutch (CP)
- Lattawood Playground (CP)
- Bannerwood Power Extension (CP)

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

- Programmatic
 - Park furnishings (C)
 - Multi-site asphalt repairs (C)
 - Streetscapes (C)
 - Greenways & Trails (C)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Conservation (C) • NPDES requirements (C) • Natural Area Restoration (C) • Urban Forestry Park Sites (C) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian Counter System (P) • Irrigation Modem Repl (CP) • 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 (CP)
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 (CP) 	
Evergreen Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation Repl. (DB) 	
Forest Hill Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Equipmt & Surf Repl. (DB) 	
Highland Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boardwalk Repairs (C) • Indoor Skate Park Remodel (CP) 	<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 (CP) 	
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 (DB) 	

The following contingency projects were added in 2019:

Entatai Beach Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boathouse Waterproofing Asses. (DB)
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MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: July 9, 2019

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Camron Parker
Parks & Community Services

SUBJECT: 2019 Election Activities and Public Disclosure Commission Rules

As we enter the 2019 election season, please follow the State Public Disclosure Commission's guidelines governing the use of public facilities and other resources in campaigns for public office and ballot measures.

Since a few of you were not serving on the Park Board two years ago, I'm attaching the 2017 memo which went to all of the City's Boards and Commissions. Please read this memo and keep these rules in mind.

Attachment:

5-25-17 Memo from Assistant City Manager re 2017 Election Activities and Public Disclosure Commission Rules



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 25, 2017

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

From: Kyle Stannert, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

RE: 2017 Election Activities and Public Disclosure Commission Rules

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

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

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

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

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

DATE: June 17, 2019

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

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

SUBJECT: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation

To bring attention to misconduct perpetrated against older adults, groups around the world are proclaiming June 15, 2019 as the fourteenth Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. This day is set aside in support of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA).

The primary goal of this proclamation is to increase the ability of the Bellevue community to recognize and respond to the mistreatment of older adults wherever and whenever it occurs, so that each individual can achieve an optimal quality of life in keeping with his or her cultural values and traditions.

“Elder abuse” describes a range of offenses. The signs of abuse are sometimes hard to distinguish. In most cases, elder abuse is perpetrated by a known, trusted person, often a family member. Neglect and self-neglect are the most common types of abuse, although emotional abuse and financial exploitation are also common.

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

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

We invite Council, staff, volunteers, and all members of the community to join us in raising awareness and educating our Bellevue residents about elder abuse.

Attachment: Proclamation



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

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

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

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

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

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

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the Saturday of **June 15th, 2019** as:

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

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

John Chelminiak, Mayor
City of Bellevue

From: Didi Y
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 8:01 AM
To: Gonzales, Steve <SGonzales@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Re: Thank YOU

Hi Coach Steve,

We would like to share this good news with you: Harry's baseball team (Diamondback) won the championship (Thunderbird Baseball Little League) last night!

We also want to Thank YOU for coaching /encouraging Harry and teaching him good sportsmanship! Harry has benefited SO MUCH from your Wednesday youth sport program.

Have a great 3D weekend

we will see you again next Wednesday!

Harry and Didi

From: VERNON SCHRAG <dwights30@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 2:45 PM
To: parkboard <parkboard@bellevuewa.gov>; Robertson, Jennifer S. <j.robertson@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Parker, Camron <CParker@bellevuewa.gov>; McVein, Shelley <SMcVein@bellevuewa.gov>; DEBRA Kumar <debrakkumar@gmail.com>; Kost, Glenn <GKost@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: RE: Process Map for Ashwood Park Master Plan & Public Hearings

Dear Nancy, I read in Parks Board Minutes that Consulting Firms are under review to develop the new Master Plan for Ashwood Park. Very important step. Thanks.

Pass it on please. For the work scope proposal & Process Plan, I have information that may avoid a future fiasco like past Parks Board Members who served before you have experienced:

For Ashwood Park in Bellevue's past badly failed attempts to put a Fire Station and/or Public Library Tunnel Access and Traffic Circle in the Park there were "Fatal Flaws" in properly considering the Planning Department Codes, ROW's and Easements required. Also, "Fatal Flaws" in Transportation Department Planning for traffic impacts, entry exit, noise controls and impacts on new high rise apartments, condos and retirement centers built since the old Master Plan was created about 25 years ago. None of the new impacts were considered or planned for. Quality of Planning was in a category I would rate as "incompetent and against City Policy". Why & How did that ever happen in the first place??

By my recollection Consulting Contract Services were used in these past failures. Maybe the selection process and assessments of qualifications didn't reflect the demands for good planning? Or the selection committee didn't ask the right questions or conduct very good interviews of the finalist consulting management or engineers.

