

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

April 9, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110th Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA



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

Tuesday
March 12, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

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

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Councilmember Robertson

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Betsy Anderson, Toni Esparza, Angela Ferguson, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Kim Indurkar, Alex O'Reilly, Camron Parker, Colin Walker

OTHERS PRESENT: Jordan Aune, Betsi Hummer, Brad Jones (Visit Bellevue Washington), Emily Mather, Karen Mauden, Benjamin Premack, Darrell Tsukiji, Patricia Wheeler

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Boardmember Clark and second by Boardmember Unger to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Trescases and second by Boardmember Hamilton to approve the January 8, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

¹ Arrived at 6:03 p.m.

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

Darrell Tsukiji & Emily Mather
Youth Link Board

On behalf of the Bellevue Youth Link Board, Mr. Tsukiji and Ms. Mather invited Boardmembers to the 20th Annual Gumbo Night, which will be held on April 17, 2019 at the home of former Parks Boardmember Sherry Grindeland.

Benjamin Premack
15455 SE 47th Pl., Bellevue, WA

Mr. Premack expressed his concern about the number of off-leash dogs in many of the park facilities, specifically Lewis Creek Park. He also encouraged inclusion of additional off-leash dog parks, particularly in southeast Bellevue.

Betsi Hummer
14541 SE 26th St., Bellevue, WA

Ms. Hummer explained that an application has been submitted to change the zoning for the Bellevue Technology Center so that it can be developed into a multifamily development. The community has worked hard to keep this property as a large open green space. Ms. Hummer encouraged Boardmembers to pay close attention to this project, since it impacts the open green space and tree canopy. If the multifamily facility is approved, additional parks will be needed to accommodate the additional people.

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

Councilmember Robertson provided the following update on Council projects:

- The annual Council Retreat was held—operating guidelines and emerging issues were discussed among other items.
- The Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue withdrew their proposal for a fieldhouse facility.
- The Wilburton Area Update is forthcoming.

Councilmember Robertson also expressed her enthusiasm for the Meydenbauer Bay Park Grand Opening, as well as Gumbo Night.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Councilmember Robertson expressed her appreciation to Patrick Foran for his dedication and years of service to Bellevue. Mr. Foran recently announced his retirement. Mr. Foran has been a zealous advocate for parks and will be deeply missed. Other Boardmembers expressed their appreciation to Mr. Foran as well.

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7. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Boardmember Unger enjoyed spending time at Downtown Park, Hidden Valley Park, and Surrey Downs Park. She is also looking forward to the Meydenbauer Bay Park Grand Opening.

Boardmember Clark enjoyed spending time at Downtown Park.

Boardmember Hamilton recently visited Wilburton Hill Park. He also attended the Tree Canopy public meeting.

Boardmember Synn enjoyed spending time at Kelsey Creek Farm.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

Chair Kumar looks forward to the Meydenbauer Bay Park Grand Opening.

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

No reports.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Visit Bellevue Washington**

Mr. Jones explained that Visit Bellevue Washington (VBW) falls under the Bellevue Convention Center Authority. The BCCA has three divisions, including Meydenbauer Center, Meydenbauer Center Theatre and VBW. VBW serves as Bellevue's official destination marketing and management organization and has the following strategic goals:

- Strategy 1: Attracting overnight visitors to Bellevue
- Strategy 2: Maximizing visitor engagement and spending
- Strategy 3: Branding Bellevue
- Strategy 4: Enhancing the Bellevue visitor experience
- Strategy 5: Managing the destination development plan

Mr. Jones further reviewed the Destination Development Plan, included in Strategy 5. The vision of the Destination Development Plan is for Bellevue to be a premium, vibrant gateway destination to the Greater Seattle Region for national and international visitors that delivers a number of unique shared experiences that inspire visitors to share with family and friends and come back again and again.

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Mr. Jones noted that VBW recently released their Visit Bellevue Strategic Vision 2020 and is undergoing a major Branding update. Part of this update includes working with a mobile-based survey to get real-time feedback from visitors about Bellevue parks and other interests.

Boardmember Synn asked how deeply other communities are in providing insight about what bring people to Bellevue. Mr. Jones responded that VBW is currently developing new oversight and governance for the organization that will represent various areas of Bellevue. There are also advisory committees and various councils to assist with this aspect—most members are from the community. Mr. Walker added that the branding consultant is paying close attention to this so they can determine who and what Bellevue is as a destination so it can ultimately be marketed to visitors.

Boardmember Hamilton asked if the lid park and the aquatic center are an important part of VBW marketing campaign. Mr. Jones responded that sports and recreation are a big part of the tourism strategy. It is also a developing sector of Bellevue. Mr. Jones clarified that VBW is working on a more regional approach to sports than Bellevue-centric to take advantage of multiple opportunities. He added that the lid park is also a great way to connect both sides of the community. The lid park needs to be programmable so that people can gather and use it as an attraction (i.e., festivals, concerts, farmers markets, etc.).

Boardmember Clark asked if VBW is targeting the future employees of Bellevue. Mr. Jones labeled these as “Bleisure” visitors. These are business visitors that extend their trip for leisure. VBW is working to bolster weekend visitors. Mr. Jones noted that VBW is evaluating the park assets and how to circulate visitors in a sustainable way—signage and wayfinding is critical to Bleisure visitors. Transportation options are also being evaluated (i.e., trolley service or other means).

Boardmember Unger asked if there is a current branding statement versus how we want to brand ourselves. She called specific attention to the term “pretentious.” Mr. Jones clarified that Bellevue has great hospitality and is in between the luxury/upscale/outside/corporate world. The city needs to be marketed in a non-pretentious/authentic manner. Boardmember Unger also inquired if VBW is trying to capture Seattle visitors. Mr. Jones explained that Bellevue needs to be introduced in the right way to intercept interested Seattle visitors.

Chair Kumar asked if “City in a Park” will be incorporated into the branding strategy. Mr. Jones explained that once a concept is determined, it will be vetted through various departments and organizations for buy-in. The brand should be maneuverable. The tagline and logo are not as important as the brand platform. Vice-Chair Trescases added that the branding exercise is VBW’s exercise, not the city’s exercise. The goal is to attract visitors; therefore the brand strategy might be different for Bellevue residents.

