

AGENDA

Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

<p>Boardmembers:</p> <p>Stuart Heath, Chair</p> <p>Debra Kumar, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Yu Deng</p> <p>Sherry Grindeland</p> <p>Jared Nieuwenhuis</p> <p>Eric Synn</p> <p>Mark Van Hollebeke</p> <p>City Council Liaison:</p> <p>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</p> <p>Staff Contacts:</p> <p>Terry Smith – 425-452-5379</p> <p>Nancy Harvey – 425-452-4162</p>	<p>Tuesday February 14, 2017 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bellevue City Hall Room 1E-113 450 110th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA</p>																												
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9.	Discussion/Action Items (time for presentation/discussion)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Grand Connection/Wilburton Initiative CAC Report (5/5, Board feedback requested) – Vice-Chair Kumar	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> b. Park Board Development/Retreat Discussion Continuation – Chair Heath Ordinance 6241 Minutes from 9-20-14 Special meeting (retreat) Memo from Park Board to Council – 10-14-14 Memo from Jerome Roache and Draft Park Board By-Laws – 1-12-17	7
10.	Boardmember committee/liaison reports	N/A
11.	New Business (1 minute)	N/A
12.	Other Communication	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> b. Next regular scheduled Park Board meeting – March 14.	N/A
14.	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. Five minutes if representing a group.</i>	N/A
15.	Adjournment	

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**WELCOME TO YOUR
BELLEVUE PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
MEETING**

Most Parks & Community Services Board business is conducted in public, and citizens are most welcome to watch and listen.

In order to hold a meeting, a quorum of at least four Boardmembers must be present. The Board follows the City Council's example, which operates under its own Rules and Procedures, and conducts its meetings according to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Boardmembers may add items to the meeting's agenda for discussion or action, with a majority vote of those present, at the time when the agenda is approved.

Before any agenda item can be acted upon, the Chair will call for a motion to take action on that item. After the motion is seconded, the Board discusses the arguments for and against the motion.

Sometimes a Boardmember will propose a different course of action on a subject on the agenda. This is called a substitute motion and also requires a second. After discussion, the substitute motion is voted upon first. If a majority of the Boardmembers vote for the substitute motion, it passes and the matter is completed. If the substitute motion fails to obtain a majority, the Board returns to the original motion and continues to discuss and vote on it.

Other times, a Boardmember may wish to change a pending motion in some way. This is called an amendment. It also requires a second and is voted upon before a vote is taken on the main motion. If the amendment passes, the main motion is then voted upon "as amended." If the amendment does not receive a second or a majority vote, the main motion, as originally proposed, is voted upon.

When necessary, the Board may recess to an executive session. During these closed sessions, the Boardmembers are limited, by law, to discussing only such items as personnel issues, property acquisition and disposition; or to receiving advice from legal counsel on pending or potential litigation. The Chair or Vice-Chair will announce both the reason for any executive session and the anticipated time when the Board will return.

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

Tuesday
January 10, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Heath, Vice-Chair Kumar, Boardmembers Deng, Nieuwenhuis, Synn, Van Hollebeke¹

BOARDMEMBER ABSENT: Boardmember Grindeland

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Councilmember Robertson

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Bradley Calvert (PCD), Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Nathan McCommon (City Manager's Office)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy George, Betsi Hummer, Nichelle Mineiro

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

Chair Heath noted that Boardmember Van Hollebeke requested to participate in tonight's meeting remotely, since he is currently in New York City and not able to be physically present at the meeting.

Motion by Vice-Chair Kumar and second by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis to approve remote participation for Boardmember Van Hollebeke at tonight's meeting. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

¹ Via conference call; departed at 8:03 p.m.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Kumar and second by Boardmember Synn to approve the November 8, 2016 Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

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

Betsi Hummer, East Bellevue Community Council
14541 SE 26th Street, Bellevue, WA

On behalf of the East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC), Ms. Hummer distributed a copy of her presentation that highlighted some of the concerns of east Bellevue constituents. Some of the items noted included:

- Adult family homes and the inequitable distribution of these homes throughout east Bellevue. Need more transparency in the application process.
- Lack of affordable housing—need a broader city plan, not a cluster of affordable housing in Bellevue.
- Single family rentals—need to develop a registration process.
- Dilapidated homes; absent owners—need consequences.
- Abandoned vehicles—need response in meaningful manner.
- Parks—build it for use; plan for upkeep and maintenance; zone for its intended use; bathrooms; notification on improvements and changes.
- Bellevue College—need to maintain open communications and relationships; the City Liaison needs to understand the concerns of the surrounding residents; the college needs to be integrated with the Bike/Ped Plan.

Kathy George, 1126 – 34th Ave., Suite 307, Seattle, WA
Nichelle Mineiro, 16234 NE 30th Street, Bellevue, WA

Ms. George recommended that the City consider purchasing a greenbelt parcel located on Bel-Red Road on the eastern edge of the Bel-Red corridor map. Ms. Mineiro noted that she was recently notified by the property owner that the parcel is currently for sale.

Councilmember Robertson clarified that a land purchase is not under the Park Board's authority. She requested staff to further investigate the parcel and opportunity.

5. **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:**

Councilmember Robertson noted that Council received the Park Board's Preliminary 2017-2023 Parks Capital Investment Program memo, dated November 8, 2016, which was included in the Park Board packet. However, since some of the Councilmembers have other projects that they are working on, there wasn't Council support to move forward with the recommended new park projects. In addition, the budget approval process was slightly different than in years past so not all items were discussed. Therefore, the suggested new park projects were not included in the

approved budget. Councilmember Robertson added that the lack of discussion by Council did not reflect a lack of support for the projects—there were other higher priorities for Council.

Boardmember Synn expressed his disappointment and frustration that the new park projects were not discussed and/or included in the 2017-2023 Parks Capital Investment Program budget. Boardmember Van Hollebeke and Vice-Chair Kumar also expressed their disappointment with the budget process but appreciated the clarification and transparency.

In regards to the Oral Communications comments regarding adult family homes, Councilmember Robertson clarified that adult family homes are governed under federal regulations.

Lastly, Councilmember Robertson reported that Councilmember Slatter announced plans to resign from her Council position. Councilmember Slatter has been appointed to be a representative in the Washington House of Representatives.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Foran introduced Nathan McCommon, who was recently hired as Bellevue's Deputy City Manager. In addition, Mr. Foran distributed a project summary regarding the Park Point planned unit development just off of Coal Creek Parkway. There have been many questions raised regarding this project so the project summary addressed the overall project (i.e., description of proposal, location, status of review, process, community concerns, and staff contacts). Chair Heath noted that the Park Board has no authority over this project.

Lastly, Mr. Foran expressed his appreciation to everyone that was involved in the Crossroads Community Center holiday gift giveaway, specifically the Fire Department.

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

Vice-Chair Kumar is the Park Board liaison for the Wilburton-Grand Connection Initiative Community Advisory Committee. She encouraged Boardmembers to provide feedback to her regarding the project.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

Chair Heath announced that the Board Retreat will be held on February 11, 2017. He requested a bylaws template from staff in December and expressed his frustration that the template is still not complete. Staff confirmed that the template will be complete by the end of the week.

9. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Grand Connection/Wilburton Initiative**

Mr. Calvert provided an overview of the Bellevue Grand Connection. He discussed the charrette that was created to provide updates on the project.

Mr. Calvert noted that the public engagement process for the Grand Connection includes the following items:

- Interviews
- City Hall and Online Engagement Maps
- Online Open House
- Stakeholder Outreach and Discussions
- Surveys

The scope of work for the Grand Connection includes two phases: 1) establish and overall identity; identify opportunities to support route identity with cohesive strategies; and identify opportunities to improve public spaces; 2) I-405 crossing, interface with Downtown and Eastside Rail Corridor.

Mr. Calvert discussed some of the visioning schemes for the corridor. He noted that one of the first public comments received was to expand the route. He showed some of the short-term and long-term route suggestions, along with cyclist routes.

Some of the elements of the corridor include:

- Identity
 - A Natural Landscape
 - A Communal and Historical Landscape
- Cohesive Design Strategies
 - Vegetation
 - Weather Protection
 - Paving
 - Connectivity and Experience
- Placemaking and Public Space Improvements
 - Downtown Park
 - Bellevue Way and NE 6th Street
 - Compass Plaza
 - Activation
 - Bellevue Transit Center
 - Eastside Rail Corridor
- Connectivity and Range
 - Improved Pedestrian Range and Connectivity
- I-405 Crossing

Mr. Calvert discussed the next steps for the corridor, which include: refinement of the themes and concepts; early implementation; test the three alternatives through EIS; and produce a proposal for the I-405 crossing, Compass Plaza, and alternative transportation.

The Wilburton Land Use encompasses approximately 303 acres. Mr. Calvert noted that there is a Property Owners Panel and a Citizen Advisory Committee to assist with the planning efforts for the Wilburton area. Councilmember Robertson suggested that staff include the agendas from the Citizen Advisory Committee meetings in the Board packet, particularly since Boardmember Kumar sits on this committee.

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

B. Park Board Development/Retreat

Boardmembers discussed the agenda and format for the Board Retreat. Specific agenda items include: bylaws and work plan. In addition, Boardmember Synn suggested that the Board discuss ways to build more community interaction between the Board and community.

