

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

January 8, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110th Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA



AGENDA

Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

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| <p>Boardmembers:</p> <p><i>Debra Kumar, Chair</i></p> <p><i>Heather Trescases, Vice-Chair</i></p> <p><i>Paul Clark</i></p> <p><i>Dave Hamilton</i></p> <p><i>Stuart Heath</i></p> <p><i>Eric Synn</i></p> <p><i>Pamela Unger</i></p> <p>City Council Liaison:</p> <p><i>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</i></p> <p>Staff Contacts:</p> <p><i>Camron Parker 425-452-2032</i></p> <p><i>Nancy Harvey 425-452-4162</i></p> | <p>Tuesday January 8, 2019 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Bellevue City Hall Conference Room 1E-113 450 110th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004</p> |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order of Meeting – Chair Kumar 2. Approval of Agenda 3. Approval of Park Board Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Minutes from the November 27, 2018 Special Meeting 4. Oral Communications/Public Comments <i>Note: Three-minute limit per person; maximum of three persons permitted to speak to each side of any one topic.</i> 5. Communications from City Council, Community Council, Boards and Commissions 6. Director’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on Oral Communications/public comments from prior meetings. 7. Board Communication 8. Chair Communication & Discussion 9. Boardmember Committee/Liaison Reports | <p>Page</p> <p>1</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> |



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| 15. Adjournment | N/A |

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

Tuesday
November 27, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Kumar, Vice-Chair Trescases¹, Boardmembers Hamilton, Heath, Unger

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Boardmembers Synn, Clark

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Councilmember Robertson

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Toni Esparza, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Glenn Kost, Shelley McVein, Camron Parker

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcia Edwards, Jessy Franklin, Ashley Kaiser, Carolyn Lawrence, Chris Lona, Peter & Carolyn Maxim, Pearl Nardella, Daniel Renn, Pat Sheffels, Ginger Switzer, Sue Thomas, Alex Valdez, Dave & Kirsten Wlaschin

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash, *via recording*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kumar at 6:02 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Boardmember Unger and second by Boardmember Hamilton to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Boardmember Unger and second by Boardmember Hamilton to approve the October 9, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

¹ Arrived at 6:10 p.m.

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

Daniel Renn

603 129th Pl. NE, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Renn made the following points in regards to the proposed Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue (BGCB) facility at Wilburton Hill Park:

- Do not destroy existing ball fields and/or soccer fields.
- Traffic/parking/road construction/road conditions in the Wilburton area are already used at capacity and should not be more overloaded.
- The City has a goal to increase the tree canopy—the addition of the BGCB facility will greatly decrease the existing tree canopy.

Mr. Renn suggested that a better location for the BGCB facility be determined. He also encouraged Wilburton community audience members opposed to the BGCB facility to stand in support of their opposition.

Carolyn Maxim

12405 NE 2nd St., Bellevue, WA

The City has described Wilburton Hill Park as a passively utilized park. Although the park is well utilized by the community, adopting a fieldhouse in this location would decrease the current functions. It implies that the park is not doing its job.

The current impact of traffic on Wilburton is horrible, particularly because of the new 650 person school.

To Ms. Maxim's knowledge, no one has objected to having a view of the fieldhouse. The issue at hand is that Wilburton Hill Park is a park in current good use with bad traffic. Ms. Maxim asked, 'Where is the data showing a fieldhouse is needed in this area?' She added that it is not the role of a private entity to suggest where a facility should be located in public lands. Ms. Maxim asked, 'Why does the BGCB have this right?' She views this activity as a breach of public trust.

Peter Maxim

12405 NE 2nd St., Bellevue, WA

Mr. Maxim expressed his appreciation to Nancy Harvey for her support with the Parks Department and Parks Board.

Mr. Maxim noted that the City Council and their appointed staff members are expected to be stewards of the lands purchased with tax revenues. Mr. Maxim was on the Parks Board for 8 years. He noted that part of Wilburton Hill Park was originally purchased with forward-thrust money, in conjunction with local levy and local tax money. There was also property donated by Harriet and Cal Shorts.

Mr. Maxim explained that there is a rule that parks land cannot be sold to private entities, like the BGCB. According to Mr. Maxim, Senior Staff state that the Parks Department gets around this rule by leasing park land to entities like the BGCB for 50 year terms.

Mr. Maxim explained that Bellevue parks are a gift from past tax payers. Mr. Maxim asked, 'Why should any group get to use any public land simply for their own benefit?' He added that the Parks Board represents the people, not the Parks Department or City Council. Mr. Maxim encouraged Boardmembers to oppose the proposed BGCB fieldhouse project and land lease.

Pat Sheffels

12280 NE 3rd Pl., Bellevue, WA

Ms. Sheffels expressed her opposition to the BGCB project in Wilburton Hill Park. She called attention to the BGCB/Hidden Valley partnership and noted that this has not been a positive partnership, from her point of view. The adults wanting to use the facility are always placed second.

Ms. Sheffels encouraged Boardmembers to oppose the BGCB fieldhouse project. However, if the project is approved, Ms. Sheffels encouraged the City to be much more vigilant about the use of the facility for approximately 85% of the population that are not youth.

Alex Valdez

16604 SE 7th St., Bellevue, WA

Mr. Valdez expressed his support of the BGCB and the proposed Wilburton Hill Park fieldhouse project. He discussed the positive impacts of BGCB throughout the community at South Bellevue Community Center and Hidden Valley and thinks the fieldhouse would be a great addition.

Jessy Franklin, Rainier Athletes

17215 SE 29th Ct., Bellevue, WA

Mr. Franklin is the Executive Director and Founder of Rainier Athletes. Rainier Athletes sponsors sports participation for historically marginalized youth in Bellevue. Rainier Athletes partners with approximately 40 different leagues, including BGCB.

In addition to growing up in Bellevue, Mr. Franklin has a long history of playing sports and being involved in the Bellevue community. The cost of sports and field use costs are continuing to increase, not to mention the amount of people wanting to use the fields. Keeping access to low-cost recreation-level programs and leagues is important.

Mr. Franklin discussed the many benefits BGCB has had on the community and his organization.

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

Councilmember Robertson provided the following update on Council projects:

- All of the Parks Board budget requests are included in the budget that is expected to be approved next week.

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

- The Parks Department will be updating Council on Enatai Beach Park.
- Council is scheduled to take action on some Comprehensive Plan policies, including the Grand Connection policy.
- Council selected the option for the Grand Connection (Option 3).
- The contract for the aquatic center feasibility study update was recently awarded. This update should be completed by 2Q19.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Foran reiterated the excitement of the budget approval and all of the Parks related items included in the budget.

