

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

May 8, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110th Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA



AGENDA

Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

<p>Boardmembers:</p> <p>Mark Van Hollebeke, Chair</p> <p>Eric Synn, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Yu Deng</p> <p>Dave Hamilton</p> <p>Stuart Heath</p> <p>Debra Kumar</p> <p>Heather Trescases</p> <p>City Council Liaison:</p> <p>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</p> <p>Staff Contacts:</p> <p>Camron Parker 425-452-2032</p> <p>Nancy Harvey 425-452-4162</p>	<p>Tuesday May 8, 2018 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bellevue City Hall Conference Room 1E-113 450 110th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004</p>																												
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15.	Adjournment	N/A

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<https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/community-services/boards-and-commissions/parks-community-services-board/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday
March 13, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Van Hollebeke, Vice-Chair Synn¹, Boardmembers Hamilton, Heath², Kumar, Trescases

BOARDMEMBER ABSENT: Boardmember Deng

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Glenn Kost, Doug Sanner, Terry Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Betsy Hummer, Pamela Unger

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Van Hollebeke at 6:04 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Boardmember Trescases and second by Boardmember Kumar to approve the February 13, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by Boardmember Trescases and second by Boardmember Kumar to amend page 6 of the meeting minutes, first paragraph to read: “Boardmembers Trescases and Kumar encouraged inclusion of concessions around Downtown Park, since the park commented that the Downtown Park is a hub to many retail establishments. This should be considered when exploring the idea of concessions in the park.” At the question, motion carried unanimously (4-0).

¹ Arrived at 6:15 p.m.

² Arrived at 6:13 p.m.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (4-0) to approve the meeting minutes as amended.

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

Betsi Hummer

14541 SE 26th Street, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Hummer expressed her enthusiasm for the potential aquatic center project. She also thanked Boardmembers for their continued leadership and receptiveness to public comments.

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

No report.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Foran explained that a study was presented to Council in 2009 for an aquatic facility. At that time, Council expressed general support for a major aquatic facility and directed staff to explore regional partnerships with adjacent cities and King County. Staff reported back to Council in early 2010, that after a thorough review, neighboring cities were not ready to pursue a partnership at the time. At the March 12, 2018 Council meeting, staff reported that interest is growing in support of the aquatic center from adjacent cities, King County, Bellevue College, and the Bellevue School District. Council approved a resolution authorizing the city to spend up to \$250,000 to study questions surrounding feasibility, financing, scope and operations of an aquatic facility.

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Boardmember Kumar continues to participate on the Wilburton Citizen Advisory Committee. A more detailed report will be provided later in the meeting agenda.

Boardmember Hamilton continues to acquaint himself with Bellevue parks. He recently visited Kelsey Creek Farm and Bellevue Botanical Gardens.

Vice-Chair Synn has been enjoying the pathways on the Eastside Rail/Kirkland Corridor. He also has been engaged on a Microsoft Accessibility Committee. Vice-Chair Synn noted that an accessibility training program is being developed for all Microsoft employees. He is working to obtain proper authorization so that he can share some of the Best Practices from the Microsoft Accessibility Committee with Boardmembers.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

Chair Van Hollebeke clarified that the Board retreat was delayed due to the delay in release of the Council priorities. Council priorities are expected to be released in the next few weeks and then the Board retreat will be scheduled. Chair Van Hollebeke also provided the following report:

- Hiked the Coal Creek Nature Trail.
- Attended the Holi Festival of Colors event at Downtown Park.

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

A. Wilburton Citizen Advisory Committee

Boardmember Kumar distributed her Wilburton CAC report for March. Community members are encouraged to comment on the draft EIS through March 19, 2018. Boardmember Kumar noted that the Wilburton CAC is in the process of determining the preferred alternative recommendations. Vice-Chair Synn suggested that a formal memo be prepared, on behalf of the Board, to make a formal alternative recommendation. Chair Van Hollebeke suggested that Boardmembers evaluate the following Wilburton alternatives at the Board retreat:

- Enhanced Natural Systems
- ERC Spine
- Central Civic Space

There was general consensus to eliminate the smaller plazas and open space alternative.

Boardmember Kumar noted that there was an open house on February 28, 2018 so community members could comment on the alternatives. However, no one from the community attended.