Mr. Foran stated that there are many priorities important for Bellevue’s strategy to attract visitors: workforce, affordable housing, regional transportation, etc.

B. Community Services Planning Update

Ms. Esparza explained that the Parks & Community Services Department provides a wide spectrum of services to the community. To provide a more complete picture of the diverse programs and services that are offered, the following presentations were provided:

- Kim Indurkar, Community Services Supervisor and the Department's Inclusion Coordinator
Choices for People with Disabilities Plan

Ms. Indurkar explained that the Choices for People with Disabilities Plan was created as a resource for city staff to provide access and equity for residents with disabilities into programs, services and facilities. The current update includes a proactive approach to access.

Ms. Indurkar stated that having a plan that provides the greatest choice of recreation activities and experiences supports full and active participation of individuals with disabilities in the same community activities as individuals without disabilities. This develops community support and encourages attitudinal changes to reflect the right of all people to dignity, self-respect, and community involvement.

The goals of the Choices for People with Disabilities Plan include:

- Physical access into facilities, parks, playgrounds
 - Recreation choice opportunities
 - Staff training
 - Outreach
 - Expansion of services
- Angela Ferguson, Business Systems Manager, and Diversity Liaison for Parks & Community Services
Diversity Strategic Plan

Ms. Ferguson explained that in collaboration with the City's Draft Diversity Advantage Plan, the Parks Department plans to roll out its Diversity Strategic Plan with three objectives:

- To examine current policies, practices, and procedures as it pertains to diversity and equity related issues.
- To incorporate strategies and best practices developed under the Diversity Advantage Plan as guiding principles for the mission and vision of all Parks & Community Services work plans.
- To cultivate a department culture that understands, reflects and celebrates diversity as its standard, while continuing to provide high quality programs and services for all communities and groups in Bellevue.

Ms. Ferguson added that the intent is to utilize the Draft Parks Diversity Strategic Plan as guiding principles for the City's work as best practices in programs, policies, planning, and services are developed.

Based on the Department Assessment, the following five objectives have been identified for the workplan:

- Policies
- Programs & Services
- Communication & Outreach
- Recruitment & Retention
- Training

Ms. Ferguson explained that the Draft Diversity Strategic Plan will allow staff to address the changing demographics and better meet customers' needs. More importantly, the plan will provide and equip staff with the necessary training, tools, and strategy to engage the community effectively. It can also be used to address the changing demographics and better meet customer needs.

- Alex O'Reilly, Human Services Division Manager
Human Services Needs Update

Ms. O'Reilly provided a briefing on early efforts to collect community feedback for the 2019-20 Human Services Needs Update. The biennial report looks at the needs of Bellevue residents and explores how to leverage the community's resources most effectively. The information will ultimately guide the Human Services Commission's funding recommendations.

Initial outreach and data collection has started and will continue through the summer, using a variety of tools including community surveys, focus groups and interviews with community stakeholders.

The draft report will be reviewed this fall with expected adoption by the Human Services Commission.

- Betsy Anderson, Senior Planner
*Recreation Program Plan
Strategic Plan*

The Recreation Program Plan guides the department's investment in recreation programs, with a focus on programming and spending to meet the needs of those with limited opportunities for recreation. An update to the Recreation Program Plan is due in 2020 to meet Commission for Accreditation of Park & Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) standards. Ms. Anderson noted that while the core tenets of the plan remain relevant, staff is embracing the opportunity to update the plan to more fully align with the

citywide Diversity Advantage Initiative and integrate principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion. The plan update also strives to more fully reflect the breadth of programming and services undertaken by the department. Ms. Anderson added that staff is also working to make the plan's structure and graphic layout more user-friendly.

Boardmembers can expect a dedicated presentation on the Recreation Program Plan update in April, in advance of the public outreach that will be undertaken over the summer. This is a plan that will be seeking Parks Board feedback and endorsement over the next year.

Ms. Anderson noted that like the Recreation Program Plan, the department's Strategic Plan was last updated in 2015 and is due for an update in 2020. The Strategic Plan acts like a bridge—it helps staff translate policy-level guidance from city- and department-level plans and initiatives into actions that can then be turned into work plans. The plan confirms the department's mission and guiding principles and, through goals and strategies, identifies the focus for the next five years.

Ms. Anderson noted that the Board will be receiving a presentation specific to this planning effort in the coming months.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Boardmember Hamilton suggested that Boardmembers debrief the BGCB fieldhouse process at a future Board meeting. Councilmember Robertson suggested that this be added to a retreat agenda. Boardmember Heath added that he would like to invite the BGCB to participate in the discussion. He would like to learn lessons so the Board can work with potential community partners in a proactive manner.

Boardmember Unger expressed her support of a retreat and would also like to discuss future agenda topics and projects that the Parks Board might like to work on. Vice-Chair Trescases reminded Boardmembers that there is a five year work plan for the Parks Board that can be used as a starting point. Councilmember Robertson added that the Parks Board is an advisory Board for City Council and should ask Council for permission if they want to go outside the scope of the work plan list or Council priorities.

Motion by Boardmember Heath and second by Vice-Chair Trescases to extend the meeting until 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

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Councilmember Robertson added that Boardmembers may want to postpone a retreat until the new Parks Director has been appointed.

Boardmember Heath expressed his frustration with the structure of current Board meetings. He feels that the process and structure does not allow for creativity and back/forth dialogue.

Motion by Vice-Chair Trescases and second by Boardmember Hamilton to extend the meeting until 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Chair Kumar and Vice-Chair Trescases will work with staff to plan a Board retreat.

13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Meydenbauer Bay Park Grand Opening flyer
- C. Letter from Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue re fieldhouse
- D. Council Packet Agenda Memo re acquisition (1-22-19)
- E. Memo from staff re Natural Resource/Resource Management Volunteerism
- F. Email from Judy Matthew about reducing light pollution
- G. Email from Gregg T re Boys & Girls Clubs at Wilburton Park
- H. List of upcoming Parks special events

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

Karen Mauden

316 – 131st Ave., Bellevue WA

Ms. Mauden thanked Boardmember Heath for his comments regarding the BGCB/Wilburton fieldhouse proposal. She clarified that the Wilburton community is not against the BGCB specifically—they are merely against the fieldhouse proposal. A fieldhouse in the Wilburton community goes against Bellevue's City in a Park principles. Ms. Mauden suggested that the BGCB and Wilburton community be invited to come together for a dialogue.