There were over 600 people that attended the Thanksgiving Dinner at Crossroads Community Center. The annual Crossroads Holiday Event will be held on December 18, 2018.

Boardmembers are encouraged to attend and/or volunteer at this event.

The joint Human Services Commission/Parks Board holiday event will be held on December 4, 2018 at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center.

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Boardmember Unger recently attended the *Elf, Jr.* Bellevue Youth Theater production. She also attended the Parliamentary Procedures training and found the information very informative.

Boardmember Hamilton attended the Parliamentary Procedures training and also found the information very informative. He also enjoys interacting with the parks online, via social media.

Vice-Chair Trescases attended a field trip, with her daughter, to the Mercer Slough and enjoyed the experience.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

Chair Kumar attended the Parliamentary Procedures training and appreciated the wealth of information. She recommends this for all Boards and Commissions. Chair Kumar will also be attending the upcoming Cultural Conversations event.

Chair Kumar expressed her appreciation to City Council for all of their work on the budget and Grand Connection. She also expressed her appreciation to the Board for submitting thoughtful questions regarding Wilburton Hill Park.

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

No reports.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Potential Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue Fieldhouse Partnership**

Mr. Foran reminded Boardmembers that in October, 2018, Council directed the Parks Board to recommend a process to review the BGCB Fieldhouse proposal. Tonight the Board will discuss elements of a process for evaluating the need, public benefit, and site identification for the fieldhouse. Mr. Foran noted that the concept was introduced in May, 2017. He reviewed the timeline to date, including the initial high-level screening and due diligence, introduction of the concept to the neighborhood, and the concept described to the Parks Board and City Council.

Kathy Haggart, President/CEO of BGCB explained that the BGCB serves thousands of youth at 14 locations throughout Bellevue. However, the primary mission is to serve those who need it most. For 25+ years, the BGCB has been offering free year-round out-of-school programs for low-income, often at-risk youth throughout Bellevue. Many of these youth do not have access to recreational programs due to a variety of reasons (i.e., schools do not offer after school activities, financial hardships/circumstances, transportation issues, etc.).

Ms. Haggart explained that the BGCB evaluated the demands of customers and the potential ideal locations for the fieldhouse and it was determined that Wilburton Hill Park is the best location to serve the low-income, at-risk kids. The facility would offer a wide-range of indoor activities that would not be dedicated to any exclusive use by an outside user. In addition, the club would be run for kids. When there is time, the City would run a wide variety of activities as well. Some of the activities may include: indoor track, , indoor soccer, etc.

Ms. Haggart called attention to a letter that was included in the Board Desk Packet from Patrick Jones that asked Boardmembers to support the Wilburton Indoor Athletic Facility project.

Mr. Foran reviewed the proposed process map, which included:

- Orientation & Process Map
- Community Need
- Public Benefit
- Site Identification

The proposed process map includes various decision points. These include:

| Timeframe | Decision Point |
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| January, 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Board process recommendation to City Council • City Council direction |
| TBD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Board: Is there need and benefit? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If yes, proceed to site analysis ○ If no, report back to City Council |
| TBD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Board recommendation to City Council on need, public benefit and preferred site • City Council review and direction |

Mr. Foran noted that if the fieldhouse project moves forward, the following steps remain:

- Project agreement (Council approval required)
- Land use process
- Project design
- Building permits

Board Discussion:

- Boardmember Unger:
 - Does it make sense to have site identification as the third step since everyone is discussing the fieldhouse at the Wilburton location?
Mr. Foran responded that the Board first needs to determine if there is a community need and public benefit.
 - In addition to neighborhood outreach, Boardmember Unger suggested that there also be broader community outreach.
 - Does the impact analysis and the site identification cover if we have facilities within our system that can accommodate a use or environmental feature that might be impacted or relocated to make space for the proposed facility?
Mr. Foran responded that generally speaking yes, trade-offs are covered.
- Boardmember Hamilton:
 - Is this process unique?
Mr. Foran responded that the process is fairly typical. The Board needs to determine if there is a need/a public benefit.
 - Are there any other process maps that have been used?
Mr. Foran noted that a master plan process is similar, although this process is more specific.
 - Believes the process, as proposed, is headed in the right direction and looks forward to continuing the conversation

- Boardmember Heath:
 - How long is the proposed process map expected to take?
Mr. Foran anticipates that community need/public benefit could be discussed in February; site identification (if the project is worthy of continuation) in conjunction with site visits, community meetings, etc. April/May/June; and then a report to Council in June/July timeframe. That timeframe is flexible and can be adjusted to suit the needs of the process
 - It is difficult to react to the decision process with the descriptions being at such a high level—is there a better way to conduct the process?
 - Would like to consider other sites as options. Are private sites being considered? How does this fit within the recently-studied Wilburton land-use study? Should we look at locations earlier in the process?
 - Want to understand the analysis for community need.
 - Has the 4-acre parcel in the Grand Connection been considered (the lid park)?
Mr. Foran explained that the community need relates to supply/demand for indoor recreational facilities, rather than addressing whether or not kids should be served.

- Vice-Chair Trescases:
 - Proposed process makes sense
 - What is Council's expectation?
Mr. Foran responded that Council would like an actual process identified.
 - After being presented with the process, how long will it take Council to approve the process before it is sent back to the Parks Board?
Mr. Foran responded that Council requested a process map. They will evaluate whether or not the process map includes the right scope of work, decision points, and does the process map provide enough information to make a decision. If the Parks Board finalizes the process map at the January Board meeting (if this is the desired option) then it can most likely be presented to Council in January as well.
 - Within the site identification details, are there some initial criteria?
Mr. Foran responded that this should be addressed in the process map.

- Chair Kumar:
 - Recommend using Parks & Open Space System Plan to identify criteria to use for site identification
 - Generally feels good about the proposed process
 - Has this process been used before?
 - Once the process is approved, would like additional statistics from BGBC regarding the population, demographics, neighborhoods served, etc. for the project.
 - What other sites have been evaluated by the BGCB?
 - What is the proposed timeline?

Mr. Foran clarified that Council will mostly likely want a proposed timeline. Staff will prepare a range of recommended timelines for the Board to consider at the January Board meeting.

- Are there examples of how community need and public benefit has been evaluated?

Mr. Foran responded that there are examples of both community need and public benefit that can be provided.

Mr. Parker noted that Boardmember Clark submitted a list of comments/questions for clarification. The questions were similar to other comments/questions raised above and will be incorporated into the overall Board feedback.

Boardmember Heath expressed his skepticism that the first two columns identified in the process map can be addressed in one or two meetings. He views these as substantial questions/discussions for the community. Boardmember Heath rejected the idea that other sites throughout Bellevue not be considered. He added that there shouldn't be an assumption that Wilburton is the target.