B. Bylaws Subcommittee

Vice-Chair Synn explained that he would like to meet with the City Attorney representative to discuss the intent of the Bylaws and why they are being created. Mr. Smith clarified that the Bylaws evolved because Council wanted consistency for all Boards/Commissions. Therefore, a Bylaws template was created by the City Attorney's Office which can be customized where needed. Vice-Chair Synn noted that there are items in the Bylaws template that are outside of the scope for process. He would like to understand the process before he recommends any edits to the Bylaws.

Boardmember Trescases noted that she reviewed the proposed Bylaws and is in favor of approving the most recent version, as presented.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **2019-2025 Parks CIP Budget**

Mr. Sanner provided an overview of the 2019-2025 Parks Capital Investment Program budget process. He reminded Boardmembers that the budget is a 2-year Operating Budget and 7 year Capital Investment Program (CIP). He noted that the Board's typical budget role is to:

- Act as an advisory Board to Council on Parks capital needs
- Review potential Parks CIP proposals at the March-April meetings
- Develop a Parks Board communication to Council, when ready

Mr. Sanner discussed the 2008 Parks & Natural Areas Levy and the status of the projects, which are as follows:

- Previously Completed: Sportsfields (Wilburton & Newport Hills), Lewis Creek Picnic Area, Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitors Center and Ravine Garden, Bellevue Youth Theatre, Trail Development, Bridle Trails Corner Park, Hidden Valley Partnership, Property Acquisitions (Bridle Trails, Newport Hills, NE 2nd)
- Funded in 2017-2023 CIP: Downtown Park (Complete Circle, NE Entry), Surrey Downs, Airfield Park Design/Permitting, Property Acquisition
- Remaining Projects: Airfield Park Phase I Development, Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park

The non-levy Parks CIP Projects include:

- Meydenbauer Bay Development—Phase I development previously estimated at \$17.2M
- Renovation & Refurbishment—add ongoing funds for 2024-25 (+\$6M/year)
- Park Planning—add ongoing funds for 2024-25 (+\$.3M/year)
- Mercer Slough East Link Mitigation
- Enterprise Improvements—user fees transferred to CIP for golf/enterprise improvements
- King County Levy—6-year levy for trails, open space, parks (expires in 2019)

Mr. Sanner also reviewed the preliminary strategy for the CIP, including projects requested by the Board during the last budget process. Boardmembers stressed the importance of continuing the commitment to voters from the 2008 Parks Levy. In addition, they discussed the mixed opinions throughout the community about Airfield Park and future plans. A portion of the community would like Airfield Park to remain in a natural state, while others would like the park to be developed.

Boardmember Trescases recommended that the items listed on the Capital Project list be included on the CIP request list, particularly since these items were also priorities during the last budget process. Vice-Chair Synn added that some of the priorities may shift from time-to-time.

Chair Van Hollebeke stressed that the Parks Board priorities need to align with Council's priorities. One of the priorities that Chair Van Hollebeke would like to reiterate is the need for Council to fund the funding gap for the Parks Capital project list.

Boardmember Hamilton requested clarification on the process for the Council memo. Mr. Sanner clarified that a memo is typically prepared/distributed to Council via the Board Chair. However, Boardmembers stressed the importance of waiting to prepare the memo until after the list of Council priorities has been released.

Boardmember Heath cautioned that political capital must be spent wisely. He discussed the process two years ago when the Parks Board recommended funding for projects and Council didn't consider the recommendation. Boardmember Heath does not want the Board to expend significant effort on preparing a list of project recommendations for the CIP if there is no political capital.

Chair Van Hollebeke noted that political capital is a renewable resource that is built through relationships. He stressed the importance of aligning the Parks Board priorities with Council priorities. Boardmember Trescases added that it takes time to build relationships. She suggested that recommendations and funding requests be made early so that Council has an opportunity to vet questions they may have prior to decision making.

Mr. Foran encouraged Boardmembers to keep their minds open when evaluating all opportunities and funding mechanisms.

Boardmember Trescases called attention to recent tourism discussions and encouraged Boardmembers to keep tourism in mind when determining overall strategies. Vice-Chair Synn added that the aquatic center is also a great attraction and can be considered a community service amenity.

There was general consensus to discuss the Parks Board priorities once the Council priorities have been released.

B. Board Retreat Planning

Chair Van Hollebeke will work with staff to determine a date for the Board Retreat.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

12. ESTABLISHING AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

Boardmembers requested that an update be provided on the aquatic center.