Betsi Hummer

14541 SE 26th St., Bellevue, WA

Ms. Hummer expressed her appreciation to Mr. Foran, noting that the Parks Department is first class from top to bottom, which is reflective of Mr. Foran's leadership.

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Ms. Hummer is concerned about some of the urban boulevard development and traffic flows, not to mention the tree canopy and treescapes. She will forward an overview on what these boulevards should look like to Boardmembers.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Synn and second by Boardmember Hamilton to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: March 27, 2019

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Christy Stangland, Human Services Planner

SUBJECT: Human Services Needs Update
(Board feedback requested)

Bellevue's Human Services Needs Update is an analysis of the health and human services trends and issues that affect the quality of life of Bellevue residents. The Needs Update is used by the Human Services Commission to guide the recommendation for allocation of our Human Services Fund and Community Development Block Grant to the City Council. The Human Services Division staff use the document to direct our work and forecast how the city can prepare for changes in human services. Staff will share themes for the 2017-18 Human Services Need Update and an overview of the methodology for gathering data.

The Human Services Division is asking the Parks and Community Services Board for their input for the 2019-2020 Needs Update or areas that they see are human services needs in the community.

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

Date: April 9, 2019

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Betsy Anderson, Senior Planner
Parks & Community Services

Subject: 2020 Recreation Program Plan
(Information and feedback)

Parks & Community Services is in the process of updating one of its long-range policy documents, the Recreation Program Plan. First developed in the late 1990s, the Recreation Program Plan is revised every five years and guides the department's investment in recreation programming. Parks & Community Services is one recreation provider among many in Bellevue, and the plan defines the City's role within this larger system. The plan also sets the City's policies for recreation program pricing. The current plan dates from 2015 and the update is due in 2020. The plan will be presented to the Board two to three times over the next year, ending with a request for Board endorsement in early 2020.

At the April Board meeting, a presentation will provide background detail on (1) the functions the plan serves and its role in the department's accreditation, (2) the content of the current plan and progress made to achieve key goals, (3) proposed changes in plan scope and structure, and (4) the proposed public outreach strategy for the plan update. After the presentation, the Board will have an opportunity to discuss and provide feedback on the proposed plan scope and public process.

While the core tenets of the current plan remain relevant and have served the department well, staff have identified the 2020 plan as an opportunity to provide a few key updates to the plan's focus and structure. Core similarities and key differences between the 2015 plan and the proposed 2020 update are listed below.

Core Similarities with Existing Plan

The plan update will continue to:

- Focus on meeting the needs of residents with limited opportunities for recreation and filling needs not provided by other entities;
- Emphasize well-coordinated recreation programs and collaboration with partners;
- Focus on health and community building;
- Identify the need for ongoing data collection to inform program offerings; and
- Include elements required by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), including program objectives, program and service statistics, program

and service determinants, recreation and leisure trends analysis, and the community inventory.

Key Differences from Existing Plan

Staff propose the following updates to the current plan:

- The plan structure is streamlined so that it will be more user-friendly.
 - Guiding principles and goals are distilled so that they can be understood at a glance.
 - Specific actions will be identified to help achieve each goal and strategy, rather than including a separate Implementation Strategies section.
 - Program Objectives for Specific User Groups: the content and recommendations from this section are integrated into the development of the updated goals and strategies and are not called out separately.
- In alignment with the citywide Diversity Advantage Initiative, the plan more strongly emphasizes the role of equity, diversity, accessibility, and cultural competence in program planning and delivery.
- The staff planning team will undertake public outreach to vet the proposed goals and strategies and collect information to help refine the plan's actions.

Draft Planning Framework

To focus the public outreach effort, the staff planning team has developed a draft planning framework to guide conversations with the community and with the City's boards, commissions, and advisory networks. The draft vision, guiding principles, and goals and strategies are grounded in the department's philosophy of recreation but are updated to more fully reflect the breadth of the department's work and to respond to current opportunities and challenges. Staff will seek feedback on these draft plan components over the spring and summer. Input received will help refine the plan's content and the focus of the department's recreation programming over the next five-year planning cycle.

Vision for Recreation

Bellevue is a healthy community where all people participate in a range of recreation activities of their choosing, offered by any service provider, allowing them to be physically and mentally healthier and better connected to their neighbors and to the community.

Guiding Principles for Recreation

- 1) **Health-Focused:** We implement and support services, programs, and initiatives that promote the physical, mental, and emotional health of individuals, families, neighborhoods, and community.
- 2) **Building Community:** We are a trusted resource that creates and enhances relationships and connections between our residents.

- 3) **Culture of Excellence:** We provide and/or facilitate inclusive, accessible, and equitable recreation programs for all, where everyone can expect quality staff, programs, and facilities.
- 4) **Dynamic and Resourceful:** We are highly responsive to an ever-changing community, providing opportunities that are relevant and well-coordinated.

Goals and Strategies

I. Ensure that every Bellevue resident can access recreational opportunities and community services.

- Evaluate and improve department programs, systems, and resources to ensure that recreational programs and community services are equitable and accessible in development and delivery.
- Connect with new audiences through expanded outreach and communication efforts.
- Identify opportunities to expand program access for those who work or go to school in Bellevue.

II. Offer programs and services that are consistent with our guiding principles and reflect the community's interests and needs, specifically those of underserved groups.

- Place special emphasis on programming and spending to meet the needs of those with limited opportunities for recreation.
- Identify and address gaps in program and service delivery in collaboration with community members and organizations.
- Empower staff to respond nimbly to the changing recreational needs of a growing city.
- Engage with new and established partners to enhance program and service delivery.

III. Promote community well-being through programs and services that instill a sense of belonging and inclusion.

- Expand recreation choice for people with disabilities by promoting both adaptive recreation opportunities and inclusion services throughout the system, to better connect residents to the community.
- Promote recreation, gathering places, special events, and time to connect as important facets of a livable community and healthy economy.

IV. Foster individual health and wellness through opportunities for structured and unstructured play, exercise, and recreation.