Who approved these contracts and why? A well-defined and documented Project Plan is a necessity for quality work. And the Project Manager who leads the effort should have credible, professional credentials and qualifications. Work Specifications and Code Compliance must be included in the contract. All of this is **BASIC**.

Hundreds of thousands \$\$ of Public Tax dollars were wasted, confusion, poor decisions, lack of information with worthless hearings, ensuing Conflict Resolution hearings; and no one was held accountable. City Planning Staff wasted weeks trying to answer for all the mistakes and policy failures. More wasted \$\$\$ dollars.

We can do better this time.

This low-quality-level of Parks Planning reflects poorly on the entire City Government Management, Utilities, Transportation, Planning Department and Development Services LUC compliance. Also impact future developments and angry citizens who complain in Public at City Council meetings like last Monday evening.

Please don't allow it to happen this time. Use a well-developed, professionally reviewed set of Contract Provisions for Consultant Selection and Management Oversight for completeness and compliance. Anything less could risk a repeat of the past Fiasco's and strained public relations with City Manager and others.

Review the provisions and outputs fully, comprehensively with City Planners and completely with City Council Member liaison to the Parks Board; and try not to embarrass the Parks Board Volunteers who are just trying to do a good/professional service to our City.

Talk about it amongst yourselves and set the stage for success, not defeat. If the basics aren't done professionally and then you begin gathering Public Hearings Comments, you will get "Garbage In-Garbage Out" results.

Then comes more embarrassment and hard feelings that will discourage voters and residents and taxpayers; and you may permanently lose their confidence in Parks Planning for the future. Do Your Best, Please. Make us proud this time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dwight Schrag

Ashwood Downtown Neighborhood

1106 108th Ave NE #302

Bellevue, WA 98004



Thank you

PS: To see some photos of our class^{sketches}, please visit
@ Tamara_Hergert on Instagram and @art Murals ~~of~~ Tamara
on Facebook.

Rec'd 6/20/19
in US Mail

Dear Michelle and the
entire Bellevue Parks and Recreation team. 

I wanted to thank you for allowing me to do
Watercolor sketching classes at the Downtown Park on
Sundays. It has been a pure joy for me to teach
this class, and my students seem to be enjoying it
too, as they come with a smile on their faces and
keep coming back. Thank you for doing such a
wonderful job running the Park and events in it. 

Best wishes,
Tamara Hergert

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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JULY 2019

- 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://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/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 12** **What’s in the Water?** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Our region is known for its mild, damp conditions, creating the perfect pond habitats for a multitude of creatures from dragonflies to tadpoles. Join a Park Ranger for a closer look into the water at the critters that call these ponds home, and learn more about their fascinating (and often strange) lives by seeing them firsthand! **Ages:** 3 to 7 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.

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- 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.
- 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.

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- 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://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park>
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/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 27** **Evening Wildlife: Busy Busy Beavers**, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The busy beaver is hard at work preparing a home for the winter. They dam the river, build a lodge, and even prepare an underwater ladder! Come learn how beavers build their warm home and why they build their dams. **Ages:** 3 to 7 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- 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://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/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 2-18** **“Pippi and the Wayward Pirates” (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**
Friday, August 2, 9 and 16 at 7 p.m.;
Saturday, August 3, 10 and 17 at 2 p.m.;
Saturday, August 3, 10 and 17 at 7 p.m.;
Sunday, August 4, 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Come enjoy a journey with pirates, the circus, and just hometown fun as Pippi shows her power and saves everyone in the process. New songs highlight this musical. Great fun for all ages; this is summer youth theatre at its best. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- 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.

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- 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>
- 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 6** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part”**
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://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park>

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- 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>
- 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

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- 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.
- Aug 10** **Garden Class: Drawing Native Berries and Other Woodland Fruit**,
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Dorota Haber-Lehigh. Learn about native berries and other fruit of the forest and their ecological significance. Create a beautiful portrait of a native plant using colored pencils on walnut ink-stained paper. Explore the realistic style using colored pencils and other supporting media. By the end of the workshop, students will complete a dynamic and evocative portrait of native berries or other woodland fruit. All supplies provided. **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$55 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- 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.

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- 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 13** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Ferdinand”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
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- Aug 14** **Evening Summer Farm Tour**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
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- 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,** 5 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 20** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Wonder Park”**
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://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park>
- 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
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 23** **Bird Brains: The American Crow, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Although cultures around the world may regard the crow as a scavenger, bad omen, or simply a nuisance, this bad reputation might overshadow what could be regarded as the crow’s most striking characteristic – its intelligence. Come join us for an educational program on our local bird brains, and enjoy a crow craft! **Ages:** 3 to 7 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993, course 112723.
- 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.