Boardmember Hamilton explained that his understanding for the January Board meeting is to confirm the process that will be forwarded to the City Council. Mr. Foran confirmed that this is the current expectation.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Chair Kumar requested that an update regarding the Environmental Stewardship Plan be provided at a future Board meeting. She would like the Parks Board to be supportive in the Environmental Stewardship Plan endeavors.

Vice-Chair Trescases suggested that the Board send an official message (via Oral Communications) to thank City Council for their work with the budget process.

Boardmember Unger looks forward to the Ashwood Park update and discussed the general process for the park, which Mr. Foran confirmed.

Boardmember Heath called attention to an email that Chair Kumar wrote to Mr. Schrag on October 22, 2018 regarding Ashwood Park. He noted that the email promised that Chair Kumar would follow-up with Mr. Schrag on a particular issue. Boardmember Heath inquired if Chair Kumar indeed followed-up with Mr. Schrag. Chair Kumar responded that Mr. Schrag attended the last Board meeting, and Mr. Parker added that staff has been in ongoing dialogue with Mr. Schrag. Boardmember Hamilton requested a brief synopsis of the communications with Mr.

Schrag. Mr. Foran clarified that there is a significant amount of back and forth communication that has transpired between the City and Mr. Schrag. In addition, Council is aware of the situation.

Vice-Chair Trescases clarified that the email from Chair Kumar to Mr. Schrag stated that she would follow-up with City staff and Council regarding Mr. Schrag's concerns, which is exactly what has been done. Therefore, Vice-Chair Trescases views Chair Kumar's follow-up as complete.

Boardmember Heath requested an update regarding the potential aquatic center facility. Mr. Foran clarified that Council approved the consultant contract, which includes a specific set of Council-directed tasks. Boardmember Heath thought that there were questions raised during the aquatic center presentation that weren't addressed. He expressed his frustration that questions are raised but not always answered or followed-up upon. He would like any questions raised about the aquatic center properly addressed.

Chair Kumar summarized that the next meeting agenda will include finalizing/approving the process for the potential Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue Fieldhouse partnership so that the process can be forwarded to City Council.

13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Memo and Proclamation for "Lights on Afterschool Day"
- C. Communications from and to Pam Johnston re Environmental Policies
- D. Communications from and to Dwight Schrag re Ashwood Park, King County Animal Control, and City's budget and planning processes
- E. Email from Pat M re Bellevue Skatepark
- F. Email from Nicole C re Bellevue Skatepark
- G. Email from Trina B re park maintenance
- H. Note and photos appreciating Bellevue's parks
- I. Email from Martha C re fieldhouse at Wilburton Hill Community Park
- J. Email from Chris C re Bannerwood Park and *It's Your City* article
- K. List of upcoming Parks special events

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

Mr. Foran gave kudos to the Resource Management maintenance crew for their work on the Lewis Creek Park trail. Boardmember Unger requested that the proper staff be notified about the positive feedback.

Ginger Switzer

12649 NE 2nd Street, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Switzer explained that the Wilburton District roadways are already overcrowded and many current projects will only make this work (Spring District, City Walk, Light Rail, new school, etc.). She suggested that the current projects be finished to see the impacts of the projects before adding any additional projects to the Wilburton area.

Ms. Switzer encouraged Boardmembers to evaluate other sites for the BGBC Fieldhouse other than Wilburton. If this is done, then more neutral information should be sent out to the appropriate communities versus what was presented at the Wilburton picnic.

Lastly, Ms. Switzer called attention to the older trees in the Wilburton area and the importance that these represent within the community.

Chris Lona

12424 NE 2nd Street, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Lona noted that the *Bellevue Reporter* recently published the following information:

- City Council heard the results of the latest citywide Tree Canopy Assessment.
- The 2018 Tree Canopy Assessment found the total tree canopy at 37%.
- After the Tree Canopy Assessment in 2000, City Council adopted a goal of 40% tree canopy for the City into the Comprehensive Plan.
- In order to reach the 40% citywide goal, the City would need an additional 670 acres of tree canopy.

Mr. Lona asked, ‘how does removing or subtracting significant existing canopy from Wilburton Hill Park for a fieldhouse align with the facts above?’

Mr. Lona also called attention to a 2015 Land Use Vision Statement, which states, “Bellevue grows in a manner that enhances the livability of the community, while maintaining the elements that residents cherish. Growth in Bellevue is focused in denser, mixed-use centers, like Downtown, Bel-Red, and Eastgate, while maintaining the City’s outstanding natural environment and the health and vitality of established residential neighborhoods.” Taking this statement into consideration, Mr. Lona asked the following questions:

- Is Wilburton considered a mixed-use center?
- Is Wilburton considered an established residential neighborhood with outstanding natural environments?
- Does tearing down the Wilburton Hill Park forest and replacing it with a fieldhouse enhance the livability of the community or maintain the elements

that residents cherish? If so, how does the fieldhouse project in Wilburton Hill Park align with the established Land Use mission?

Carolyn Maxim
12405 NE 2nd St., Bellevue, WA

Ms. Maxim clarified that the BGCB is paid to do their work. The community is giving up their time to support Wilburton Hill Park in a way that is thoughtful, factual, and organized.

Ms. Maxim is concerned about the proposed process map because there are no costs to the public identified (i.e., public trust). She asked, 'Who will represent the long-term interests of the forest at Wilburton Hill Park' and 'Who will represent the average citizen that enjoys the park passively.'

The community has provided feedback in an online survey and Ms. Maxim feels the feedback has been ignored. She urged Boardmembers to look long-term to the things that are not quantified.

Daniel Renn
603 129th Pl. NE, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Renn agreed with Boardmember Heath and asked why the Crossroads area is not being evaluated for the BGCB Fieldhouse project. He also noted that he was on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Wilburton Commercial Area. The final plan identified for the Wilburton Commercial Area includes dense apartments. The people that will use the proposed BGCB Fieldhouse are in the Wilburton commercial area or near 156th. He suggested that Boardmembers consider these sites as alternatives.

Boardmember Unger thinks that getting rid of the tree canopy is a terrible idea and/or causing additional traffic congestion is a huge issue. She would like the Parks Board to be mindful of these issues when developing the overall process map.

Chair Kumar asked about the master plan for Wilburton Community Park and the existence of a third ballfield that is not currently constructed near the existing two.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Unger and second by Vice-Chair Trescases to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: December 26, 2018

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Shelley Brittingham, Assistant Director

SUBJECT: Potential Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue Fieldhouse Partnership
(*Board action requested*)

At your October meeting, staff presented an overview of the proposed partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue to develop an indoor sports facility. The City Council requested the Parks & Community Services Board develop and recommend to the Council a process to review this potential partnership.