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

13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

A. CIP Project Status Report

14. **INFORMATION:**

A. List of upcoming Parks special events

B. Next regular Parks Board meeting—April 10, 2018

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

None.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Trescases and second by Boardmember Kumar to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).



Date: April 30, 2018

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Doug Sanner, Fiscal Manager
Parks & Community Services

Subject: Parks 2019-2025 CIP Budget – Board Memo
(Board approval requested)

As requested at your April 17 retreat, staff will assist your efforts to draft a memo to City Council regarding the Parks 2019-2025 CIP Budget.

We plan on emailing a draft memo to you prior to the Board meeting for your discussion at the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



Date: April 26, 2018

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Camron Parker,
Parks & Community Services

Subject: Parks & Community Services Board Bylaws
(Board approval requested)

Attached is the current draft of the Parks & Community Services Board Bylaws for your review and approval. These were discussed at the retreat in April as well as prior board meetings over the past two years. At the retreat, board members were asked to send any final recommended edits to Vice-Chair Synn to be included for review at the May meeting. We received no further edits from the Board.

This version of the bylaws includes:

- The two edits requested at April's meeting:
 - Article 1 – added the specific Bellevue City Code reference
 - Article VI.A. -wording related to Chair, Vice-Chair and staff preparing the agenda with input from the Board.
- Article V.A. – deleted the words “or both” in the phrase related to the months in which the Board may recess. This edit was requested by the City Clerk's Office in order to align with existed adopted City Code stating that the Board may recess for the month of August or December.
- Article VI.D. – this draft updates the order of business on the agenda to align with current practice.

Upon the Board's approval, we will forward the signed version of the Bylaws to the City Clerk's Office and will post them online.

Proposed Motion:

Move that the Park & Community Services Board approve the most current draft of the Parks & Community Services Board Bylaws.



PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD BYLAWS

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

ARTICLE I - Scope of Authority/Responsibility

The members of the Board accept the responsibility of the office and declare their intention to execute the duties defined under the State law and Bellevue City Code 3.62 to the best of their ability and to respect and observe the requirements established by the Bellevue City Council.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE II - Membership and Organization of the Board

- A. Membership.
 1. Each person at time of nomination and continuing uninterrupted thereafter while serving on the Board shall be a resident of the City of Bellevue. If residency is broken at any point, the Council Liaison assigned to the Board shall recommend to the City Council a new Board member for appointment. (See Resolution 8928, Section 5C for full process).
 2. Each person to be appointed shall be nominated by the Council Liaison for a specific, numbered position on the Board.

3. Appointees shall commence service after confirmation by the City Council and the effective date of the previous member's resignation or expiration of the existing term for the position, as applicable.
 4. Each confirmation motion by the Council shall include the ending date and term for the position to which the member is appointed and that information shall be entered into the Council meeting minutes and maintained in the Board's records by the Deputy City Clerk.
- B. Election of Officers. The Board shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, and any other officers the Board deems necessary, for a term of one year at their first regular meeting in June of each year, or as soon thereafter as feasible based on seating of newly-appointed members.
- The election process shall be in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
- In the event of the resignation of the Chair or Vice-Chair, the Board shall expeditiously elect a new officer to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the existing term.
- In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, a Chair pro tem shall be elected informally by the members present to conduct the meeting.
- C. Committees. The Chair, with the concurrence of the Board, may appoint standing committees or special committees of the Board and assign one or more members to such committees.
- D. Quorum. At all meetings of the Board, quorum shall consist of a majority of the members.
- E. Ex officio members. The Council may approve the appointment of an ex officio member to the Board. Ex officio members are authorized to sit at the table and participate in discussions, but are non-voting members.
- F. Resignation. A member may resign by giving written notice to the City Clerk and the Chair of the Board.
- G. Removal from office. Members of the Board may be removed at any time by the Mayor, upon approval of a majority of the Council for neglect of duty, conflict of interest, unexcused absence from three consecutive regular meetings of the Board, or for any reason deemed sufficient by the majority of the Council. The decision of the Council shall be final and there shall be no appeal.
- H. Vacancies. Vacancies shall be reported immediately to the City Clerk.
- Vacancies occurring for reasons other than the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. The appointment is made by the Mayor upon approval of a majority of the Council.
- I. Staffing. The Parks and Community Services Department Director shall assign staff support to the Board.