Motion by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis and second by Vice-Chair Kumar to extend the meeting until 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Boardmembers discussed the purpose of the retreat and what they envision for the bylaws. Chair Heath reiterated his frustration with the delay in receiving the bylaws template. There was a discussion on whether or not the retreat was still warranted. Mr. Foran reminded Boardmembers that there have been extensive discussions about conducting a retreat and the agenda items desired. In November, the Board had decided to conduct a retreat, and Boardmembers at that time requested that the agenda include bylaws and the work plan. Boardmembers determined that they would like to move forward with the retreat. Vice-Chair Kumar requested that the notes from the previous retreat be available at the February retreat.

Motion by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis and second by Vice-Chair Kumar to extend the meeting until 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Boardmember Synn suggested that the Park Board “Charter” be discussed at the upcoming retreat, since this is often confusing and/or unclear. However, Vice-Chair Kumar disagreed with this viewpoint noting that the Ordinance states the Board’s role and authority. It may appear confusing because not all items are under the Board’s purview.

Motion by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis and second by Boardmember Synn to extend the meeting until 9:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

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

None.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

12. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Park Board memo to City Council re Preliminary 2017-2023 Parks CIP Budget
- C. Email re Parks Scheduling Office and Paula Schoenrock

13. **INFORMATION:**

- A. List of upcoming Parks special events
- B. Park Board Special Meeting – Retreat – February 11, 2017 at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center
- C. Next regular Park Board meeting—February 14, 2017, Bellevue City Hall

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

None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Kumar and second by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 6241

AN ORDINANCE regarding membership, appointment, terms, powers and duties of the Parks and Community Services Board; Repealing Chapter 3.62 of the Bellevue City Code; enacting a new Chapter 3.62 and providing for an effective date.

WHEREAS, RCW 35.18.060 states that "The council may provide for the appointment by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Council, of the city planning commission, and other advisory citizens' committees, commissions and boards advisory to the City Council"; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.11.020 further provides that "The legislative body of each code city shall have power to organize and regulate its internal affairs...; and to define the functions, powers, and duties of its officers and employees"; and

WHEREAS, because different City Councils have established six Boards and Commissions over the years to advise the Council on different aspects of city business, inconsistencies have resulted between the enabling code chapters for those six Boards and Commissions, sometimes leading to confusion as to their respective roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to harmonize the enabling code chapters between the six Boards and Commissions to provide greater clarity and reduce confusion about roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.62 establishing the Parks and Community Services Board has not been amended or otherwise revised since 1993; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 3.62 of the Bellevue City Code and applicable sections of Ordinance Nos. 4621, 4477, 3272 and 58 are hereby repealed.

Section 2. A new Chapter 3.62 is hereby added to the Bellevue City Code entitled "Parks and Community Services Board" which provides as follows:

**Chapter 3.62
PARKS AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES BOARD**

Sections:

3.62.010 Parks and Community Services Board established.

3.62.020 Officers.

3.62.030 Meetings.

- 3.62.040 Council communications.
- 3.62.050 Bylaws and procedures.
- 3.62.060 Staff support.
- 3.62.070 Powers and duties.
- 3.62.080 Limitations.

3.62.010 Parks and Community Services Board established.

There shall be a Parks and Community Services Board of the City of Bellevue.

- A. Membership and Appointment. The Parks and Community Services Board shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor following the consent of a majority of the City Council. Board members shall be appointed without respect to political affiliation and shall serve without compensation. The Council Liaison may recommend appointment of a non-voting ex-officio member.
- B. Eligibility. Members of the Parks and Community Services Board must be residents of the City of Bellevue.
- C. Terms of Office. The term for all positions on the Board shall be four years. Each position shall expire on May 31 of the last year of the term. The expiration date of the terms of the positions on the Board shall be staggered so that no more than four positions expire in the same year.
No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms, provided a person appointed to fill an unexpired term of less than two years is eligible to serve two successive four-year terms, and provided further, a person who is ineligible to serve for having served two consecutive terms may again serve after two years have elapsed from the end of the second such term.
- D. Vacancies, Removal of Board Members, and Filling of Unexpired Terms.
 - i. The position of a member of the Parks and Community Services Board shall become vacant upon such member ceasing to be a resident of the City.
 - ii. Members of the Board may be removed at any time by the Mayor, upon approval of a majority of the City Council, for neglect of duty, conflict of interest, unexcused absence from three consecutive regular meetings of the Board, or for any reason deemed sufficient by a majority of the Council. The decision of the Council shall be final and there shall be no appeal.
 - iii. Vacancies occurring for reasons other than the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment by the Mayor upon approval of a majority of the Council.
- E. Ethical Standards. Board members shall be held to high ethical standards and shall at all times comply with the provisions of Chapter 3.92 BCC, as they exist now or may be hereafter amended.

3.62.020 Officers.

A Chair, Vice Chair and such other officers as the Board deems necessary shall be elected annually from its members. The Chair shall preside at meetings; the Vice Chair shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair.

3.62.030 Meetings.

- A. The Board shall meet at least once a month, with the exception that, critical or time-sensitive work permitting, the Board may recess for either the month of August or December.
- B. All meetings shall be open to the public; provided, the Board may hold executive sessions as permitted by law. Board business shall be conducted in compliance with the

requirements, as applicable, of the *Open Public Meetings Act*, 42.30 RCW, and the *Public Records Act*, 42.56 RCW, as they exist now or may be hereafter amended.

- C. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. Action may be taken by a majority of the members present, when a quorum exists.
- D. Affirmative votes from a majority of members present and voting shall be necessary to carry any proposition. A member who fails to vote without a valid disqualification is declared to have voted in the affirmative.
- E. A member not able to be physically present for a meeting may participate remotely using approved teleconferencing equipment. Remote participation must be approved in advance, either at an earlier Board meeting or before joining a current meeting. A member may participate remotely no more than four times per year, unless absent for medical reasons, and only two members may participate remotely during any one Board meeting. Such remote participation will be considered attendance at the meeting and shall be counted toward determination of a quorum.
 - i. Examples of situations where remote participation is authorized include, but are not limited to:
 - An agenda item is time sensitive, and remote participation is needed to achieve a quorum;
 - An agenda item is of high importance to the member who cannot be physically present;
 - It is considered important for all members to participate in a key decision, but a member is unable to be physically present.

3.62.040 Council communications.

Formal communications with or feedback to the Council shall represent the official majority and/or minority opinions of the Board, and not those of individual Board members. Board members wishing to express an individual opinion shall provide their comments at the public comment opportunities on the meeting agenda.

3.62.050 Bylaws and procedures.

The Board shall adopt bylaws and procedures not inconsistent with any requirements established in the Bellevue City Code for the conduct of its meetings and hearings, setting of times of hearings, and giving of notice to the public.

3.62.060 Staff support.

The Parks and Community Services Department shall provide technical and administrative support for the Board.

3.62.070 Powers and duties.

The Board shall act in a policy advisory capacity to the City Council. With respect to City Parks and Community Services facilities and programs, the Board may hold public hearings and shall conduct studies, perform analyses, and prepare reports requested by the City Council. The Board shall review, advise, and make recommendations to the Council on policies regarding parks and open space and community services issues such as:

- A. Master planning and planning for parks, public spaces and public plazas;
- B. Long-range planning, including participation with the Planning Commission in preparing, reviewing and recommending comprehensive plan updates and subarea plans; provided that the Planning Commission shall review and make final recommendations to the City Council on all matters which will be adopted by the Council as part of the comprehensive plan.

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- C. Design for development and redevelopment;
- D. Natural resources and environmental stewardship;
- E. Capital improvement program (CIP) project prioritization;
- F. Recreation opportunities for a wide range of interests, ages and abilities; and
- G. Cultural diversity.

In addition, the Board:

- H. Shall encourage utilization of parks and recreational activities.
- I. May participate in community outreach activities assigned by City Council;
- J. May provide the public with opportunities for involvement in the Board's activities;
- K. May recommend particular concepts for inclusion in the City's vision, subject to approval by Council;
- L. May research and provide suggestions regarding new matters or initiatives that Council may wish to consider;
- M. Shall provide at least quarterly communication to the Council, highlighting major activities, future work plans, changes in work plans, and any policy direction requested;
- N. Shall cooperate and coordinate with other Council-appointed boards, commissions, committees and task forces as appropriate; and
- O. Shall perform other duties directed by the City Council.

3.62.080 Limitations.

The Board shall have no powers or duties related to the following activities:

- A. Advocacy on behalf of the City or the Board without express Council permission;
- B. Supervision of staff, administrative operations, or maintenance; and
- C. Regional issues not specifically assigned to the Commission by the City Council.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this 27th day of July, 2015 and signed in authentication of its passage this 27th day of July, 2015.

(SEAL)


 Claudia Balducci, Mayor

Approved as to form:


 Lori M. Riordan, City Attorney

Attest:


 Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk

Published July 30, 2015.

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

Saturday
September 20, 2014
8:00 a.m.

MSEEC
1625 118th Avenue SE
Bellevue, WA

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Grindeland, Vice-Chair Evans, Boardmembers George¹, Heath, Kumar, Powell, Van Hollebeke

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Councilmember Lynne Robinson

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Shelley McVein, Camron Parker, Terry Smith

MINUTES TAKER: Nancy Harvey

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Grindeland called the meeting to order, welcomed the group with a team-building exercise.

2. **CITY COUNCIL:**

Councilmember Lynne Robinson updated the Board on the new Council Vision and other current issues before the Council, including issues of interest to the Board such as the Shoreline Master Program and Downtown Park parking.

Councilmember Robinson also discussed the Council Vision document and asked the Board to brainstorm about the Purpose and Value of Parks:

Purpose of Parks

- Gives us places to be
- Creates a green oasis
- Provides space for respite
- Space for recreation
- Nature
- Reflection
- Greenery for people without yards
 - Decreased crime
 - Decreased negative energy

The Parks & Community Services Board approved these meeting minutes on October 14, 2014.