At your November meeting, staff presented a draft Process Map with steps to determine whether the City wishes to proceed with further investigation into this concept.

At your January meeting, staff will present an updated draft of the Process Map based on the feedback received at your November meeting. A proposed timeline has also been developed as part of the process map.

Staff requests that the Board recommend approval of the updated process map and forward to City Council for further direction.

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: December 28, 2018

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Glenn Kost, Planning & Development Manager

SUBJECT: Park Construction Project Updates – Meydenbauer Bay Park and Surrey Downs Park
(Information only – no Board action is requested)

At your January meeting, I will review the status of two major park construction projects, Surrey Downs and Meydenbauer Bay.

Construction began in Meydenbauer Bay Park in May 2017, and in Surrey Downs Park in April 2018. Both projects are nearing completion. I will provide a brief history and construction progress for each site.



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT December 2018

Aquatic Center Study

The team led by ARC Architects was awarded the feasibility study update, and the contract is now signed. With the 2009 feasibility study as a foundation, initial work began in December, with work in earnest to begin in January 2019 and to continue through most of 2019.

Bannerwood Park

Amendments to our agreements with Seattle University and the Bellevue School District have been signed that allow further upgrades to the Bannerwood baseball facility. SU will install a roof over the existing batting cages and construct a small multi-use/clubhouse building behind the 3rd base dugout prior to the spring baseball season, all at SU's cost.

2019-25 CIP Budget

The City Council adopted the 2019-25 CIP budget with all initiatives recommended by the Park Board. This included continued funding for the ongoing Renovation Program, Park & Open Space Acquisition and Park Planning. It also added neighborhood park development in Bridle Trails and Newport Hills; construction funding for Airfield Park; planning and design for future phases of Meydenbauer Bay; supplemental funding for Downtown Park's NE Gateway; and initial funding for Bel-Red parks and streams. Funding for the Meydenbauer project was reduced slightly from the original proposal. We have now completed the workload plans to implement these initiatives.

Downtown Park – NE Gateway

While the Arts Program manager finalizes a scope and contract with the artist, we are proceeding with the site plan and technical aspects of the design. We are also continuing with the alley vacation and are monitoring a potential development proposal adjacent to the Gateway project. Once the public art component of the plan has been finalized, we will schedule a joint Park Board/Arts Commission meeting to present the plan and request a joint recommendation to the Council.

Fieldhouse Study

The staff presented an overview of the proposed Boys & Girls Club fieldhouse concept to the Park Board in October. Neighborhood concern has been expressed about the Wilburton Park location, mainly related to tree-loss and traffic impacts. The City Council asked that the Park Board develop a process to evaluate this proposal to determine whether the City wishes to proceed with further investigation into this concept. In November, the Park Board reviewed a draft process developed by the staff and suggested several additions and revisions. The Board is scheduled to review the revised process at their January meeting.

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

Construction is nearing complete, with substantial completion expected in mid-January. The completion of punchlist items will likely continue into February. Key remaining items include final landscaping, the installation of hand railings and site lighting. A series of informational and regulatory signs has been developed and will be installed prior to public opening. The Whaling Building renovation is about 50% complete, with completion expected in February. Staff is working

with vendors to prepare for the boat concession this summer in the Whaling Building. A parking plan is also being developed to manage the busy summer season.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects Summary

- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Project complete.
- **Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Project complete.
- **BYT Construction:** Project complete.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Site analysis and initial schematic design is complete. The cost estimates for Phase 1 are significantly over the anticipated budget, so we continue to explore schematic design options and costs to determine the Phase 1 scope of work.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
 - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Bridle Trails/140th Ave property acquisition:** Project complete.
 - **Bridle Trails Corner Park acquisition & development:** Project complete.
 - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Project complete.
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Project complete.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Park construction will be near-complete by year’s end. Remaining items include play area surfacing, landscaping around the parking area and park entry, electrical work and irrigation testing. Except for one property, the new boundary fence has been installed. We continue to coordinate park work with Sound Transit’s light rail project, and we have requested that they install safety fencing along the light rail corridor prior to the park opening. Restoration work may continue into the spring depending on weather and light rail construction.

Renovation Program

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

The following 2017 projects were deferred into 2018:

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

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

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

From: Chris Lona <cld@cldesign.co>
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 3:03 PM
To: parkboard <parkboard@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Questions asked to the park board 11 27 18

Greetings,

Just an update from a Wilburton neighbor who attended the park board meeting on Tuesday 11 27.

Topic: Boys and Girls Club concept of the construction of a Field House in Wilburton Hill Park.

I asked you the board the following questions and am providing this as a courtesy for your review. A few more commentss have been added.

Tree Canopy

Is it true that at a September 24th extended meeting, the Bellevue City Council heard the results of the latest citywide tree canopy assessment?

Is it true that the 2018 assessment found the total tree canopy was 37%?

Is it true that after the study, the city council adopted a goal of 40% tree canopy for the city into the comprehensive plan?

Is it a fact that in order to reach the citywide 40% goal the city would need an additional 670 acres of canopy and that the city will develop an action plan to achieve the 40% goal?

How does removing or subtracting significant existing canopy from Wilburton Hill park for a field house align with these facts and adding 670 acres to achieve the 40% goal?

Land Use Vision

Is this Land Use Vision statement from a City of Bellevue Land Use Document from 2015 accurate?

Land Use Vision

BELLEVUE GROWS IN A MANNER THAT ENHANCES THE LIVABILITY OF THE COMMUNITY, WHILE MAINTAINING THE ELEMENTS THAT RESIDENTS CHERISH.

Growth in Bellevue is focused in denser mixed use centers, like Downtown, BelRed, and Eastgate, while maintaining the city's outstanding natural environment and the health and vitality of established residential neighborhoods.

Since it is from 2015 the assumption is that it is accurate. Then these questions:

Is Wilburton considered a "mixed use center"?

Is Wilburton considered an established residential neighborhood with outstanding natural environments?

Does tearing down the Wilburton park forest and replacing it with a field house maintain the elements that residents cherish?

So if the vision statement

BELLEVUE GROWS IN A MANNER THAT ENHANCES THE LIVABILITY OF THE COMMUNITY, WHILE MAINTAINING THE ELEMENTS THAT RESIDENTS CHERISH.

Is still accurate how does the field house project as it relates to removing existing natural environments in Wilburton Hill park, which is not in a mixed use area, align with the established Bellevue Land Use vision?