- Provide resources and programs that promote lifelong fitness and healthy lifestyles.
- Develop programs and tools that get people outside and encourage exploration of parks and trails.
- Design programs and facilities that provide opportunities for play for residents of all ages.
- Provide recreation programs and community services that support children and youth in the development of physical, cognitive, and social skills; expanded learning opportunities; and risk reduction.

Copies of the 2015 Recreation Program Plan were included in the orientation material provided when your term on the Board began. The current plan is also available online at: <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/planning-and-development/studies-plans/recreation-program-plan> . If you have any questions prior to the meeting or if you would like an additional copy of the current plan, please contact me at 425-452-4280 or EHanderson@bellevuewa.gov.



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT March 2019

Aquatic Center Study

The team continues to prepare site analyses and assembling program information of an aquatic facility, including competitive, recreational, and therapeutic/health & fitness. SplashForward has provided valuable information to assist our research efforts. Staff will make a presentation to the Bellevue College Board of Directors in late April to continue the discussion regarding a potential partnering, and will also update the City Council at their April 22 Study Session.

Ashwood Park Master Plan Update

Proposals are due the first week of April for a design team to work with us to conduct public outreach and prepare a plan. We expect to have a consultant team on board in May and begin public outreach in June. We plan to share project background, process overview and key issues with Council and Park Board before beginning the public outreach.

Bridle Trails 140th Street Park Development

Construction design and permitting phases will begin later this year, though funding for construction will not be available until 2021. Staff met with BTCC in March to present the project timeline and park naming opportunities.

Bannerwood Park

The batting cage roof has been installed, but the clubhouse building is delayed until after the season.

Downtown Park – NE Gateway

The artist has scheduled a site visit in early April to obtain a better understanding of the park and to present his initial concepts to the Arts Commission. The NE Gateway site design is proceeding and we are also proceeding with the alley vacation process. Once the public art component has been more fully vetted, we will schedule a joint Park Board/Arts Commission meeting to present the plan and request a joint recommendation to the Council.

Hearing Assistance for Public Spaces

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

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

Park construction is complete, the Grand Opening was held on March 16 and the park is now open to the public. Whaling Building completion, and final permit approvals are expected to be complete by the end of April. Staff is finalizing a contract with a vendor to manage the boat concession this summer in the Whaling Building. We are also working with our Rangers to determine the need for added presence and security during the busy summer season.

Newport Hills/Tyler Park

Work is underway on the planning, design and construction of a neighborhood park in the Newport Hills neighborhood. A neighborhood kick-off meeting has tentatively been scheduled for May 21. Public outreach is expected to continue throughout the summer, followed by design and construction of the park, which we hope to complete by late 2020.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects Summary

- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Project complete.
- **Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Project complete.
- **BYT Construction:** Project complete.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Site analysis and initial schematic design is complete. The cost estimates for Phase 1 are significantly over the anticipated budget, so we continue to explore schematic design options and costs to determine the Phase 1 scope of work.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
 - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Bridle Trails/140th Ave property acquisition:** Project complete.
 - **Bridle Trails Corner Park acquisition & development:** Project complete.
 - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Project complete.
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Project complete.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Park construction is complete and punch-list work will continue into April. Sound Transit has completed the safety rail, and the park opened to the public April 1. Except for one property, the new boundary fence has been installed. A Grand Opening Celebration will be scheduled later in the Spring.

Renovation Program

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

The following projects were deferred into 2019:

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

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

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

The following contingency projects were added in 2019:

Entatai Beach Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boathouse Waterproofing Asses. (DB)
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From: [Jo Scott](#)
To: [parkboard](#); [Parker, Camron](#)
Cc: [Council](#); [Miyake, Brad](#); [Dan and Bonnie Renn](#); [Ashley Kaiser](#)
Subject: Kudos to the Parks Board
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 1:37:20 PM

Dear Chair Kumar and members of the Parks Board,

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You have devoted an incredible amount of your time and energy to this effort. Your work is appreciated greatly and will endure. We know there will be more development proposals as real estate becomes scarce. When the next one comes to Wilburton, we will remember your careful work and remind staff that a process map exists.

Grateful for your service to the community,
Jo Scott from Wilburton

From: [Lesley Stuart](#)
To: [parkboard](#)
Subject: Thank you for Preserving Wilburton Park
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:32:59 AM

Greetings Park Board Members,

As a former chair of the Park Board, I strove to acquire and preserve open space in Bellevue for future generations and generally recommended against premature development of existing city-owned park land, with some exceptions. It is with great satisfaction I observe that the current Board works with those same values in mind. I am particularly heartened that the huge proposed development in Wilburton Park seems to have been shelved -- one hopes forever -- and I want to thank the Board for its deliberative process in that effort.

Nice work.

Sincerely,

Lesley Stuart
Former Park Board Member and Chair

From: [Omid Fatemieh](#)
To: [parkboard](#)
Subject: Thanks
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 5:44:53 PM

Dear Chair Kumar and members of the Parks Board,

I am a 6-year resident of Wilburton, and wanted to sincerely thank you on behalf of myself and extended family for the fair and open process for evaluating the proposed east Bellevue fieldhouse. We are extremely glad that the proposal was withdrawn, in particular because the proposed use was not part of the approved park master plan.

I hope this serves as a precedent for any such future attempts to turn forest into concrete.

Best Regards,
Omid

From: [Dan or Bonnie Renn](#)
To: [parkboard](#); [Parker, Camron](#); [Jo Scott](#)
Cc: [Council](#); [Miyake, Brad](#); [Dan and Bonnie Renn](#); [Ashley Kaiser](#)
Subject: Re: Kudos to the Parks Board
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:39:21 PM

Dear Park Board,

We in Wilburton all second the comments from Jo Scott expressed below and in her e-mail.

Thanks for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Daniel Renn, Wilburton Resident

On Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 1:37:17 PM PDT, Jo Scott <josmoz@gmail.com> wrote:

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Jo Scott from Wilburton

From: [VERNON SCHRAG](#)
To: [parkboard](#)
Cc: [Kost, Glenn](#); [Parker, Camron](#)
Subject: Process Map for Ashwood Park Master Plan & Public Hearings
Date: Friday, March 15, 2019 9:04:41 AM

Dear Parks Board:

Add this email to an upcoming Agenda topic please. As the Month of March comes to a close, we still have no hints about Ashwood Park Master Plan completion. Is it done yet?