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- Aug 23** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come test your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We'll learn all about our 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/>
- 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 27** **Downtown Movies in the Park: "Back to the Future"**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
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- 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.
- Aug 31** **Evening Wildlife: An Owl Prowl!** 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
When darkness falls, nocturnal animals are just waking up! From bats to owls in the air, and raccoons to coyotes on the ground, the night is ever so active! Discover which of these creatures live in Bellevue, and come listen for them in a special ranger-led night hike! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required. **Info and to RSVP:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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- Sept 1** **High-Flying Hawks**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
From patrolling 405 to flying over the trees of Lewis Creek Park, hawks can be found in almost all of Bellevue’s habitats. Learn about the different raptor species that call Lewis Creek Park home before we head out on a hike to scan the sky for them. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 4** **Garden Lecture: From Dreams to Reality - Practical and Artistic Elements in Creating a Garden**, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Rosemary Alexander, principal, owner, and founder of The English Gardening School, and one of the UK’s most influential garden designers and writers, will speak at the Bellevue Botanical Garden! The third updated edition of her book, *The Essential Garden Design Workbook*, was recently published by Timber Press and was awarded one of eight Silver Awards by the Garden Writers Association of America. Rosemary speaks all over the world and is a frequent contributor to *Gardens Illustrated* and the Royal Horticultural Society’s *The Garden*. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$15 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- Sept 6** **Garden Class: Mindfulness in the Garden**, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Deborah Wilk, LMFT, and Jessica Hancock, ND. Stroll through the vibrant colors of the late summer garden while Deborah and Jessica guide you in Mindfulness Meditation while opening your senses with Shinrin-Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing). Restore mind, body and spirit as you let the stress and demands of daily life melt away and you experience the healing power of Nature. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- Sept 6** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Life in the Forest Floor”**
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! You might be amazed how much life goes unnoticed in the woods just because it’s under our feet! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- Sept 7** **Garden Event: Master Gardeners Plant Sale & Continuing Education,**
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Shop for cool plants from unique local nurseries and attend sessions with excellent speakers. Master Gardeners can earn Continuing Education credits for these sessions. Event includes a Master Gardener Clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cost: Admission to the plant sale and parking are free. Speaker session fees vary; pre-registration is recommended. **Pre-registration:** Recommended for speaker sessions. **Info:** <http://www.mgfkc.org/events>
- Sept 7** **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.
- Sept 8** **Living with Wildlife – There’s a Bear in the Yard! 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Living in south Bellevue means roaming bears. Learn all about black bears, including how to prevent conflicts in your neighborhood, and what to do if you see a bear. 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.
- Sept 13** **Colorful Caterpillars, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Every fall, our region begins crawling with life in the form of bright, patterned, and sometimes very fuzzy critters. Caterpillars are plentiful in Bellevue this time of year, preparing for a cozy winter (and getting ready to become butterflies and moths). Peek into the park’s foliage to test your observational skills while on a ranger-led walk, and enjoy creating a craft to bring home! **Ages:** Best for ages 3 to 7 years old, with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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- Sept 14** **Garden Event: Hardy Fern Foundation Plant Sale, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Purchase unusual ferns for your garden and learn about ferns from the experts! Event is hosted by the Hardy Fern Foundation. **Cost:** Admission and parking are free. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://hardyferns.org/events/>
- Sept 14** **A Closer Look: Pacific Northwest Caterpillars, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Of all the insects we observe in our parks, gardens, and beyond, lepidopterans boast arguably one of the most incredible and complex life cycles. Get an in-depth look at the species we share our region with, how they survive, and everything you should know about interacting with them. We'll be looking at live specimens with a focus on understanding their unique adaptations. **Ages:** Best for ages 9 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Sept 15** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Highlands Open Space, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Bellevue Park Ranger at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center to explore the Lakemont Highlands Open Space trail system. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (680 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 21** **Bird Stroll, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you ever wondered about the bird species you see as you walk through the park? Grab your binoculars and join a Park Ranger for a walk around Lewis Creek Park, where you'll learn to identify our feathered park visitors. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required by 4 p.m. the Friday before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** 425-452-4195.

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- Sept 27** **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.
- Sept 27** **Sensational Squirrels**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Who knew such a small animal could have such a big personality? As one of the area's most commonly-observed critters, the squirrel evokes many different emotions in those who come across them. We'll discuss the species present in our forests and backyards, and learn all about this adaptive animal. Join us for a fun time and a craft! **Ages:** Best for ages 3 to 7 years old with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
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- Sept 28** **An Evergreen Evening**, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join us for an evening hike in the Lake Hills Greenbelt. Bring your flashlight and a warm coat as we learn about native Washington trees and listen for creatures that get active in the dark hours. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required. **Info and to RSVP:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.