- Problem resolution
- Release
- Communing with nature
- Centering
- Decreased tension
- Range of opportunities
- Free recreation
- Programmed recreation
 - Team building
 - Healthy competition
- Gathering place
- Experience different settings and opportunities
- Different experiences for different people
- Beauty
- Community pride
- Creates well-being
- Value of maintenance; Dependent on good maintenance
- Public reflection of our values

Value of Parks

- Community
- Economic development
- Health value – decreases costs of health care
- Helps environment
- Equitable quality of life
- Attracts good neighbors
- Teaching:
 - Botanical Garden
 - Shoreline Master Program
 - Mercer Slough

3. **BREAK/WALK:**

The Board recessed for a short break to take a walk along the trails of Mercer Slough Nature Park.

4. **VISION FOR THE FUTURE:**

Terry Smith and Camron Parker led the Board in a discussion of visioning ideas. The ideas discussed will help guide the Department in the next year as it updates certain plans and policies such as the Parks & Open Space System Plan and the Department's Strategic Plan.

CITY IN A PARK

- Bellevue Parks Foundation
- Connectivity – connecting parks in a formal way
- Trail system – circle around the city
- Aquatics Center
- Heritage Center
- Cultural Center
- Bel-Red Commons
- GPS way-finding/directions
 - Tech looping
 - Trip planner
 - Information connectivity
- Connection between Airfield Park to Phantom Lake to Lake Hills Greenbelt
- Buy Phantom Lake shoreline
- Bel-Red – buy 30 acres
- Downtown – buy 5-6 acres
- Keep high standards for expanding system - make sure we have as good or better of a park system as we have now
- A stunning vision for the community to build community will
- Maximize opportunities in their context through appropriate design and development
- Focused growth (population) in Downtown and Bel-Red
- Acquire and bank land
- Don't be Seattle
- Balance big regional parks with continuing investment in neighborhood parks
- Eastgate subarea – around T-Mobile

PARKS & FACILITIES

- Bellevue Parks Foundation
- One Uberpark
- Aquatics Center – in Bel-Red or Factoria

- Heritage Center
- Cultural Center
- Wayfinding – signs, maps
- Disc Golf and Mini Golf
- Bel-Red Commons

- Lake Bellevue – redevelop, provide public waterfront?
 - “Cycle Town”
 - Uber TOD (Transit-Oriented Development)
- Zero-energy buildings - sustainability
- Rails to Trails
- Neighborhood and mini parks
- Buy, buy buy!
- Design Sound Transit OMSF (maintenance facility) with parks in mind
- Arts incubator – Bel-Red
- Climbing facility
- Diversity institute

HEALTHY COMMUNITY

- Bellevue Parks Foundation – a community building purpose
- Equity/Balance – access available throughout city, across areas/neighborhoods – parks, trails facilities (especially Newport Hills and Factoria)
- Equity – tax? Housing? Parks
- Public outreach/awareness of parks and facilities
- Shouldn't have to leave city for recreational opportunities
- Equity to contributions to build/maintain our system
- Planning for growth
- Growth consistent with standard Quality of Life
- Arts Center
- Aquatics Center (partnership with health industry)
- Sustainability – zero energy consumption
- Engaged public in vision – surveys, outreach, satisfaction, advocates and critiques - Benchmarks, measurable outcomes
- Metrics to determine success
- Quality local government, identify and eliminate corruption
 - Schools – BSD, BC
 - City

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- County
- Transparency
- Diversity institute
- Planning
- Retain/Increase Bellevue's tree canopy – on City and private properties
- Establish tree canopy inventory

FUNDING ALTERNATIVES

- Bellevue Parks Foundation
 - To supplement current investments
 - To tap corporate giving
 - Estate planning
- Building greater community ownership
- Impact fees for parks
- National Best Practices for funding – be a regional leader and example of innovative funding mechanisms
- Bel-Red Commons – up front funding to make early major acquisition
- Apply equity lens to revenue
- Pooled impact fees vs other mitigation (e.g., fees for acquisition instead of “public” plazas)
- Resourcing/financing system that's equitable and balanced – best practices
- T-Mobile – make an impact
- Conservation incentives

PRIORITIES

- Maintain outstanding system
- Keep long-standing priority on acquisition
- Create a balanced revenue system – public and private
- Connectivity
 - Geographical
 - Networked
 - Technology
- Keep and preserve
- Get and preserve
- Avoid (risk and opportunities)
- Build off inheritance

The Parks & Community Services Board approved these meeting minutes on October 14, 2014.

At a future Park Board meeting the Board will distill these visioning ideas into themes to forward to the City Council.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at noon.



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 14, 2014
To: Bellevue City Council
From: Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board
Subject: September 20, 2014 Park Board Retreat

The Parks & Community Services Board met for a retreat from 8 a.m. - noon on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center. All seven board members, City Councilmember and Park Board Liaison Lynne Robinson and Parks Department staff attended.

The purpose of the retreat was to increase the Board's knowledge of your visioning document, "Bellevue 2035, The City Where You Want to Be" and to discuss visioning for Parks & Community Services.

The Parks & Community Services Board expressed support for the Council Vision, especially related to:

- Achieving Human Potential – Diversity Initiative
- Great Places Where You Want To Be – Grand Connection; Meydenbauer Bay to Wilburton
- High Quality Built and Natural Environment – Phase 1 Meydenbauer Bay; Completion of the Downtown Park and Gateway; Smart City Strategy

Additionally, board members shared ideas and suggestions about the future of Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Major themes are highlighted below.

City in a Park

- Build upon the system that we inherited. Conserve, preserve and maintain the high standards that we currently have, and ensure funding to maintain future development.
- Actively seek and purchase properties that complete and complement the vision and planning efforts that have been or will be completed (Downtown, BNSF, Grand Connection, Bel-Red corridor, waterfront).
- Identify, fund and develop smaller neighborhood parks.
- Develop funding strategies and partnerships to build facilities, including but not limited to an aquatics center, heritage center, cultural center and arts center.

Connectivity

- Continue to connect the City geographically, through walking trails, bike trails, and other parks and open spaces around and through the City.

- Provide signage and information that connects and directs residents to parks, trails and programs.
- Support the Smart City priority, including use of technology for information, education, trip planning and way finding.
- Connect with community partners to provide capital resources, share operating costs and collaborate in delivery of services.
- Connect with the residents (advocates and critics) by engaging them through surveys, outreach, focus groups and other methods to establish outcomes and measure satisfaction.

Healthy Community

- Ensure that our programs and services are culturally competent and that we outreach to the public for awareness and planning of parks, trails, facilities and services.
- Provide equity and balance relative to park, facility and program access throughout the city (especially Downtown, Eastgate, Lake Hills, Crossroads, and Factoria).
- Plan for and respond to growth that provides for facilities and services within our City.
- Be a leader in environmental sustainability, tree canopy retention and zero energy consumption.
- Promote the Arts through the development of an Arts Center or Arts District.

Funding options and alternatives

- Pursue funding options that are diversified and equitably distributed among potential funders.
- Create a Bellevue Parks Foundation to build community support to supplement current investments, tap into corporate giving and estate planning.
- Continue to support collaborative giving through local and regional partnerships with community groups such as the Bellevue School District, Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, Bellevue Youth Theatre Foundation, Boys & Girls Club, Eastside Heritage Center, Pacific Science Center and Eastside Pathways.
- Be a leader in best practices developing innovative funding strategies such as community partnerships, impact fees, conservation incentives, pooled funding, levies, etc.

As a board we recognize and value the work and vision of our predecessors (citizens, board members, City Council and staff). Without their vision, planning and financing, we would not have the quality parks system and services we have today. We also recognize that our community continues to change, and we need to be engaged and connected to provide recommendations and suggestions that support the Council's vision and direction.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to serve our City as members of the Parks & Community Services Board.

cc: Brad Miyake, City Manager
 Pam Bissonette, Interim Deputy City Manager
 Patrick Foran, Director, Parks & Community Services



Date: January 12, 2017

To: The Bellevue Parks and Community Service Board

From: Jerome Y. Roaché- Chief of Staff, Bellevue City Attorney's Office

Subject: Bellevue Parks and Community Service Board By-laws

Attached is your copy of the newly created by-laws template for City Boards and Commissions. There are sections in the template which allow you to customize the by-laws for items unique to your Board. If you make changes, please do not adopt or implement the by-laws until these changes are reviewed by Charmaine Arredondo in the City Clerk's Office and myself, in the City Attorney's Office. It is necessary for us to conduct a final review to ensure any changes comport with the law and City policy. Do not hesitate to contact me or Charmaine, if you have any questions. Thank you.

cc: Charmaine Arredondo- Assistant Director
Nancy Harvey- Program Administrator



PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD BYLAWS

These Bylaws constitute the official rules of procedure for the Parks Board. Where rules of procedure are not addressed in these Bylaws, the Parks Board shall be governed by the City Council's adopted Rules (Resolution No. 8928) and/or by *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

ARTICLE I - Scope of Authority/Responsibility

The members of the Parks Board accept the responsibility of the office and declare their intention to execute the duties defined under the State law and Bellevue City Code to the best of their ability and to respect and observe the requirements established by the Bellevue City Council.

The authority of the Parks Board is limited to those specific functions set forth in the Bellevue City Code. The purpose of the Board is advisory to the City Council.