Parks Board Minutes have many pages of your discussions about BGCB but nothing for Ashwood Park. Please start thinking about developing a serious "Process Map" for Progress to build out Ashwood Park so people can enjoy & use it. Spring has sprung and summer events aren't far behind!

We especially appreciated Board member's desires to engage with the Community in decision-making. A good step for future progress and organization of recommendations by the Parks Board. **Kudos re:**

*"Boardmember Hamilton thinks the proposed process map ensures that all voices are heard and all relevant details are gathered. The process is proof of the Board's desire to conduct a thorough competent review, and the Board is qualified to conduct such a review and to provide the Council with a thoughtful recommendation. Boardmember Synn agreed with Boardmember Hamilton's comments, noting that once the **overall process map is determined it can essentially be applied to any project.**"*

Well done. Let us know how we can help you get this wise practice implemented for ANY PROJECT. Especially for the long overdue Ashwood Park Project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dwight and Mary Schrag

1106 108th Ave NE #302

Downtown Bellevue Ashwood Neighborhood

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APRIL 2019

- April 4** **Garden Class: Creating Your Dream Garden, Part 1**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This workshop will be taught by Lisa Bauer and George Lasch. During this two-part workshop, you will plan the garden of your dreams with methods used by industry professionals. Learn processes, tips and tricks the pros use to create a functional, beautiful and sustainable garden. You will then have some time to take those ideas home and work on your own design. **The second session is on Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, where you will get feedback and discuss design solutions. **Cost:** \$65 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$75/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- April 5** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, and doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 5** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Lorax”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Learn how you, too, can “speak for the trees” as we read this classic story and learn the basics of environmental stewardship. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- April 6** **Garden Class: Expressive Acrylic Painting**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Terry MacDonald. Come and create a brilliant botanical artwork! Acrylics are a very versatile medium with bright colors, infinite techniques and are easy to use. In this class, we will create two projects: a small warm-up project on a wood surface and a larger painting of a geranium on canvas. Students should have some basic painting skills, but not necessarily much experience. The instructor will provide the materials. **Cost:** \$75 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$85/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- April 6** **What is Woolly, Wiggly, and Snuggly All Over?** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
A sheep! Come to the farm to meet our sheep and find out what it takes to be a shepherd. Help us clean the sheep stall, feed out hay, and pet a sheep! Each child will do a craft with wool from one of our sheep. Come dressed for the weather.
Ages: 5-7 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows.
Info and to register: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900803.
- April 6** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
Distance: Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 6** **Garden Class: Beneficial Bugs for Kids, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
What are Beneficial Bugs? Why do we need them, and how do we attract them to our garden? Join us as we examine live insects, read a story, create a bug craft, and go in search of pollinators. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-8 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** \$12 per child. Accompanying adults are free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- April 7** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine**
Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- April 7** **Best Buds**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All winter long the trees have been holding onto their buds; but now that spring is here, leaves will be opening everywhere! Join a Park Ranger to discover what's hiding inside the protected buds, see some that have already opened, and dig deeper into a closed bud. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 9** **Garden Class: Hydrangea How-To**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
In this class you will learn the distinguishing traits between species, and how best to keep your hydrangeas beautiful with the proper care, growing conditions and pruning. Bring your questions, and be prepared to go outside in the second half of the class. Taught by Kit Haesloop. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society or Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- April 9** **Washington Native Plant Society Lecture: Alpine Flowers of Mt. Rainier**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture, by Donovan Tracy, is presented by the Washington Native Plant Society. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://wnps.org/>
- April 12** **What is Weather?** 10 a.m. – 11 a.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. See a demonstration of how to make your very own cloud in a jar! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- April 13** **Peep! Peep!**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs as well as other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt will round off our morning of fun! This is a child and caregiver class. **Instructor:** Karen Renfroe-Gielgens. **Ages:** Best for ages 2 to 5 with accompanying adult. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 1900372.

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- April 13** **Spring Egg-Stravaganza**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Come to Kelsey Creek for a fun morning on the farm with our lovable farm animals, and learn all about eggs. Children will get to collect eggs from our chicken coops and compare chicken, duck, and goose eggs. They will also pet a bunny, pet a chicken, and go on an egg hunt! **Ages:** 5-7 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900804.
- April 13** **NW Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Rock Garden Society members and regional specialty growers will offer a wide range of plants that grow in the mountains, forests and deserts of the West, along with plants from Europe, Asia and South America. Members will be available to demonstrate growing conditions and to give advice. Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of plants will vary. **Info:** <https://www.nargsnw.org/>
- April 13** **April Pools Day** – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Children will have the opportunity to learn basic self-help skills in a water emergency with water safety demonstration, lifejacket fitting, and a visit from Mercer Island Marine Patrol and their rescue boat. There will also be free raffles for prizes! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** 12 and under swim for free; 13 and older swim for \$7. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Contact Patrick Simmons at 425-452-4444 or psimmons@bellevuewa.gov
- April 17** **BBGS Lecture: Ten Questions to Ask About Your Garden's Design**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture is presented by Steve Aitken. Steve is the Editor of *Fine Gardening*, a magazine devoted to making readers better gardeners. Steve spends much of his time talking with and visiting horticulturalists and avid gardeners around the country. The knowledge he gains from these activities not only helps the magazine, but also provides solutions to everyday challenges he faces in his own garden. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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April 19-28 “Exile of Lord Rama/What About Us” (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),

April 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 7 p.m.;

April 27 and 28 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street

Come join us for an evening of two one-act plays. “Lord Rama” is a classic tale told with dance and the passion of India. “What About Us” examines the timely topics impacting our young people today. This will be a wonderful time of enlightenment in the theatre. **Ages:** “Lord Rama” is suitable for all ages, which “What About Us” may handle material not suitable for under 10. Audience members attending “Lord Rama” will be able to leave at intermission. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

April 19 Story Time on the Farm, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE

Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, and doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

April 20 Arbor Day-Earth Day Family Festival, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Bellevue’s annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event will mark the city’s 28th year of being recognized as a “Tree City USA” community by the Arbor Day Foundation. At 11:30 a.m., Bellevue park rangers and elected officials will plant a ceremonial tree and recognize environmental volunteers. Local environmental stewardship organizations will host free activities and eco-demonstrations. Plant a tree with your family! Kids can grab an Arbor Day-Earth Day activities passport from a Park Ranger and journey through various eco-stations. Completed passports will be entered into a prize drawing. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 26 It’s Black and White with Crows and Seagulls! 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

These birds can be seen almost every day in the Pacific Northwest, but how much do you really know about them? Come learn some uncommon facts about two very common birds with a Bellevue Park Ranger. Enjoy a bird craft back at the Ranger Station! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.