Conclusion

So, IF the tree canopy and land use policies are established policies, the answers to the questions posed above indicate that a field house in Wilburton Hill park not only violates one established policy, it violates two. And if a field house were to be built in Willburton Hill park thus violating these policies, it not only calls into question the authenticity of these two polices, by extension it calls into question all Bellevue policies. My final question to the park board Tuesday night was, "What is the point in developing policies if they are not going to be adhered to?"

Your comments and questions are welcome!

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From: Dawn Novak <dnovsky@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 4:53 PM
To: Parker, Camron <CParker@bellevuewa.gov>; parkboard <parkboard@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>;
Subject: Concerns about the Proposed BGCB Fieldhouse at Wilburton Park

Dear Chris and the Park board,

I was on a business trip on Tues. Nov. 27th so could not attend the parks meeting and wanted to share my point of view with you.

I live at 618 124th Ave NE with my husband and 2 kids (Pre-K & 1st grade) and 2 dogs. We use the Wilburton Park about 5 times a week and love it. One of the reasons we bought our house on 124th in Wilburton is due the park and the forest nearby. My kids attend the Wilburton Elementary and my son goes to the BGCB afterschool program at that school.

I am very concerned about the BGCB process and proposal to build a new fieldhouse at Wilburton Hill park. While in some ways, I could see how my kids and family could benefit from the site, my worries about other factors overshadow the benefits. Most specifically, I'm concerned about the BGCB site selection process and assumptive close on the Wilburton Park. In reading through the materials by the BGCB, they state the next steps are:

- **project agreement (council approval required)**
- land use process (conditional use permit & environmental review)
- Project Design
- Building Permits

I'm very alarmed that site selection was assumed completed! I've read the information in board packets where they considered several sites N of I-90 and east of 405 and how they want to be in a park with good parking.... None of it explains why Wilburton park is their first choice. I have heard from neighbors who attended the recent council meetings that the BGCB said the Crossroad neighborhood and Robinswood neighborhood are likely to use the proposed fieldhouse the most. I do not understand why BGCB did not consider the Crossroads park as a potential site. I also do not understand why Wilburton Park was ranked number 1 – especially when the neighborhood just lost a lot of tree canopy for the elementary school. At a minimum BGCB owes the community a better explanation as to why Wilburton Park is their preferred location and where in the park they hope to build this “fieldhouse.” I was at the picnic in September when BGCB presented to the Wilburton community and felt like I needed more information - not that I approved. They presented 3 possible locations at Wilburton park at that time. I am very concerned about deforestation and increased traffic in the residential neighborhood. They have not addressed this yet.

Could the city of Bellevue open a public online survey for the residents about the specific site location of the proposed BGCB fieldhouse in Wilburton Park?

This would give the city of Bellevue a transparent view of the community thoughts and not an assumptive/filtered view from the BGBC. I hope the city of Bellevue goes through due diligence with the community before approving the BGCB suggested plan.

Thank you for your service to the community,

Dawn Novak

From: Dave McCoy <dave@dsmccoy.com>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2018 11:34 PM
To: parkboard <parkboard@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Boys and Girls Club Proposal

Clearing forested park land in Wilburton to create a large indoor sports facility strikes me as a direct contradiction to what I was told was Bellevue's commitment to green space. A commitment I have supported and helped pay for.

In addition I have serious concerns about traffic impact in an area that is already struggling to accommodate traffic generated by the new Wilburton elementary school, the International School, and Bellevue Botanical Garden events.

It does not appear to me that the council is approaching their plan for this facility consistently with the stated policies of Bellevue and commitments that have been made to residents. I have also heard some of the comments made about residents' concerns and they appear to me both deliberately uninformed and inappropriately snide in order to minimize legitimate requests for appropriate diligence.

The council does not appear particularly receptive to input from the community. However I and many of my neighbors who are long-time Bellevue residents are taking careful note of how this matter is being managed.

David S. McCoy
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-----Original Message-----

From: Home Fuller Switzer <dfswit@yahoo.com>

Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2018 7:02 PM

To: council@bellevuewa.gov; parkboard <parkboard@bellevuewa.gov>

Cc: sdfswit@yahoo.com

Subject: Opposition to proposal for Boy's and Girl's club field house at Wilburton

Hello,

I am in incredible disbelief that this is even being considered!

I have lived in Bellevue on Woodridge Hill since the 1980's and have enjoyed Wilburton Park and the Botanical Gardens from it's infancy. It is my understanding the land was a gift to Bellevue Parks for all of Bellevue residents to enjoy - NOT TO DESTROY. It is a protected area and is enjoyed by people of all ages and nationalities. Destroying old growth forests, adding traffic congestions, worsening the carbon footprint without any regard as to climate change and how it affects the people who LIVE in Bellevue is unacceptable.

I oppose this idea and KNOW it is in violation of established policies.

There are plenty of other areas where concrete and congestion exists that this building could be built and fit right in.

Wilburton Park is to Bellevue as Central Park is to New York.

Leave it as it is and was intended to be.

KEEP ME INFORMED OF FUTURE MEETINGS WHERE THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

KEEP THE RESIDENTS INFORMED OF FUTURE MEETINGS WHERE THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

Dr. Diane Fuller Switzer

12416 SE 17th st

Bellevue, WA 98005

From: Dan or Bonnie Renn <dan_sabina@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 4:42 PM
To: Parker, Camron <CParker@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: parkboard <parkboard@bellevuewa.gov>; Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>; Jo Scott
Subject: Re: Concerns about the Proposed BGCB Fieldhouse at Wilburton Park

To all concerned,

I did go to the Park Board meeting and what I mostly heard was that the Boys and Girls club want to build on the Wilburton site.

This was the case even though the Boys Club speaker stated that most of the people served would be bused in from 148th Ave and 156th Ave.

The Board was looking at what Plan they need to site the Facility at the Wilburton Park. There was very little interest in evaluating another site.

What about Crossroads or Robinswood which are both in the 148th and 156th area? I believe that it is quite clear that the neighbors want the Wilburton Park much as it is now.

The only desired addition that I have heard of is a possible 3rd Base Ball Field.

It is quite clear that none of the existing fields or the Tree Canape should be sacrificed for a 1 acre plus facility.

Please be sure that the Park Board really looks at where the need is and where this facility should be located, if it is truly needed.