The Board shall have no authority or responsibility relating to the following activities:

- A. The Board or its individual members shall not speak for or advocate on behalf of the City or Board, or act in a manner that may be construed as representing the City, unless specifically authorized to do so by the City Council.
- B. The Board or its individual members have no supervisory authority and shall not direct administrative operations, maintenance, or hiring of consultants and other independent contractors.
- C. The Board shall not participate in regional issues not specifically assigned to the Board by the City Council.

A member of the Board is not authorized to speak for the Board unless the Board has expressly authorized the member's communication.

An individual member is free to voice a position, oral or written, on any issue after making it clear that the member is not speaking as a representative of the City or as a member of the Board.

ARTICLE II - Membership and Organization of the Board

- A. Membership.
 1. Each person at time of nomination and continuing uninterrupted thereafter while serving on the Board shall be a resident of the City of Bellevue.
 2. Each person to be appointed shall be nominated by the Council Liaison for a specific, numbered position on the Board.
 3. Appointees shall commence service after confirmation by the City Council and the effective date of the previous member's resignation or expiration of the existing term for the position, as applicable.

4. Each confirmation motion by the Council shall include the ending date and term for the position to which the member is appointed and that information shall be entered into the Council meeting minutes and maintained in the Board's records by the Deputy City Clerk.

- B. Election of Officers. The Park Board shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, and any other officers the Board deems necessary, for a term of one year at their first regular meeting in June of each year, or as soon thereafter as feasible based on seating of newly-appointed members.

The election process shall be in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised.

In the event of the resignation of the Chair or Vice-Chair, the Board shall expeditiously elect a new officer to fill the vacancy.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, a Chair pro tem shall be elected informally by the members present to conduct the meeting.

- C. Committees. The Chair, with the concurrence of the Board, may appoint standing committees or special committees of the Board and assign one or more members to such committees.
- D. Quorum. At all meetings of the Board, quorum shall consist of a majority of the members.
- E. Ex officio members. The Council may approve the appointment of an ex officio member to the Board. Ex officio members are authorized to sit at the table and participate in discussions, but are non-voting members.
- F. Resignation. A member may resign by giving written notice to the City Clerk and the Chair of the Board.
- G. Removal from office. Members of the Board may be removed at any time by the Mayor, upon approval of a majority of the Council for neglect of duty, conflict of interest, unexcused absence from three consecutive regular meetings of the Board, or for any reason deemed sufficient by the majority of the Council. The decision of the Council shall be final and there shall be no appeal.
- H. Vacancies. Vacancies shall be reported immediately to the City Clerk.
Vacancies occurring for reasons other than the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. The appointment is made by the Mayor upon approval of a majority of the Council.
- I. Staffing. The Parks and Community Services Department Director shall assign staff support to the Board.

ARTICLE III - Duties of Officers

- A. Presiding Officer. The Chair shall be the presiding officer of the Board. In the temporary absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall perform the duties and responsibilities of the Chair.

It shall be the Presiding Officer's duty to see that the transaction of Board business is in accord with these Bylaws.

- B. Presiding Officer Duties. It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to:
1. Call the meeting to order.

2. Keep the meeting to its order of business.
3. Control the discussion in an orderly manner.
 - a. Introduce the agenda topic, provide for staff presentation and questions from the Board, and call for discussion among the Board members.
 - b. Give every Board member who wishes an opportunity to speak.
 - c. Permit audience participation at the appropriate times.
 - d. Require all speakers to speak to the question and to observe the rules of order.
 - e. Give pro and con speakers opportunities to speak to a question when practicable.
 - f. Guide the Board in providing direction to staff and making recommendations to the City Council.
4. State each motion before it is discussed and before it is voted upon.
5. Put motions to a vote and announce the outcome or summarize consensus direction achieved by the Board.
6. Decide all questions of order, subject to the right of appeal to the Board by any member.

The Presiding Officer may at his or her discretion call the Vice-Chair or any member to take the Chair so the Presiding Officer may make a motion.

- C. Board Staff. The Board staff, or an authorized designee, shall attend all meetings of the Board. The Board staff shall:
- a. Provide for noticing of special meetings or changed locations of meetings;
 - b. Post agendas and Board packet materials for each meeting;
 - c. Record and retain, by electronic means, each meeting for the official record;
 - d. Provide for timely preparation of summary minutes of all Board meetings;
 - e. Maintain the Board's official records;
 - f. Manage correspondence on behalf of the Board.

ARTICLE IV - Council Liaison

- A. The Mayor, with the concurrence of Council, shall appoint a Councilmember to serve as Liaison to the Parks Board.
- B. The Council shall identify roles and responsibilities for Liaisons to the Council's appointed Boards and Commissions.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

Public notice of meetings or of hearings before the Board shall be provided as required by law. Noticing of special meetings and public hearings is provided by the Deputy City Clerk.

- A. Regular meetings. The regular meetings of the Parks Board shall be held at 6:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month; unless there is critical or time-sensitive work, the Board may recess for either the month of August or December.

Regular or continued meetings that fall on a holiday shall be rescheduled by the Board.
- B. Special meetings. Special meetings may be held by the Board subject to notice requirements prescribed in state law. The notice for special meetings shall state the subjects to be considered, and no subjects other than those specified in the notice shall be considered.

Electronic mail shall be considered written notice to members for purposes of this rule.

- C. Meeting place. Meetings of the Parks Board shall be held at Bellevue City Hall unless otherwise noticed.
- D. Open Public Meetings. No legal action may be taken by the Board except in a public meeting. "Action" is defined as the transaction of official business, but is not limited to receipt of public testimony, deliberations, discussions, considerations, reviews, evaluations, and final actions.

All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public; provided, the Board may hold Executive Sessions as permitted by law (RCWs 42.30.110 and 43.30.140).

Minutes will be prepared for all regular and special meetings and presented as soon as practicable for Board review and approval. Minutes will include all pertinent information, motions, decisions made, and actions and votes taken. Minutes are not required to be taken at an Executive Session (RCW 42.32.030).

- E. Public Notice. Public notice of meetings or hearings before the Board shall be provided as required by law. Notice of special meetings will be delivered in writing by mail or electronic mail at least 24 hours in advance to Board members and to the City's newspaper of record and other media publications that have filed written requests of the City to be notified. The notice will specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted.

- F. Attendance. Attendance at regular and special meetings is expected of all Board members.

Any member anticipating absence from an official meeting should notify the Chair or Board staff in advance.

Unexcused absences from three consecutive regular meetings shall be reported to the City Council for appropriate action as prescribed by Bellevue City Code, Section 3.62.010.

- G. Remote participation. A member not able to be physically present for a meeting may participate remotely using approved teleconferencing equipment. Remote participation must be approved in advance, by majority vote of the Board, either at an earlier Board meeting or before joining a current meeting. A member may participate remotely no more than four times per year, unless absent for medical reasons, and only two members may participate remotely during any one Board meeting. Such remote participation will be considered attendance at the meeting and shall be counted toward determination of a quorum.

- H. Recess. The Board may, by a majority vote or consensus, recess for a short break. The proposal to recess may set a time limit or run until the Chair calls the meeting back to order.

- I. Continuation. The continuation of a meeting shall be to a definite time and place and approved by majority vote.

- J. Adjournment. Regular meetings of the Parks Board shall adjourn at 8:30 pm. The adjournment time may be extended to a later time certain upon approval of a motion carried by a majority of Board members.

At the conclusion of the agenda, after calling for any additional business, the Chair may declare the meeting adjourned.

ARTICLE VI - Order of Business/Agenda

- A. Preparation of meeting agendas will be the duty of the Board staff in coordination with the Chair.
- B. Copies of the agenda will be available to all Board members at least two days prior to a regular meeting and 24 hours in advance of special meetings.
- C. The agenda will indicate whether formal action is intended to be taken by the Board on a particular matter.
- D. The order of business for each regular meeting shall be as follows:
 - 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - 2. Approval of the Agenda
 - 3. Approval of Minutes
 - 4. Oral and Written Communications
 - 5. City Council Communication
 - 6. Director's Report
 - 7. Board Communication
 - 8. Chair Communication & Discussion
 - 9. Discussion / Action Items
 - 10. Board Member Committee / Liaison Reports
 - 11. New Business
 - 12. Other Communication
 - 13. Information
 - 14. Oral and Written Communications
 - 15. Adjournment
- E. The printed agenda of a regular meeting may be modified, supplemented or revised by a majority affirmative vote of the Board members present.
- F. A topic on the agenda may be continued to subsequent meetings when it is apparent that one meeting will not be sufficient to complete the scheduled business.
- G. The order of business does not apply to Special Meetings.

ARTICLE VII - Public Comment

- A. Timing of Communications. The Board shall not take public comment at regular meetings except for that given at a public hearing or at Oral and Written Communications. Written comments may be submitted to the Board staff in advance of the meeting.
- B. Addressing the Chair. Speakers shall address all statements to the Chair. Board members may direct questions to speakers only with the Chair's permission.
- C. Public hearings. The purpose of a public hearing is to gather information and opinions on a specific subject the Board is studying. The following rules shall be observed during any public hearing:

1. The Chair shall, at the opening of a public hearing, state the purpose of and process for the hearing and may request that staff provide an introductory staff report.
2. Persons wishing to speak shall sign in on the sign-in sheet provided and will be called to speak in the order in which they signed.
3. Speakers will be allowed three minutes in which to make their comments. Additional time will not be allowed unless the Chair or a majority of the Board determines to allow additional time.
4. Speakers are encouraged to indicate support for or opposition to previous comments rather than repeating prior testimony.
5. No specific time limitations are placed on the length of public hearings.
6. The Board may continue a hearing to a future date or close a hearing after everyone wishing to speak has spoken.
7. All written material provided before or during the hearing will be included in the hearing record.
8. The Chair may allow additional time for receipt of written comments when needed.