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- April 26** **Nature Movie Night: “Our Blue Planet”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This episode examines the role of human anthropogenic activity on the oceans. Microplastics and pollution are an increasing problem for the world’s seas, threatening the lives of marine life and ultimately affecting the ecosystem. Can human reverse their activity to protect these threatened ecosystems and the wildlife dependent on them? This film is part of the *Blue Planet Series II*, narrated by David Attenborough. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 27** **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 activities, 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 (service animals only). **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for food and activities. No ATM is on site. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 27** **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. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1901017.
- April 27** **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 welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

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- April 27** **Living with Wildlife – There’s a Bear in the Yard!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Springtime in south Bellevue means roaming bears. Learn all about black bears in our area, including how to prevent conflicts in your neighborhood, and what to do if you see a bear. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but participants ages 13+ are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 27** **Family Discovery Series: Spring into Nature**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
As the seasons change, so does nature. Many creatures, big and small, are emerging from their long winter’s nap in search of food and friends. Branches and shrubs are coming to life. Learn more about the plants and animals that indicate the first signs of spring. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 28** **Northwest Perennial Alliance Spring Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This is the NPA’s biggest plant sale of the year. **Cost:** No admission fee; open to the public. Cost of plants will vary. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/plant_sales.php
- April 28** **Best Buds**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All winter long the trees have been holding onto their buds; but now that spring is here, leaves will be opening everywhere! Join a Park Ranger to discover what’s hiding inside the protected buds, see some that have already opened, and dig deeper into a closed bud. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- May 2** **Garden Class: Pruning: Hackables, Shearables, and Untouchables,**
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
There are some plants that are cut to the ground each year. When you barely touch others, all chaos breaks loose. Find out which ones are which, as well as which plants are appropriately sheared every year. Learn how to prune butterfly bush, lavatera, heather, lavender, rockrose, and witch hazel. Taught by Anna Moore from Plant Amnesty. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and Plant Amnesty members; \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 3** **Tag-A-Long Tour,** 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Rise and shine! Adult and child teams will get a sneak peek at Kelsey Creek Farm life as they help the farmers with their morning chores. Help us prepare the animals' meals, make sure they have fresh water, and clean their stalls. After all that hard work, we'll reward ourselves with a farm-themed snack. Adult/child teams only; a team is one adult and one child. **Ages:** 3-5 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1921251.
- May 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: "Feathered Friends"**
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! Flock together for May's story time as we read two fun books. We'll learn all the different shapes, sizes and colors birds come in before taking a close look as a family of chicks grow up and discover the world. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 3-11** **"Bobby's World of Adventure" (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**
May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7 p.m.;
May 5 and 11 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
What if you suddenly work up to find yourself in an entirely new world where the characters you read about were not what you thought? Piecing together the clues, Bobby must quickly figure out how to return home before being trapped forever. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- May 4** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Show and Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Shop for fuchsia starts at this popular annual plant sale. **Cost:** Open to the public; no admission fee. **Info:** <http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/dates.htm>
- May 4** **The 2019 Great SBCC Challenge**, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
South Bellevue Community Center hosts this unique event where teams of three to five people compete in a series of fun challenges requiring athleticism for physical feats, smarts for mental tasks, and artistic abilities for creative endeavors. The team who successfully completes the challenges in the allotted time while earning the most points will be crowned the winner. Twists and turns can throw off the most talented, so beware! Each team must have one adult and child. Teams that register by April 17 will receive event t-shirts. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$10/registrant. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuwa.gov>, course 1902349. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- May 4** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
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Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuwa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- May 5** **Who's that Bird?** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Fly in this month to learn the who's who and what's what of our local bird species. We'll learn about some new friends, and participants will choose their favorite for an art piece to be displayed at Lewis Creek Visitor Center. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- May 10** **Sensational Squirrels**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Who knew such a small animal could have such a big personality? As one of the area's most commonly-observed critters, the squirrel evokes many different emotions in those who come across them. We'll discuss the species present in our forests and backyards, and learn all about this adaptive animal. Join us for a fun time and a craft! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- May 10** **Toddler Trails**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the trails at Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger, and get out some wiggles on select Fridays this summer. We'll take frequent stops while we investigate the different environments of Lewis Creek Park as we wander through. We'll learn how we can make hiking fun for everyone. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 18 months to 3 years with accompanying adult(s). **Distance:** Approximately a half mile. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 10** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, and doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- May 11** **World Migratory Bird Day Bash**, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Each year over 81 countries all over the globe come together to celebrate our wonderful migratory birds during World Migratory Bird Day. Flock to the park to celebrate this very special event where Park Rangers will lead drop-in programs throughout the morning. You can browse for birds during a Ranger-led hike, fly through the dangers of migration during a fun migration game, and create crafts for bird-friendly communities. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** This jubilee is fun for all ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- May 11** **Family Fun – Tea Time with Mommy and Me**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Come to our tea party dressed up in your party attire! Mommy and child will have fun together making art, nibbling on snacks, listening to stories and singing! **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 1902683.
- May 12** **Mother’s Day at the Garden**, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Celebrate this special day with your favorite Mom by bringing her to the beautiful Bellevue Botanical Garden! Live music, posy-making for Mom, ballroom dancing demonstration, Plein Air artists, refreshments at Copper Kettle Coffee Bar, and shopping at the Trillium Store will take place throughout the day. **Cost:** Free admission; open to the public. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/event/mothers-day-at-the-garden-2019/>
- May 12** **Mom and Me Play with Pigs and Ponies**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Join us with your child for a fun Mother’s Day activity at Kelsey Creek Farm. Each child will get to feed a pig, go on a pony ride, and make a farm-themed craft to take home. Your child will also help us prepare a fun Mother’s Day surprise! Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 4-8 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900801.
- May 12** **Creekside Caddisflies**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you seen a dragonfly nymph’s jaws snatch a tasty snack as it crawls along the creek bed, or a caddisfly snuggled up in its woven case? Find out all about these critters and what they tell us about Lewis Creek as we take samples and dive deeper into what we find. Please dress for the weather and wear clothes you don’t mind getting a bit wet. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 9 to 13 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for youth and adult participants by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 13-19** **National Public Gardens Week**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
A variety of events will take place at the Garden throughout the week. Check our calendar for developing details at <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>