Thank You for your consideration,

Daniel Renn, Wilburton Resident
603 129th Place N E
(425) 455-9990

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JANUARY 2019

- Jan 4** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Stanger in the Woods”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Have you ever wondered what a deer is thinking when it spots you in the woods? This month we’ll be reading along from the animal’s point of view as they gather their courage to find out about the mysterious visitor in their midst. 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.
- Jan 5** **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.
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.
- Jan 6** **Living with Wildlife - It’s a Mole.. It’s a Muskrat... No It’s Mountain Beavers! 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
An elusive creature most people don’t even realize exists is wandering around Bellevue - the mountain beaver! Join us as we learn more about our shy neighbors, how they help the environment, and how we can keep their homes and teeth out of our gardens. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** This program is best for adults, but participants ages 13+ are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 6** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Hike, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Jan 6-12** **SBCC's 13th Anniversary Celebration**, times vary by activity
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
In celebration of the New Year and to honor SBCC's thirteenth anniversary, many of our instructors will offer their classes, activities, and programs for free as a thank-you to our loyal patrons, and as an invitation to try something new! Come celebrate with Indoor Cycling, Zumba, Rock Climbing, Boot Camp with Karie, Parent/Child Indoor Play, Strong & Fit for Seniors/Adults, Drop-In Sports, Total Body Fitness, Purna Yoga, Pilates, Jazzercise, Yang Style Tai Chi, Parkour, Post-Rehab Strength and Conditioning, and Children's Ballet! **Ages:** All ages – specific ages depending upon the class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240, or see SBCC's web page – <http://bellevuewa.gov/sbcc.htm>.
- Jan 7-11** **Bellevue Main Club's New Student Free Fitness Classes**, times vary
Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE
New students can come and enjoy one week of fitness classes for free at the Bellevue Main Club. Classes focus on overall wellness and include cardio fitness, strength training, Tai Chi movement, balance, fall prevention, meditation, yoga, and breathing. Classes are beneficial for all fitness levels and adult ages. Visit the Bellevue Main Club web page or contact us for a schedule of classes. **Ages:** Adults, 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Jan 9** **Northwest Arts Center Open House**, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Explore what Northwest Arts Center has to offer. Free workshops will be available for people to try out different class options. For the workshop schedule, visit <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/community-centers/northwest-arts-center>
Ages: All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Jan 11** **Indoor Play with Xakary the Magician**, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Join us for a free 45-minute performance from Xakary the Magician, followed by an hour session of Indoor Play. ParentMap magazine and website has awarded Xakary the Magician the "Golden Teddy" award for being one of the top children's entertainers in the Puget Sound region in every year from 2013 to 2016! He is the only entertainer to be recognized for all four years. **Ages:** 0-5. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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- Jan 11** **Who's in Your Backyard: Cousin Coyote**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Have you heard them howling in the evening near your home? Coyotes can easily adapt to an urban setting like Bellevue. Come learn what to do if you come across one of these dog-like creatures in your backyard or in the parks! **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Jan 11** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908461.
- Jan 11** **Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call the park home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for youth and adult participants at <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 180740. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 12** **Winter on the Farm**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Adult and child will team together to find out how farm animals survive the chilly winter months. Meet our fluffy and furry animals on a touch-and-tell walk. Come inside and warm up as we continue our fun activities in the barn. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900515.
- Jan 13** **Cascade Canines**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know foxes are the only canids to climb trees or that coyotes tiptoe to be extra sneaky? Discover more about Washington's furry canines and practice your howl with a park ranger this month. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Jan 16** **BBG Society Lecture: Welcome to Subirdia**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
John Marzluff, Professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Washington, will show us the importance of suburbs in preventing species loss in the face of climate change. This lecture is presented by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and is open to the public. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Jan 18** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908462.
- Jan 19** **Marshmallow Madness**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Spend a warm and cozy Saturday morning with your child making fun marshmallow art, music, games and a yummy snack! This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106 for course 190366.
- Jan 19** **Garden Class: Growing Mushrooms at Home**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Tristan Woodsmith and focuses on growing gourmet mushrooms at home, both indoors and outdoors. Learn the mushroom life cycle, various substrates used for growing mushrooms, and low-tech methods for generating mycelium including spores, spawn, and stem-butts. Species covered will include oyster mushrooms, shiitake, lion's mane and more! **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- Jan 19** **History of Eastside Logging (Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center),**
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that most of the east side of Lake Washington was clear-cut by 1920? Or that nearly all of the big trees that we see today are less than 100 years old? (It will take another 400 years for our evergreens to reach 'maturity')! Come and see the equipment that evolved from two men working one tree all day with a hand-saw, to sky-line cable operations that could clear a whole Cougar Mountain valley in a single day. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** This program is best for adults, but participants ages 13+ are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 20** **Northwest Perennial Alliance Event and Lecture: The Promise of Spring,**
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Event includes plant sale and lectures by Donna Bogumill and Julia Graham on the NPA Open Gardens of 2018, and by Steve Edney, Head Gardener of the Salutation Garden in the UK. **Cost:** Free for Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$15 for non NWPA members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Lectures.php>
- Jan 20** **Cascade Canines, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know foxes are the only canids to climb trees or that coyotes tiptoe to be extra sneaky? Discover more about Washington's furry canines and practice your howl with a park ranger this month. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 21** **Plant Trees on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
Eastgate Park, 14500 SE Newport Way
Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by volunteering with the City of Bellevue and EarthCorps to improve the health of our parks and forests. Gloves, tools, hot drinks, water and snacks will be provided. No experiences necessary. Come ready to plant, rain or shine, and work alongside other dedicated volunteers. **Ages:** 7 and older with adult help. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.EarthCorps.org (click on "Volunteer Calendar") **Info:** 425-452-6048.

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- Jan 21** **Holiday Farm Tour: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,**
11 a.m. – noon or 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 410 130th Place SE
Bring the whole family to come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them!
Ages: 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. Each attendee must register. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows.
Info and to register: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1905971 for the 11 a.m. tour, and course #1905972 for the 1:30 p.m. tour.
- Jan 25** **Movie with a Ranger: “Wild Kratts: Little Howler”,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
In this episode, Martin find a wolf pup in his backpack after he and Chris run back to the Tortuga exhausted yet gratified from their recent adventure with wolves. The Kratt brothers retrace their steps in order to find out how the wolf pup ended up in Martin’s backpack and to devise a way to return the wolf pup back to its pack. Enjoy this educational show with a Bellevue Park Ranger, and then we will expand our learning with a wolf program. **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old.
Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Jan 25** **Nature Movie Night: “One Ocean,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The ocean covers more than 70% of the surface of our planet. Researchers continues to explore the vast reaches in search of answers to the unknown. Narrated by the great David Attenborough, this first episode of *Blue Planet II* begins to explore sea life in all regions of the world. 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.
- Jan 26** **Felted Landscapes,** 10 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, House, 410 130th Place SE
View different landscapes and become inspired to create your own. We will visit our resident Kelsey Creek Farm sheep, view different landscape pictures, and then use wool roving to make your own felted landscape in a plastic bag. Each child will take home a finished landscape wall hanging. **Ages:** 6-11. **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #19006011.