D. Oral Communications.

1. The time allowed for Oral Communications shall not exceed 30 minutes.
2. Persons wishing to speak shall sign in on the sign-in sheet provided and will be called to speak in the order in which they signed.
3. Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes. Additional time will not be allowed unless the Chair or a majority of the Board determines to allow additional time.
4. Suspension of these rules will require a majority vote of the Board members present.

E. Decorum. Persons participating in Board meetings are strongly encouraged to aid the Board in maintaining the decorum and orderly progression of the meeting agenda. Engaging in shouting, use of profanity or slurs against others, disruptive noise, or comments that are off-topic detract from the ability of the Board to conduct business. Where such conduct results in actual disruption of the meeting, the Chair may issue a verbal warning to the speaker and, if the behavior continues, have the speaker removed from the meeting room. Repeated disruption may result in the speaker being excluded from participating in public comment at one or more subsequent Board meetings. If the Chair issues an exclusion to any speaker, he or she shall inform the person of the basis for the exclusion and the term of the exclusion. The Chair shall also notify the speaker that if he or she desires to address the Board during the period of exclusion from public comment, he or she may submit written comments which will be received by the Board staff and provided to each of the Board members.

F. Timekeeping. The Board staff shall be the timekeeper.

ARTICLE VIII - Motions

A. No motion shall be entertained or debated until seconded and announced by the Chair. The motion shall be recorded and, if desired by any member, read by the Clerk before it is debated. With the consent of the Board, a motion may be withdrawn at any time before action is taken on the motion.

- B. Motions shall be entertained in the order of precedence outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

ARTICLE IX - Voting

- A. Action. Action may be taken by a majority of the members present when a quorum exists.
- B. Votes on Questions. Each member present or participating remotely shall vote on all questions put to the Board except on matters in which he or she has been disqualified for a conflict of interest or under the Appearance of Fairness doctrine. Such member shall disqualify himself or herself prior to any discussion of the matter, stating the reason for the disqualification unless there is a legal impediment to disclosure. The disqualified member will then leave the meeting room.

Voting shall be accomplished by voice or through a showing of hands. Secret balloting is prohibited. Proxy votes of members not present are not valid votes. All votes shall be recorded in the Summary Minutes.

- C. Tie Vote. The passage of a motion is defeated by a tie vote, provided that the question may be brought forward again at the request of any member at the same meeting or at the next meeting when any members who were absent or disqualified at the time of the tie vote are present.
- D. Failure to Vote. Any Board member who fails to vote without a valid disqualification shall be declared to have voted in the affirmative on the question.
- E. Six-month Time Limitation. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, once a matter has been voted on and the time for reconsideration has passed with no action, the matter may not be taken up again for six months unless there is a showing of a substantial change of circumstances.
- F. Decisions. The Board shall act as a body in making its decisions and in announcing them. The Chair or the Chair's designee shall serve as the spokesperson for the Board in reporting decisions.

ARTICLE X - Conflict of Interest, Appearance of Fairness, and Legal Assistance

Board members are held to high ethical standards and shall at all times comply with the provisions of Chapter 3.92 of the Bellevue City Code, as they exist now or as amended in future.

Any member of the Board who, in his or her opinion, has an interest in any matter before the Board that would tend to prejudice his or her actions shall so publicly indicate and shall step down and refrain from voting and participating in any manner on the matter in question to avoid any possible conflict of interest or violation of the appearance of fairness.

When there is doubt concerning the legality of an issue, the City Attorney (or designee) may be called upon to advise members as to the legality of the proposed action. If necessary, a hearing or deliberation may be continued until legal matters can be clarified. Care must be taken in maintaining records of the proceedings when litigation is a possibility.

ARTICLE XI - Minutes

- A. Minutes are the official record of a meeting. Electronic recordings of meetings are retained at the City for six years and then forwarded to the Digital Archives for permanent retention.

Minutes should be sufficiently detailed to provide what was done, by whom, and why, in order to provide an accurate summary of the main points of the discussion. Minutes are written to provide a readable, concise record of lengthy meetings, and as such not every speaker's comments on every topic are included.

If a Board member wishes to ensure that a particular statement is included in the minutes, he or she should indicate, "For the record, I believe...." to signal the desire to have this comment included.

- B. Draft minutes presented for approval in the meeting packet may be amended if a legally sufficient reason to do so exists.

Once approved, that page of amended minutes will subsequently show the following wording next to the spot of the amendment: "Corrected - see minutes of _____."

ARTICLE XII - Compliance with Laws

All Board members shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, including but not limited to Chapter 49.60 RCW (Washington's Law Against Discrimination) and 42 U.S.C. 12101 et. seq. (ADA), BCC 3.92 (Code of Ethics), RCW 42.56 (Public Records Act), RCW 42.30 (Open Public Meetings Act), BCC 2.26 (Public Records) and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352).

ARTICLE XIII - Communications

- A. Communications with Council. The Board shall provide at least quarterly communications to the Council, either at Reports of Boards and Commissions or in written form. Reports should highlight major activities, future work plans, changes in work plans, and request any policy direction needed from Council.
- B. Communications among Board members. To avoid possible violations of the Open Public Meetings Act, Board members shall refrain from back-and-forth exchange of information, viewpoints, positions, or other dialogue via email, telephone, or in person among a quorum of the membership about the business of the Board outside of a public meeting. Communications among less than a quorum that are then relayed by a participant to other members, who together constitute a quorum, are also prohibited.

ARTICLE XIV - Records

The term "public records" applies to any paper, correspondence, completed form, bound record book, photograph, film, audio or video recording, map drawing, machine-readable material, videostream, email, text message, or social media that has been created or received by any state or local government agency during the course of public business and legislative records described in RCW 40.14.100. The following requirements apply to the Parks Board and its individual members:

- A. Public records are the property of the City and must be managed (preserved, stored, transferred, destroyed, etc.) according to the provisions of RCW 40.14.
- B. Tools are in place to manage all emails sent to the Board's email account (parkboard@bellevuewa.gov) according to state law.
- C. Board members are responsible for including Board staff on all Board-related communications, including forwarding any emails sent to the member in his/her individual capacity to the parkboard@bellevuewa.gov address. Any hard copy records shall also be transferred to staff for long-term maintenance.
- D. Members may be required to produce emails or documents that relate to the activities or operations of the Board in response to a public disclosure request. Members may also be required to produce their personal notes taken at Board meetings that relate to the activities and deliberations of the Board. To the extent that those notes contain information that is purely personal or material that is exempt under the Public Disclosure Act, they may not need to be provided to the requestor.
- E. As required by WAC 44-14-04003(2) and the City's Public Records Act Rules, the City must provide the fullest assistance in response to public disclosure requests. The City's Public Records Officer and a representative of the City Attorney's Office will review any documents that may be exempt from disclosure and will provide the necessary explanations of any exemptions to the requestor if access to particular records is denied. Courts may award monetary penalties should the City not respond fully or promptly.
- F. Board members are advised to establish a separate, clearly-named file within their personal email account and/or on the hard drive of their personal computer to which they file all materials relating to the Board.

ARTICLE XV - Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation. Members shall be reimbursed for authorized travel or other expenses incidental to that service, which are authorized by the City Manager or City Council. Members should seek pre-authorization for any proposed expense.

ARTICLE XVI - Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended, revised, or repealed by the entire Board at any regular meeting or any special meeting, provided that notice of such changes is included on the agenda and the vote to change takes place at the next regular meeting. Amendments will not be valid unless two-thirds of the membership of the Board vote in favor of amending the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVII - Validity

If any part or parts of these Bylaws are found to be invalid, that part or parts will not invalidate the remainder of the Bylaws.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Chair

Director
Parks and Community Services
Department

_____, Board Staff



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Botanical Garden

We have worked with the BBG staff and Garden Society to develop the Urban Meadow landscape plan for the front of the garden to integrate the existing wetland plantings, rock garden and pathway system and Main Street streetscape improvements. The Garden staff has received a \$50,000 grant from King County to assist with construction costs, and the Garden Society has agreed to contribute \$175,000 to complete the project. Both the Urban Meadow and Main Street streetscape are scheduled to start this spring.

CIP Budget

The City Council approved the 2017-23 Capital Investment Program (CIP). All initial requests have been funded, including continued funding for the Renovation Program and Planning & Design, as well as supplemental funding for Meydenbauer Beach Phase 1, Surrey Downs and Airfield Parks. Funding requests for Bridle Trails/140th Street, Newport Hills/Tyler, Ashwood Park and Lake Sammamish Park were not approved.

Congregation for the Homeless Temporary Center

On-Going. Staff is working with the Congregation for the Homeless on a temporary men's shelter located in the City owned Lincoln Center building. Temporary housing for approximately 70 overnight guests have been accommodated, with planning underway to complete additional improvements, including a day center, starting this spring.

Downtown Park – Complete the Circle and Rotary Inspiration Playground Expansion

Though the inclement weather has hindered progress, construction is nearing 60% complete. Utility work and grading is ongoing. Concrete work on the terraced walls in the SE quadrant and south entry feature are nearing completion. Retaining walls along the west and north sides of the Inspiration Playground have been installed, and the initial play equipment has been installed. The concrete work at the SW plaza is complete, and work has begun to extend the water canal. Electrical work is ongoing, and initial work to install the irrigation system is underway.