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- May 15** **BBGS Lecture: The Art of Gardening: Design Inspiration from Chanticleer**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture is presented by Dan Benarcik, Horticulturist at Chanticleer and co-author of *The Art of Gardening: Design Inspiration and Innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer*. Unlike many public gardens that seek to educate through plant labels and collections, Chanticleer in Wayne, PA is about innovation. Dan will give us a sumptuous pictorial tour of one of the most famous gardens in the world. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 17** **Garden Class: Mindfulness in the Garden**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
While we stroll slowly through the vibrant Spring Garden, we will focus on opening our senses and deepening our connection to nature, allowing ourselves to fully engage and awaken to the combined healing power of nature and present awareness. Utilizing elements of Mindfulness Meditation and Shinrin-Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing), we will cleanse our mind, body and spirit while tuning in to our deepest Felt Sense, creating a feeling of inner spaciousness and stillness. Class leaders Psychotherapist Deborah Wilk, LMFT, and Naturopathic Physician Jessica Hancock, ND, are from Mindful in the Wild. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 17** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, and doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- May 17** **Story and a Stroll: “When Rain Falls”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
When rain falls, we scurry indoors. But what about all those animals in the forests and fields? Journey from your neighborhood to the woods and wetlands of Mercer Slough after enjoying this engaging story of animal habitats. **Ages:** Best for 3-6 years. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- May 17** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park**, 8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come test your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We'll learn all about our Northwest bat species before taking a dusk hike to watch for bats as they leave their roosting sites to forage for insects! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. To register: <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1902082. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 17-26** **“A Midsummer Night’s Dream” (Bellevue Youth Theatre play)**,
May 17, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m.;
May 19, 25 and 26 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Join us for Shakespeare’s journey into a world of fairies and mystery. This play, the most popular of his work, comes to life at the Bellevue Youth Theatre. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- May 18-19** **Chinese Floral Art Exhibit**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Members of the Hua Yuan School of Chinese Floral Art create exquisite floral arrangement displays, on view all weekend in the Gathering Place at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. **Cost:** Free admission; open to the public. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 18** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- May 18** **Chinese Tea and Culture Presentation**, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Enjoy Chinese cultural and arts presentations while learning about Chinese tea. Taste traditional tea and learn about the tea plant. **Cost:** Free admission; open to the public. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- May 18** **American Crow: The “Feathered Ape?”** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Do crows “talk” to each other? Can they distinguish peoples’ faces? Where can you see a nightly “river of crows”? Learn about the surprisingly smart American Crow, selected as the Species of the Year for Bellevue Parks. Join the Master Naturalists for a slideshow, activity or game, and a crow-inspired habitat walk around Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adult participants by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 19** **Garden Class: Ferns for All,** 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by George Lasch. Ferns are ancient and overlooked – despite being everywhere. George will have a list of the best ones and maybe a few to avoid. He will also touch on fern propagation and on the recent popularity of the fern-focused stumpery. Slides and handouts will start the class, followed by a walk and talk in the Garden to appreciate how ferns are used in the landscape. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. Pre-registration: Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 19** **Living with Wildlife – Crouching Bobcats,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
How can you tell the difference between a bobcat, cougar, and a housecat? Bobcats are reclusive and sneaky, but sometimes we’re lucky enough to see them! Find out how to recognize these short-tailed cats and how we can coexist with our shy neighbors. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 23** **Garden Class: Irises for Every Garden,** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This workshop will be taught by Daniel Mount. Learn about the many different irises available to gardeners today! After a short introductory session, we will walk through the NPA Border, observing irises for wet and dry situations and learning how to cultivate, propagate and care for these plants. There will be irises from the Border available for purchase at the end of the class. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- May 25** **Who's that Bird?** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Fly in this month to learn the who's who and what's what of our local bird species. We'll learn about some new friends, and participants will choose their favorite for an art piece to be displayed at Lewis Creek Visitor Center. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 25** **Evening Wildlife: An Owl Prowl!** 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
When darkness falls, nocturnal animals are just waking up! From bats to owls in the air, and raccoons to coyotes on the ground, the night is ever so active! Discover which of these creatures live in Bellevue, and come listen for them in a special Ranger-led night hike! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- May 26** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Highlands Open Space,** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Bellevue Park Ranger at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center to explore the Lakemont Highlands Open Space trail system. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (680 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 27** **Holiday Farm Tour: Memorial Day,** 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
If you've always wanted a tour of the farm to meet our resident farm animals, this is your opportunity! You will get to meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, and even pet some of them, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:**
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- May 31** **Nature Movie: "Winged Migration"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Enjoy the natural world as you fly along with some of the world's most amazing birds. This awe-inspiring film takes you to 40 different countries on each of the seven continents to capture a wide variety of bird migrations. Together, the experts, cinematographers and pilots lead you on a rare journey to follow these birds from a variety of unique perspectives. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 1** **The Seattle Garden Club Flower Show: Nature's Poetry**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join us in celebration of the beauty of nature. Explore exhibits showcasing floral design, horticulture, photography, and conservation. The Seattle Garden Club aims to encourage and assist in civic beautifications as well as charitable, scientific, and educational activities. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://www.seattlegardenclub.org/public-events/>
- June 2** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine
Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 7** **Tag-A-Long Tour**, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Rise and shine! Adult and child teams will get a sneak peek at Kelsey Creek Farm life as they help the farmers with their morning chores. Help us prepare the animals' meals, make sure they have fresh water, and clean their stalls. After all that hard work, we'll reward ourselves with a farm-themed snack. Adult/child teams only; a team is one adult and one child. **Ages:** 3-5 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1921252.
- June 7** **All about Amphibians**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Ribbit! Ever wonder about the incredible chorus of frogs heard on warm evenings, or maybe even the sleek salamanders that find refuge under logs and leaves? Learn all you need to know about the amphibians that inhabit our natural spaces, take home a fun craft, and head out on a park ranger-led walk for a chance to spy a few! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.