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- Jan 26** **Family Discovery Series: Creatures Below the Snow**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The surface of the snow-covered ground looks peaceful and serene; what lies beneath is drastically different. Many animals struggle to survive the harsh winter months, while others thrive below the snow. Listen to a story about these creatures' survival strategies with a Park Ranger, and then enjoy a fun winter craft. **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.
- Jan 26** **Cascade Canines**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know foxes are the only canids to climb trees or that coyotes tiptoe to be extra sneaky? Discover more about Washington's furry canines and practice your howl with a park ranger this month. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 27** **Ranger-led Hike at Lakemont Highlands Open Space**, 10 a.m. – Noon
Meeting place: 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. **Distance:** Approximately 3.5 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (680 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 28** **Farmer for a Day**, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, House, 410 130th Place SE
Come join us at Kelsey Creek Farm for a fun day off school and become a farmer for a day! Experience farm life firsthand as you go behind the scenes and see what it really takes to be a farmer. Help us collect eggs, make animals' meals, clean out stalls, and brush a pony! Bring a lunch, snack and drink. **Ages:** 8-10. **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1906031.

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FEBRUARY 2019

- Feb 1** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908463.
- Feb 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Great Kapok 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! Learn about the different animals of the Amazon Rainforest as they come together to tell the story of the kapok tree and hopefully save their 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.
- Feb 2** **Garden Class: Winter Watercolor**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Molly Hashimoto. Come and learn how to celebrate the late winter season through art! We’ll create watercolor sketches of individual botanical specimens, as well as paint a landscape. All supplies will be provided. **Cost:** \$35 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$45/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Feb 2** **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. **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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- Feb 2** **Cocoa and Canvas**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Join your child for a fun afternoon on the farm! You and your child will each create a farm-themed painting to take home. Cocoa, cookies, and all art supplies will be provided. Painting will be inside the heated barn, but come dressed to get messy. Each registration fee includes one child and one adult. **Ages:** 6-10 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$60/resident and \$72/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1980541.
- Feb 3** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine
Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 8** **Movie with a Ranger: “Wild Kratts: Falcon City”**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
In this episode, Aviva is working on Peregrine Falcon Discs, when Jimmy Z takes the Wild Kratts to a city where there are pigeons – a potential prey for peregrine falcons. Enjoy this educational show with a Bellevue Park Ranger, and then we will expand our learning with a program on raptors and other birds of prey. **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Feb 9** **Valentine Fun**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Adult and child will team together to create beautiful Valentine cards, share their love with a farm animal, and participate in some fun holiday activities. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900777.

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- Feb 9** **Family Fun: Funny Little Valentine**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make a special gift for your special pal to take home! Sing songs, do a little dance, and complete the morning decorating a sweet Valentine treat. Karen Renfroe-Gielgens will be the instructor. Come join the fun! This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** Best for ages 2 to 5 years with accompanying adult. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106 for course 1900369.
- Feb 9** **Tracks, Scratch & Scat**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals leave all kinds of clues that tell us which critter has been visiting and what they were up to. Join us to learn some of Bellevue's animal signs before we head out to search for prints, feathers, and even scat to see what has been happening in Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Feb 10** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Meet at: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds alongside a creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 12** **Garden Lecture: Crown Jewel Wilderness: Creating North Cascades National Park,** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture, by Laura Danner, will be presented by the Washington Native Plant Society. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info and to register:** <https://www.wnps.org/events>
- Feb 15** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908464.

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- Feb 15** **Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call the park home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for youth and adult participants at <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1900161. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 16** **Garden Class: The Hidden Half of Your Garden – A New Way to Think About Soil**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Dave Montgomery and Anne Bilke. Come and learn about how the smallest creatures on Earth are upending practices in gardening, agriculture and medicine. We will talk about human and plant microbiomes and the role of living soil in keeping gardens, farms, and even our bodies humming along like they should. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members or Northwest Perennial Alliance Members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Feb 16** **Pioneer Life on the Farm**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Learn all about pioneer life in our unique 19th-century historic log cabin. Participants will try their hand at pioneer chores, create a pioneer craft, and read stories about early settlers and farming. The session will conclude with a visit to one of our resident ponies, and we will learn how horses were an essential part of pioneer farm life. **Ages:** 5-7 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900786.
- Feb 17** **Tracks, Scratch & Scat**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals leave all kinds of clues that tell us which critter has been visiting and what they were up to. Join us to learn some of Bellevue's animal signs before we head out to search for prints, feathers, and even scat to see what has been happening in Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 18** **Holiday Farm Tour: Presidents' Day**, 11 a.m. – noon or 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 410 130th Place SE
Bring the whole family to come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them!
Ages: 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. Each attendee must register. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows.
Info and to register: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1907951 for the 11 a.m. tour, and course #1907952 for the 1:30 p.m. tour.
- Feb 22** **Nature Movie Night: “A Murder of Crows”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
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. New research indicates that crows are among the brightest animals in the world. *A Murder of Crows* bring you these so-called feathered apes, as you have never seen them before. **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.
- Feb 22** **Night Hike: An Evergreen Evening**, 7 p.m. – 8 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:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Feb 23** **Family Discovery Series: Breakfast for Birds**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The Mercer Slough provides critical habitat for both residential and migratory birds year-round. Limited resources for these birds during the winter months can make survival challenging. Join us to find out more about our winter birds and what you can do in your own backyard to help them survive tough times.
Ages: Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Feb 23** **Tracks, Scratch & Scat**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals leave all kinds of clues that tell us which critter has been visiting and what they were up to. Join us to learn some of Bellevue's animal signs before we head out to search for prints, feathers, and even scat to see what has been happening in Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Feb 24** **BBSG Garden Special Lecture: The Queen's Gardener**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
What's it like to garden for the Queen? We are delighted to welcome John Anderson, the Keeper of the Gardens at Windsor Castle and Savill Garden in England. He is going to create a special lecture for us that focuses on working for the royal family, but also on his experience gardening with plant groups that are popular in the Pacific Northwest. **Cost:** \$15 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and Heronswood members; \$25/non-BBSG members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Feb 24** **Adult Enrichment Series: Wondrous Wetlands**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you ever wondered about the different wetlands around Bellevue? Join a Park Ranger for a presentation about what makes wetlands special before heading outside to visit Lewis Creek's own marsh. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This hike's difficulty is rated as easy (.5 mile). This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1900174. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Feb 28** **Garden Class: Layering the Landscape for Less Maintenance: Clematis, Shrubs and Groundcovers that Love Our Climate**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Marianne Binetti, radio host, author and columnist. Marianne will talk about designing with the best plants for Western Washington, including the easiest to grow clematis. Brought to you by Cascade Water Alliance and the City of Bellevue. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <https://layering.brownpapertickets.com/> **For other Cascade Gardener classes:** <https://cascadewater.org/water-efficiency/cascade-gardener/>