Grants

We were unable to reach agreement with the Bellevue School District on the long-term use of the Ivanhoe Youth Theatre facility, so we have deferred the planned code compliance improvements in favor of limiting public use of this facility until an agreement can be reached. We are currently working with King County to determine if we can still utilize all or parts of our \$75k KC 4Culture grant on improvements to the youth theater.

We have submitted a letter of interest for a potential 2017 grant to replace the Wilburton Hill synthetic turf field and continue to work with RCO and the National Park Service to establish the requirements to accept a \$500k Federal grant for the Inspiration Playground.

Kelsey Creek Playground Replacement

After several neighbors expressed concern about our proposed relocation of the Kelsey Creek playground, the staff completed additional analysis and concluded that the location was proper. With some minor modifications, we are proceeding as planned. This information has been shared with the neighbors and we expect construction will occur this spring.

Marymoor Park Transfer

We are working with our Utilities staff and representatives of King County and RCO to explore options to transfer the City-owned portion of Marymoor Park to King County to allow the County to enter into an agreement with a local soccer organization to redevelop the existing softball fields into a soccer complex.

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

Bid opening is scheduled for February 16 in anticipation of a May construction start. There has been significant interest from prospective bidders, so we are hopeful of a competitive bid. Construction started on the sanitary sewer the first week of January, and we continue to work closely with the Utilities project staff to minimize impacts to the site and the marina during construction.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects Summary

- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Project complete.
- **Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Project complete.
- **BYT Construction:** Project complete.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Site analysis and schematic design is complete. We are currently developing options and cost estimates to determine the scope of work for phase 1 construction.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
 - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Bridle Trails/140th Ave Property:** Project complete.
 - **Bridle Trails Corner Park:** Project complete.
 - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Under construction
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Complete
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Design has re-started, and application for construction permits is expected this spring in anticipation of a 2018 construction start, subject to light rail construction progress. Staff is working with the adjacent neighbors to identify an appropriate boundary fence to install prior to construction.

2016 Renovation Program

*The following projects were completed in 2016 or deferred (**status in bold**). The 2017 Renovation Program has been established and those projects will be reflected next month.*

- Paving: system wide minor asphalt repairs including seal coating and striping **complete**; SE 40th St Boat Launch phase 1 removal of the parking lot landscape planters **deferred to 2017**; Coal Creek trailhead reconstruction **under construction, complete in February**;
- Park Furnishings: Philbrook interpretive signage installation; system wide refurbishment of park signage, benches, drinking fountains, picnic tables, bollards, trash cans, bleachers, kiosks, indoor furniture, major appliances **complete**.
- ADA: install accessible ramp to sport courts at Cherry Crest Mini Park **complete**; Highland Ramp lifting **complete**; Northwest Arts Center Office ramp **cancelled**;
- Irrigation & drainage system upgrades at the Bellevue Golf Course: replace controllers and irrigation pump by hole #7 **complete**; replace irrigation systems at Crossroads Park (south end), Kelsey Creek Park (main lawn area), and Zumdieck Park **complete**; install drainage to Wilburton Hill Park south ballfield **complete**;
- Playground improvements at Wilburton Hill Park, Skyridge Park and Goldsmith Park **complete**; Kelsey Creek Park **deferred to 2017**;
- Restroom remodels at Zumdieck and Lakemont Park **complete**;
- Roofing/wall restoration at Bellevue Aquatic Center **complete**; Fraser cabin roof replacement **complete**; Meydenbauer Marina Pier 3 roof repairs **complete**;
- Picnic shelter roof at Enatai Beach **deferred due to extended parking lot closure for Sound Transit construction staging**;
- Sport court repairs and resurfacing at Evergreen, Norwood Village, Robinswood and Sunset Parks **complete**;
- Fencing repairs at Crossroads Park Par 3 course **complete**; Kelsey Creek Park frontage fencing **deferred to 2017 with playground**; Bellevue Botanical Garden Yao gate **complete**;
- HVAC repairs and replacements at Highland Community Center, North Bellevue Community Center and Robinswood House office area **complete**;
- Replace synthetic soccer turf at Robinswood Park **complete**;
- 148th Ave. Dog Park surface improvements at Robinswood Park **complete**; New shelter at small dog park (Neighborhood Match Program) **deferred to 2017**;
- Paint and repair exterior siding and remove closet in game room at Crossroads Community Center **complete**; building code upgrades, replace electrical panels and replace flooring at Ivanhoe Youth Theatre all **deferred due to lack of agreement with BSD**; Crossroads Youth Theatre floor refinishing **complete** and new curtains **installed**; re-seal log siding and replace art room flooring at Highland Community Center **complete**; repair trail stairs at Kelsey Creek Park **complete**; McDowell House painting and window repairs **deferred to 2017**;
- Replace dock at MSEEC pond, **complete**; design and permitting for Sweyolocken boat launch reconstruction **deferred to 2017**; design and permitting for dock and bulkhead repairs at SE 40th Boat Launch, Enatai, Chism, Newcastle and Chesterfield Beach Parks **complete**; construction at all sites **deferred to 2017**;
- Natural area management including Nature Space and Forest Management, Developed Parks Urban Forestry, Street Trees and Arterial Landscapes, and Greenways & Trails, **complete**.

From: Danielle J
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 3:54 PM
To: DeFlorio, Kristina <KDeFlorio@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Brad <BBennett@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Thank you Faride

Hi there,

I moved to South Bellevue this past summer and signed up for a fitness pass. I had a baby since and am returning to work tomorrow. On my to-do list had been numerous things including that I wanted to let Faride's bosses know how amazingly welcoming she has been for me when I do get over to the gym. Her natural joy and composure are quite refreshing. I had asked her for your business card with e-mail address last time I was in to let you know my appreciation for her always positive attitude. Anyways- the lady is fabulous and I am happy seeing her at the front desk. Each time she has asked me how my baby boy is doing- it's really nice.

See you around,
Danielle J

From: Bennett, Brad
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 5:38 PM
To: Danielle J
Cc: DeFlorio, Kristina <KDeFlorio@bellevuewa.gov>; Brittingham, Shelley <SBrittingham@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: RE: Thank you Faride

Danielle,

Thank you for taking time to share your positive experience you received from Farideh. We are very fortunate to have her on our team.

It is always nice to hear the positive impacts my staff have on our customers.

Please continue to enjoy South Bellevue Community Center.

Kind Regards,

Brad Bennett, Manager
South Bellevue Community Center
City of Bellevue | Parks & Community Services
bbennett@bellevuewa.gov
425-452-2813