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- June 7** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Beautiful Buzzing Bees”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! When Mason meets a native bee for the first time, he learns why they’re amazing and that bees need his help! Discover how you can be a bee’s superhero too, just in time for National Pollinator Week. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- June 8** **8th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Robinswood Park, 14915 SE 22nd Street
Enjoy a non-competitive, recreational ride for the whole family. The ride has two unique loops – the mostly flat, nine-mile Greenbelt Loop, and the Lake Loop, which is a more challenging 22-mile route. Routes are approximately 80% on-road and 20% off-road gravel. The routes take riders to and through Bellevue’s award-winning park system, exploring hidden treasures of Bellevue. All participants will receive a custom “buff,” and there will be goodies at the post-ride fest. **Ages:** Main ride is recommended for ages 9 and older. Kids under 9 out on the course should be on a trailer, tagalong or tandem. New in 2019 is a kids ride in the park for children under age 8, at 12:15. **Cost:** \$15 if pre-registered or \$20 on day of event, if space is available (registration begins at 8 a.m.). **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for activity code 1902424. **Info:** bikeride@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4882.
Social media: #coblk2lk
Web page: <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/lake-to-lake-bike-ride>
- June 8** **Bugs, Beetles and Worms – OH MY! 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Parent and child go “buggy” together into the fascinating world of creepy crawly creatures. Join us for crafts, music, snacks and a good time. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required.
Info and to register: NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 1902691.
- June 8** **Family Discovery Series: Who Let the Bugs Out? 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
We can find insects in almost every habitat, yet insects are underappreciated for their role in the food web. Without insects to help break down and dispose of wastes, dead animals and plants would accumulate in our environment. Other animals rely on insects as their primary food source. Without them, they would starve. Join a Park Ranger for a nature walk in search of bugs. Enjoy some hands-on activities and crafts as well. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 8** **Frog Hop!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
One of the earliest sounds of spring is the constant rib-bit song of frogs. Learn about the amazing life cycle of these amphibians, as well as the kinds of frogs that live in Western Washington. Then join a Park Ranger to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- June 11** **Washington Native Plant Society Lecture: Butterflies and Garden Habitat,**
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
With Julie O’Donald. Meet some of the butterflies found in the Puget Sound Lowlands. Learn the best native flowering shrubs and wildflowers for attracting butterflies. Julie will also cover practices that help butterflies survive throughout the year and in all stages of their life cycle. Be part of the garden connection needed to keep butterflies in our neighborhoods. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://www.wnps.org/events>
- June 14** **Story Time on the Farm,** 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, and doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- June 14** **Evening Nature Walk,** 8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Bellevue Park Ranger for a (grown-ups only) hike where we’ll explore some of the park’s nocturnal species, as well as strategies for seeing these shy animals at night. Please bring a flashlight or headlamp, dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** This program is for adults. **Distance:** Approximately one mile. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. To register: <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>, course 1902087. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- June 15** **A Day of Play with Dad**, 8:30 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
South Bellevue Community Center hosts an event that celebrates Father's Day by inviting Dad to a delicious pancake breakfast, then challenges him to fun family adventures that include the SBCC climbing wall, outdoor scavenger hunt, Bellevue Challenge Course and disc golf! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** \$8/registrant 4 years and older; free for ages 3 and under. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuwa.gov>, course 1902328. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- June 15** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- June 19** **Garden Class: How to Prune and Renovate the Overgrown Garden**,
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This workshop will be taught by Shawna van Nimwegen. This is one of Plant Amnesty's most popular classes, because we have all seen landscapes that are overrun and seemingly beyond control. In this class, you will learn about the different types of cuts that you should (and shouldn't) make, including topping, shearing, and undoing past horrors. Come to the class and earn credit toward your Master Pruner Certificate and/or WSNLA CEUs. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 21** **Story and a Stroll: "A Log's Life"** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This book introduces young readers to the life cycle of a tree, inspiring them to look at logs in their own backyards. After the story, head out with a Park Ranger to investigate some fallen logs on the forest floor of the Mercer Slough Nature Park. **Ages:** Best for 3-6 years. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** MSEEC@bellevuwa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 22** **Garden Class: Ethnobotanical Sketchbook**, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Dorota Haber-Lehigh. Explore creative and meditative ways to draw and learn about native forest plants. Connect with nature through careful observation and study of native plants and through keeping an ethnobotanical sketchbook. We will begin with loose and meditative sketching exercises, then practice creating a personal sketchbook page combining sketches, ethnobotanical information and reflections. The class will include a short presentation on a few native plants and their historical uses as well as ecological significance. **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$55/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 23** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Meet at: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds alongside a creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 27-29** **Vintage and Collectables Sale**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale will feature both old and new, from antiques to mid-century modern and beyond. Proceeds from the sale will benefit our educational programs for both children and adults. **Cost:** Free admission; open to the public. Costs vary for items for sale. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/vintage-collectables-sale/>
- June 28** **Nature Movie: “Learning to See the World of Insects,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Insects are everywhere. They are by far the most common animals on our planet. In fact, more than 1.5 million species have been named. Yet there are many more to be discovered. Enjoy one man’s transformational journey as he immerses himself into the world of the Amazon’s strangest creatures. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 29** **Evening Wildlife: Great Blue Herons**, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Did you know that Bellevue is home to great blue heron rookery? These patient fishers can be seen all year round in our lakes and streams. Come learn about what makes a wetland such a magnificent home for these long-legged birds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.

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- June 30** **Summer Science: Water You Know**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Park Ranger for this new summer pre-teen program to investigate the water of the Mercer Slough and learn more about what factors influence the quality. This inquiry-based program involves observation, critical thinking, and hands-on learning with chemical water testing kits to be used at various locations within the nature park. **Ages:** Best for children ages 10-13 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 30** **Frog Hop!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
One of the earliest sounds of spring is the constant rib-bit song of frogs. Learn about the amazing life cycle of these amphibians, as well as the kinds of frogs that live in Western Washington. Then join a Park Ranger to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.