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MARCH 2019

- March 2** **Felted Landscapes**, 10 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, House, 410 130th Place SE
View different landscapes and become inspired to create your own. We will visit our resident Kelsey Creek Farm sheep, view different landscape pictures, and then use wool roving to make your own felted landscape in a plastic bag. Each child will take home a finished landscape wall hanging. **Ages:** 6-11. **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #19006012.
- March 2** **Introduction to Backyard Chickens**, 10 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn Farm Room, 410 130th Place SE
If you're interested in keeping pet chickens in Bellevue, the staff at Kelsey Creek Farm can help you get started! We'll cover setting up a chicken coop, where to get chickens, what breeds to choose from, and how to care for them at all stages of life. You'll also tour our chicken coops, see the kind of equipment you will need, and practice picking up and holding a chicken. **Ages:** 14 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$20/resident and \$25/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1901015
- March 8** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908465.
- March 9** **Northwest Perennial Alliance March Mania Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Shop for spring ephemerals and choice garden plants not readily available at other times of the year. Learn from nursery experts and let them help you choose some of the earliest bloomers of the season. Most of the sale is held indoors, where the kids can enjoy fun activities just for them while you shop. **Cost:** Open to the public; no admission fee.
Info: http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/march_mania.php

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- March 9** **Cocoa and Canvas**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Join your child for a fun afternoon on the farm! You and your child will each create a farm-themed painting to take home. Cocoa, cookies, and all art supplies will be provided. Painting will be inside the heated barn, but come dressed to get messy. Each registration fee includes one child and one adult. **Ages:** 6-10 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$60/resident and \$72/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1980542.
- March 13** **Garden Class: Spring 101 Gardeners Question Time**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join a panel of four King County Master Gardeners who will present a powerpoint of what you should be doing in the garden in Spring. We will be talking, planting, pruning, propagating, soil and compost care, and taking questions from the audience. This class is presented by the Northwest Perennial Alliance. **Cost:** \$25/Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$35/non-NPA members. **Info and tickets:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/classes_signup19.php
- March 15** **Farmer for a Day**, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, House, 410 130th Place SE
Come join us at Kelsey Creek Farm for a fun day off school and become a farmer for a day! Experience farm life firsthand as you go behind the scenes and see what it really takes to be a farmer. Help us collect eggs, make animals' meals, clean out stalls, and brush a pony! Bring a lunch, snack and drink. **Ages:** 8-10. **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1906032.
- March 15** **Garden Class: Mindfulness in the Garden – Nourishing Peace Within**,
10:30 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Experience the healing power of nature. Stroll through the solitude and sanctuary of the winter garden while Deborah and Jessica guide you in Mindfulness Meditation while opening your senses with Shinrun-Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing). Taught by Deborah Wilk, LMFT, and Jessica Volpentesta, LMHC. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- March 16** **St. Patrick's Day at the Farm**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Adult and child team together to make fun crafts, get up close with one of Kelsey Creek Farm's farm animals, and hunt for a pot of gold in the barnyard. Adult/child teams only. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900801.
- March 16** **Garden Class: Hydrangea How-To**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Kit Haesloop. In this class you will learn the distinguishing traits between species, and how best to keep your hydrangeas beautiful with the proper care, growing conditions, and pruning. Bring your questions and be prepared to go outside in the second half of the class. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 16** **Lucky Leprechauns**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Top o' the mornin' to ya! Join us for art, games, music, and all things green! Don't forget to have your leprechaun wear something green so you won't get pinched! There a pot of "gold" waiting for you at the end of the rainbow. This is a child and caregiver class. **Instructor:** Miss Karen. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106 for course 1900370.
- March 16** **Painting with Chickens**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Create a painting with a chicken! Children will work with a chicken to create a fun, colorful piece of artwork, combining your child's creativity with the footprints of one of our resident chickens. Children will also get to pet the chicken artists and feed them some yummy treats. All activities will be inside, but dress warmly because the barn is not heated. The nontoxic children's finger paint is washable, but have your child wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. **Ages:** 5-9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1901016.

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- March 18** **Naturalist for a Day**, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, House, 410 130th Place SE
Spend your day off from school exploring Kelsey Creek’s wetlands and Douglas fir forests. Learn about the local ecosystem, look for wildlife, and start your own nature journal! We’ll study trees, do art projects, and play outside. Bring a lunch, snack and drink. **Ages:** 8-10. **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900802.
- March 20** **BBGS Garden Lecture: Plants Are Back in Landscape Architecture: The Increasing Diversity of Plants in Public and Private Projects**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Richard Hartlage is the founding principal and owner of Land Morphology, www.landmorphology.com. His award-winning, innovative designs are renowned as emotive, immersive spaces that incorporate sophisticated horticulture, artful detailing, and historical knowledge that heighten the human experience of the natural world. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 21** **Garden Class: Garden d’Lights Orientation**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Have you wondered how they make all those flowers out of holiday lights? If you’re interested in learning about volunteering for our Garden d’Lights crew, come to this orientation to find out all about it! The crew meetings on Thursday mornings throughout the year. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; space is limited. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 22** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908466.

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Events List

(This list is a guide. Details may change.)

- March 24** **Northwest Perennial Alliance Film Event: “Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf,”** 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
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Revolutionary landscape designer Piet Oudolf is known for designing public works like New York City’s popular High Line and the Lurie Garden in Chicago’s Millennium Park. These spaces redefine our conception of gardens as works of art in themselves. This gorgeous, meditative documentary immerses viewers in Oudolf’s work, taking us inside his creative process. From his aesthetic theories to his strikingly abstract sketches to the ecological implications of his ideas, the film poetically reveals how Oudolf upends conventional notions of nature, public space and, ultimately, beauty itself. Film begins at 1 p.m.
Cost: \$5 for Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$20 for non-members.
Info: <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Lectures.php>
- March 28** **BBGS Special Lecture: The Botanical Gardens of Eastern Russia,**
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
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With Tony Allison. Come and enjoy a rare opportunity to learn about the flora and botanical gardens of eastern Russia! We will have several botanist-educators from Russian gardens who will share photographs and descriptions of their gardens, and how they are different from and similar to gardens here in the Northwest. There will also be a chance to hear about the environmental education exchange program that brought the educators to the Seattle area, and an opportunity to chat with native Russian speakers. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>