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COMMUNITY CENTER**

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FEBRUARY 2017

- Feb 1** **Free Tai Chi Class with Master Li**, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE
World-renowned Master Li, Jing Chen has been practicing and instructing for more than 40 years. Join him for this special introductory class, and begin to realign your overall health. Tai chi is a traditional Chinese folk exercise that promotes physical fitness, balance, blood circulation, immunities, breath, and an overall sense of calm. Come move with us and enjoy the benefits of this beautiful gentle art practiced by people of all ages. No experience necessary. Parking is located behind the Boys & Girls Club Main Club building and other areas in the vicinity. Arrive early to find parking. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4106.
- Feb 1** **Wooly Sheep (Early Release Wednesday)**,
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111276. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Feb 1** **Cultural Conversations: Becoming and Belonging**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE
Join with your family, friends and neighbors for this year's annual Cultural Conversations evening forum of storytelling and community conversation. We welcome people of all abilities, cultures, and faiths. Visitor parking is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. **Ages:** Best for ages 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info and for accommodation needs:** NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6836.
- Feb 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: "Secret Place"**, 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. Every city needs a secret place for animals to live and thrive. Find the secret place, learn about why it is so special, and why parks are so important! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 112317 or 112318. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 4** **Funny Little Valentine**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make a special gift of art for your special pal. Sing songs, do a little dance, and complete the morning decorating a sweet valentine treat. Come join the fun!
This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. Each additional family member: \$5/residents and \$6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register and information:** 425-452-4106, course #111292.
- Feb 4** **Women and Diversity Public Safety/STEM Career Fair**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE
Join us to learn about educational and career opportunities in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and Public Safety. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Information:** Mark Manuel – mmanuel@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886.
- Feb 4** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a park ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 4** **Coal Mining at Cougar Mountain (presented by Eastside Heritage Center)**, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This program focuses on 100 years of local coal mining. In 1888, there were 20 mules and 200 men employed here! Exporting coal to San Francisco turned Seattle into a dominant seaport. Learn what is underneath a mountain that is older than Rainier. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 5** **Now You See Me... Now You Don't!**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Why are deer brown? Why are frogs green? Why do owls have spots? Discover how various animals disguise themselves and “disappear” into their environment using camouflage. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 8** **Free Tai Chi Class with Master Li**, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE
World-renowned Master Li, Jing Chen has been practicing and instructing for more than 40 years. Join him for this special introductory class, and begin to realign your overall health. Tai chi is a traditional Chinese folk exercise that promotes physical fitness, balance, blood circulation, immunities, breath, and an overall sense of calm. Come move with us and enjoy the benefits of this beautiful gentle art practiced by people of all ages. No experience necessary. Parking is located behind the Boys & Girls Club Main Club building and other areas in the vicinity. Arrive early to find parking. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4106.
- Feb 10** **As Snug as a... Beaver?** - 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
During the chilly winter months of the year, beavers keep warm and snug in a wooden lodge. Come learn how beavers build their warm homes, and why they build dams. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 112720. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Feb 10** **Night Hike**, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bundle up in your winter clothes and join a park ranger for a brisk walk through Lewis Creek Park. Learn about the local nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident; \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 112327. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 11** **Garden Watercolor Class: “Early Bloomers: Watercolor Flowers, Winter Foliage and Landscapes,”** 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn how to sketch and paint some of the garden’s earliest bloomers, like crocuses and snowdrops, as well as shrubs and conifers, witch hazels, camellias and more. All supplies are provided, including artist quality watercolor paper. *Sign up for one or both sessions* (February 11 and February 18). In both sessions, we will begin with studies of some of our subject plants and then will paint larger landscapes which incorporate large and small elements. This class will focus on painting witch hazels and primroses; the February 18th class will focus on painting camellias and hellebores. **Cost:** \$35/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$45/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- Feb 11** **Whooo was for Lunch?**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue's parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that's yours to keep. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 12** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program uses games and activities to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you are able to explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 15** **Piggly Wiggly (Early Release Wednesday)**,
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111274. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- Feb 18** **Garden Watercolor Class: "Early Bloomers: Watercolor Flowers, Winter Foliage and Landscapes,"** 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn how to sketch and paint some of the garden's earliest bloomers, like crocuses and snowdrops, as well as shrubs and conifers, witch hazels, camellias and more. All supplies are provided, including artist quality watercolor paper. *Sign up for one or both sessions* (February 11 and February 18). In both sessions, we will begin with studies of some of our subject plants and then will paint larger landscapes which incorporate large and small elements. This class will focus on painting camellias and hellebores; the February 11th class will focus on painting witch hazels and primroses. **Cost:** \$35/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$45/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- Feb 18** **Master Naturalist Classes Species of the Year Program: Planting a Garden Habitat for Native Bees and Butterflies**, 12:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Ready for a touch of color and promise of spring? Master Gardener and Community Habitat Steward, Julie O'Donnell, will share a colorful photo display featuring local butterflies, bumble bees and the flowers that attract them. She will describe how to create a garden where pollinators will thrive and will explain ways to incorporate flowering shrubs and wildflowers into gardens, show landscape features that promote healthy pollinator populations, and provide nesting sites for them. Julie's personal certified wildlife habitat garden contains over 200 species of native plants and has been successfully attracting birds, butterflies, pollinators, and beneficial insects for more than 25 years. It has been featured in *Pacific Horticulture*, *The Butterfly Gardener*, and *Sunset* publications. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 114755. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Feb 18** **Now You See Me... Now You Don't!**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Why are deer brown? Why are frogs green? Why do owls have spots? Discover how various animals disguise themselves and “disappear” into their environment using camouflage. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 18** **Where the Past Comes Alive**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The History Channel captures the glory, tragedy, and drama of the human experience from the dawn of time until now. This film focuses on the Empire of Industry with regard to timber use over the last century. Join us to learn more about the history of logging and how it has significantly impacted our lives both in the past and the present, and how it connects to the Mercer Slough and the City of Bellevue. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 19** **Lakemont Community Park Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lakemont Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds through green corridors alongside the creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 24** **Gardening with Your Children: Plan and Prepare Your Garden**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Learn ideas to make your garden fun for the entire family: how to pick a location, and prepare the soil for a successful garden. Learn about what seeds and plants can go in the ground in early spring and which need to wait for the warm sun of June. You will make a fun craft to bring home to your very own garden. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 112721. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- Feb 24** **Movie Night: “Clash Encounters of Bears and Wolves”**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Yellowstone National Park is home to predators, scavengers, and opportunists. Two of the top predators in this complex system are the grizzly bear and the wolf. These fierce competitors practice their strategies for survival every day. What they leave in their wake provides an entire food chain of scavengers exactly what they need to survive. This film takes us into the heart of Yellowstone to witness as this incredible series of events unfolds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 25** **Living with Wildlife – Cunning Crows**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Crows are one of our most common wildlife residents. They have more advanced cognitive abilities than many mammals. They have amazing memories and are very social. Find out why crows gather in huge numbers, and what the fuss is all about. Learn what crows know – and discover how we can get along together. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 25** **Whooo was for Lunch?**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue’s parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that’s yours to keep. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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Feb 26

Mercer Slough Adult Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

Join a Ranger to take a short hike through the wetlands of Mercer Slough Nature Park. With an emphasis on the history and natural resources of the Nature Park, begin with an overview of the LEED Gold education center and end at the bridge that spans the channel of Mercer Slough. Afterward, you are free to explore further on your own, or return to the education center with the Ranger. **Ages:**

Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:**

mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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MARCH 2017

- March 1** **Springy Goats (Early Release Wednesday),**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111277. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- March 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Fuzzy, Buzzy Bumble Bees”,**
two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts. Gentle bumble bees fly all around our gardens, visiting flowers and helping them grow. Hear stories about these special bees and how they live. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 112319 or 112320. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 4** **Garden Class: “Permaculture for the Backyard Gardener,”** 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Seattle Tilth. Explore ways to integrate natural patterns and ecology into your backyard garden. The goal of permaculture, short for “permanent agriculture” or “permanent culture,” is to minimize inputs and maximize relationships between plants, animals, environment and people. Go beyond organic gardening by learning the basics of permaculture to discover more holistic and sustainable techniques for your backyard garden! Learn the basics of “systems thinking” to create efficient and abundant gardens that integrate human needs with the natural ecosystem. **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- March 4** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike, 10:30 a.m. - noon**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a park ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- March 5** **Wetlands Don't Stink!** - 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Wetlands play a very important role in cleaning the water that goes into our local lakes and rivers. Discover wetlands, their wildlife, and how they impact the ecosystem around them! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 10** **Discover Spring: It's Time to Wake Up Bear,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Did you know that many animals sleep through the winter until springtime? Join a park ranger and learn which animals do this, and why they sleep through the cold. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 112722. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- March 11** **Northwest Perennial Alliance March Mania Plant Sale and Master Gardener Clinic,** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This early spring plant sale features spring ephemerals and choice garden plants not readily available at other times of the year. The sale brings together a fabulous group of specialty nurseries and growers who are not generally open to the public. Learn from these experts and let them help you choose some of the earliest bloomers of the season to brighten up a drab space in your garden. Shop great vendors like Windcliff, Bouquet Banque, Growing Girls, Lee Farm and more. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the educational programs of NPA and the NPA Border. Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/march_mania.php
- March 11** **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's a pot of "gold" waiting for you at the end of the rainbow! This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register and information:** 425-452-4106, course #111291.
- March 11** **Nature's Greatest Landscape Engineers,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Beavers' ability to change the landscape is second only to humans. These amazing rodents are so valuable to the ecosystem that Native Americans often referred to them as the "sacred center." Not only do they create a healthy habitat for a number of aquatic species, but they also provide essential natural services for humans as well. Come learn more about these nocturnal creatures that call the Mercer Slough home. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- March 12** **Lakemont Highlands Open Space Ranger Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife) through friendly neighborhoods. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 12** **Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 15** **Pony Pleasure (Early Release Wednesday)**,
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 6 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111278. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-450-7688.
- March 15** **Garden Lecture: “How to Prunce and Renovate the Overgrown Garden,”**
7 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Cass Turnbull will cover basic pruning of ornamental trees and shrubs along with creative solutions for the overgrown or over-planted garden. Before-and-after photos and diagrams will be used to illustrate pruning for size reduction and pruning for definition (thinning). **Cost:** \$5/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- March 16-18** **Puget Sound Dahlia Association Tuber Sale and Master Gardener Clinic**,
10 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Open to the public; no admission fee.

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- March 17-26** **“The Ugly Duckling” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
March 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 7 p.m.; March 19, 25 and 26 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
Sometimes heroes come in odd packages, but it is what’s on the inside that counts. This classic Hans Christian Andersen tale tells the story of a little duckling who doesn’t fit in with his family. Unbeknownst to them, he turns out to be much more than they ever imagined. This is a story of friendship, bravery, and self-confidence. **Ages:** Suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Purchasing in advance is highly recommended! We frequently sell out and often don’t have tickets on the day of the show. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased beginning March 13. Group rates are available. **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- March 18** **Hiking History: From Glaciers to Greenways, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
What mysteries lie beneath the soggy surface and between the diversity of aquatic plants? Through both natural processes and human interactions, the area has changed drastically over thousands of years. Join a Ranger for a guided history hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park to uncover the past and explore the future. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 18** **Wetlands Don’t Stink! - 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Wetlands play a very important role in cleaning the water that goes into our local lakes and rivers. Discover wetlands, their wildlife, and how they impact the ecosystem around them! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 24** **Nature Movie: “Beavers: The Biggest Dam Movie You Ever Saw”,**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever seen a beaver lodge or dam and wondered, “How did they do that?” Take an intimate swim with beavers to explore an amazing diverse aquatic habitat that is home to one of nature’s greatest engineers. This film is a heartfelt story following a family of beavers as they grow, play and transform the world around them. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- March 25** **Garden Class: “An Introduction to the Art and Horticulture of Bonsai,”**
10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join local bonsai artists from the Puget Sound Bonsai Association to learn why people are still so captivated by this art form using “trees in pots.” The lecture and demo will highlight the various forms of bonsai, types of plants best suited for bonsai, and a bonsai’s horticultural requirements. This class will specifically focus on outdoor bonsai. **Cost:** \$20/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$30/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- March 25** **Nature’s Greatest Landscape Engineers, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Beavers’ ability to change the landscape is second only to humans. These amazing rodents are so valuable to the ecosystem that Native Americans often referred to them as the “sacred center.” Not only do they create a healthy habitat for a number of aquatic species, but they also provide essential natural services for humans as well. Come learn more about these nocturnal creatures that call the Mercer Slough home. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 26** **Garden Lecture: “The Triumph of Seeds” by Thor Hanson, 1 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join award-winning author and biologist Thor Hanson for an exploration of both the natural and cultural history of seeds – why they are so dominant in nature and why we are so utterly dependent upon them. Drawing on his recent book, *The Triumph of Seeds*, Hanson’s presentation weaves science and culture to show how these common wonders shape our world and touch our lives every day. You’ll never look at a seed the same way again. Doors open at noon for plant sales from Far Reaches Farm and book signing by Thor. Lecture begins at 1 p.m. **Cost:** \$5/Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$20/non-NPA members. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Thor_Hanson_lecture.php
- March 26** **Adult Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Park Ranger to take a short hike through the wetlands of the Mercer Slough Nature Park. With an emphasis on the history and natural resources of the nature park, begin with an overview of the LEED Gold education center and end at the bridge that spans the channel of the Mercer Slough. Afterward you are free to explore further on your own. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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March 30 **Garden Class: “Garden Habitat for Bumble Bees and other Native Pollinators,”** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Explore the world of native pollinators, with an emphasis on our native bumble bees. Learn about these beneficial insects and how you can promote their survival with garden features and preferred flowers. Find out the benefits of attracting winged beauty, including butterflies and birds, to make your garden come to life. This is a Bellevue Parks Master Naturalist Species of the Year program! **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members.
Pre-registration: Required. **Info and to register:**
<http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

March 31 – April 9 **“The Little Mermaid” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
March 31, April 1, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m.; April 2, 8 and 9 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
Enjoy this splashy retelling of the beloved Hans Christian Andersen story. Watch the adventures of the little mermaid as she saves her kingdom and learns what’s truly important to her. This show has songs and dances for the whole family to enjoy. **Ages:** Suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Purchasing in advance is highly recommended! We frequently sell out and often don’t have tickets on the day of the show. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased beginning March 27. Group rates are available. **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- April 1** **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a park ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 1** **Kids! Bee a Super-Hero for Bumble Bees**, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bumble bee numbers are declining. Let's learn about these bees and how to help them survive! This will be an active, hands-on program where we'll learn about the importance of bumble bees as pollinators. We'll go out into the Lake Hills Ranger Station's garden and plant some native flowering plants that bumble bees love for their nectar and pollen, and then we'll learn how to make a bumble bee nest that can be installed in any garden. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 114756. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- April 2** **Monsters in the Bird Bath!**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
They may look and sound pretty, but backyard songbirds are also vicious predators... if you're an insect! Join us to learn about the amazing variety of feathered predators right here in Lewis Creek Park. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 7** **Lewis Creek Story Time: "Time to Nest!"**,
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. Lewis Creek Park is home to dozens of species of birds. Springtime means nests... and nestlings! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 112321 or 112322. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 8** **Monsters in the Bird Bath!**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
They may look and sound pretty, but backyard songbirds are also vicious predators... if you're an insect! Join us to learn about the amazing variety of feathered predators right here in Lewis Creek Park. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- April 9** **Lakemont Highlands Open Space Ranger Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife) through friendly neighborhoods. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 9** **Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 15** **Family Discovery Series: Coexisting with Nature in Urban Environments**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
As urban sprawl continues to encroach into wild areas, humans and animals are often forced to share the same space. Many animals are thriving in urban environments, but some of our choices can have a negative impact on their well-being even when we may not realize it. Come discover how we can make better earth-smart choices that affect animals and us. Together we can coexist in a healthy way. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 21-30** **“Guys and Dolls” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
April 21, 22, 28 and 29 at 7 p.m.; April 23, 29 and 30 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
Watch Sky and Sarah fall in love against the backdrop of New York City. This classical musical includes great numbers such as “Luck Be a Lady.” Great fun for the entire family. **Ages:** Suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Purchasing in advance is highly recommended! We frequently sell out and often don’t have tickets on the day of the show. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased beginning April 17. Group rates are available. **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- April 24** **Movie Night: “MicroCosmos: It’s Jurassic Park in Your Own Backyard,”**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This film captures the amazing transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly, the birth of a mosquito, stag beetles dueling like titans, and many other minute miracles. You will have a front row seat to watch this hidden universe revealed. With its cast of thousands, MicroCosmos leaves no doubt that “Mother Nature” remains the greatest special effects wizard of all. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 28** **What is Weather?,** 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The coming of spring brings many changes to Pacific Northwest weather. Come learn from a local Park Ranger what causes changes in weather, and watch a demonstration of how to make your very own cloud in a jar! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 112723. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- April 29** **The Great SBCC Challenge,** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
South Bellevue Community Center and Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue co-present this unique event. Teams of 3-5 compete in a series of fun challenges which require athleticism for physical feats, smarts for mental tasks, and artistic abilities for creative endeavors. The team that successfully completes the challenges in the allotted time while earning the most points will be crowned winner! Twists and turns can throw off the most talented, so beware! **Ages:** 6 years and older. One adult per team is required. **Cost:** \$10/team member. **Pre-registration:** Required; registration deadline is Wednesday, April 19. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 111294. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- April 29** **Adult Enrichment: Birding Basics,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The Mercer Slough provides essential habitat for both resident and migratory birds. Join a Master Birder from the Eastside Audubon Society to learn more about birds in our area. Enjoy a guided walk through the Nature Park to listen to the songs of spring. Be sure to bring your binoculars and bird field guides as well. **Ages:** Adults only. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- April 29** **Volunteer for Kelsey Creek Farm Event**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children's activities at Kelsey Creek Farm's special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds, and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work outside with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. Volunteers must pre-register.
Ages: 14-18 years old and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free.
Pre-registration: Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 110912.
Info: kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 29** **Kelsey Creek Farm Sheep Shearing**, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Watch the sheep being shorn of their winter coats. Enjoy wool spinning demonstrations, children's crafts, tractor/wagon rides, pony rides, food, and animal viewing areas. Free shuttle service will be available at Wilburton Park & Ride and Bannerwood Sports Park. Please note: No pets are allowed in the barnyard area. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission. Costs vary for food and activities. No ATM is on site, and credit cards are accepted for pony rides only. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 29** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is part of Kelsey Creek Farm's Sheep Shearing event and is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- April 29** **Family Discovery Series: Coexisting with Nature in Urban Environments**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
As urban sprawl continues to encroach into wild areas, humans and animals are often forced to share the same space. Many animals are thriving in urban environments, but some of our choices can have a negative impact on their well-being even when we may not realize it. Come discover how we can make better earth-smart choices that affect animals and us. Together we can coexist in a healthy way. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- April 29** **Living with Wildlife – That Woodpecker is Driving Me Crazy!**,
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Ever wonder which species of bird is making that obnoxious sound on the chimney and nearby trees? Of the 11 species of woodpeckers that live in Washington, the northern flicker is probably the most commonly seen and heard. Come learn about the benefits of having woodpeckers in your yard, and how we can get along together. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 30** **Lewis Creek Wilderness Tea Party**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you will make! Come learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on our selection of decaffeinated teas. This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** Best for ages 3 to 7 with their adult caregiver. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 112335 **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 30** **Mercer Slough Adult Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Ranger to take a short hike through the wetlands of Mercer Slough Nature Park. With an emphasis on the history and natural resources of the Nature Park, begin with an overview of the LEED Gold education center and end at the bridge that spans the channel of Mercer Slough. Afterward, you are free to explore further on your own. **Ages:** Adults only. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Farm Parties

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Celebrate your child's special day with a visit to the farm! Meet our goats, sheep, rabbits, pig, and ponies. Then create your own wooly sheep to take home. Party packages include one hour tour/craft time and one hour room rental. Parties are limited to 30 children and/or adults. Children under 2 are no additional charge. **Ages:** 2-11 years old. **Cost:** \$165 (resident) and \$180 (non-resident) for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are \$6 per child. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Kids on the Farm Group Tour

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Meet the farm animals and learn interesting animal facts. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding while creating a wooly sheep to take home. These tours are for preschool and school groups. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$90 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are \$6 per child and \$2.50 per adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Springtime in the Barnyard Group Tour

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Welcome springtime with a tour of our animals, which may include chicks, goat kids, piglets and a calf. Learn about their special care, then finish up with a walk through the garden. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$90 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are \$6 per child and \$2.50 per adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

Reading with Rover

Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street

Dogs help kids learn to read. Reading with Rover dogs will be at the Crossroads Community Center to listen to children read to them. This free program inspires children to discover the joy of reading while developing literacy skills and confidence in a fun, safe environment using trained therapy dogs. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.readingwithrover.org/> or call Judi Hagen, 425-452-4874.

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4th Tuesday each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or hstephens@bellevuewa.gov .

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Youth Link 25th Anniversary & Community Leadership Awards Event Planning Meeting, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Assist in planning our 25th anniversary celebration scheduled for May 2015, and help set the theme, program and marketing of the youth recognition event. Students will help plan and will gain experience in planning the community event from concept to delivery. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Action Team Meetings, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE

Participate in planning community special events, community service projects, and other youth leadership activities. Action Teams and planning committees include Youth Link Marketing, Kids Care Coat Drive, Youth Involvement Conference, Community Leadership Awards, We Day, Youth Link University, Crossroads Homework Help, and Youth Link Robotics. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st Thursday each month

Bellevue Network on Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

Every Thursday

Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

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1st Saturday each month

Lewis Creek Ranger Walk, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Join a Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required.

Info: 425-452-4195.

Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered migratory visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Discover the history of the park, view community gardens, and share stories about our local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required for groups smaller than 10. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, Noon

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. **Suggested donation:** \$3 for those 60 and older; fee of \$6.00 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches.

Info/Pre-register: 425-452-7681.