ARTICLE III - Duties

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV - Council Liaison

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

ARTICLE V - Meetings

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

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

Regular or continued meetings that fall on a holiday shall be rescheduled by the Board.

- B. Special meetings. Special meetings may be held by the Board subject to notice requirements prescribed in state law. The notice for special meetings shall state the subjects to be considered, and no subjects other than those specified in the notice shall be considered.

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

- C. Meeting place. Meetings of the Board shall be held at Bellevue City Hall unless otherwise noticed.

- D. Open Public Meetings. No legal action may be taken by the Board except in a public meeting. "Action" is defined as the transaction of official business, but is not limited to receipt of public testimony, deliberations, discussions, considerations, reviews, evaluations, and final actions.

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

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

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

- F. Attendance. Attendance at regular and special meetings is expected of all Board members. Any member anticipating absence from an official meeting should notify the Board staff in advance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE VI - Order of Business/Agenda

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

ARTICLE VII - Public Comment

- A. Timing of Communications. The Board shall not take public comment at regular meetings except for that given at a public hearing or at Oral and Written Communications. Written comments may be submitted to the Board staff in advance of the meeting.

- B. Addressing the Chair. Speakers shall address all statements to the Chair. Board members may direct questions to speakers only with the Chair's permission.
- C. Public hearings. The purpose of a public hearing is to gather information and opinions on a specific subject the Board is studying. The following rules shall be observed during any public hearing:
1. The Chair shall, at the opening of a public hearing, state the purpose of and process for the hearing and may request that staff provide an introductory staff report.
 2. Persons wishing to speak shall sign in on the sign-in sheet provided and will be called to speak in the order in which they signed.
 3. Speakers will be allowed three minutes in which to make their comments. Additional time will not be allowed unless the Chair or a majority of the Board determines to allow additional time.
 4. Speakers are encouraged to indicate support for or opposition to previous comments rather than repeating prior testimony.
 5. No specific time limitations are placed on the length of public hearings.
 6. The Board may continue a hearing to a future date or close a hearing after everyone wishing to speak has spoken.
 7. All written material provided before or during the hearing will be included in the hearing record.
 8. The Chair may allow additional time for receipt of written comments when needed.
- D. Oral Communications.
1. The time allowed for Oral Communications shall not exceed 30 minutes.
 2. Persons wishing to speak shall sign in on the sign-in sheet provided and will be called to speak in the order in which they signed.
 3. Speakers will be allowed to speak for three minutes. Additional time will not be allowed unless the Chair or a majority of the Board determines to allow additional time.
 4. Suspension of these rules will require a majority vote of the Board members present.
- E. Decorum. Persons participating in Board meetings are strongly encouraged to aid the Board in maintaining the decorum and orderly progression of the meeting agenda. Engaging in shouting, use of profanity or slurs against others, disruptive noise, or comments that are off-topic detract from the ability of the Board to conduct business. Where such conduct results in actual disruption of the meeting, the Chair may issue a verbal warning to the speaker and, if the behavior continues, have the speaker removed from the meeting room. Repeated disruption may result in the speaker being excluded from participating in public comment at one or more subsequent Board meetings. If the Chair issues an exclusion to any speaker, he or she shall inform the person of the basis for the exclusion and the term of the exclusion. The Chair shall also notify the speaker that if he or she desires to address the Board during the period of exclusion from public comment, he or she may submit written comments which will be received by the Board staff and provided to each of the Board members.
- F. Timekeeping. The Board staff shall be the timekeeper.

ARTICLE VIII - Motions

- A. No motion shall be entertained or debated until seconded and announced by the Chair. The motion shall be recorded and, if desired by any member, read by the Clerk before it is debated. With the consent of the Board, a motion may be withdrawn at any time before action is taken on the motion.
- B. Motions shall be entertained in the order of precedence outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

ARTICLE IX - Voting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE XI - Minutes

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE XII - Compliance with Laws

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

ARTICLE XIII - Communications

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

ARTICLE XIV - Records

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

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

ARTICLE XV - Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses

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

ARTICLE XVI - Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended, revised, or repealed by the entire Board at any regular meeting or any special meeting, provided that notice of such changes is included on the agenda and the

vote to change takes place at the next regular meeting. Amendments will not be valid unless two-thirds of the membership of the Board vote in favor of amending the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVII - Validity

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

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Chair

Director
Parks and Community Services
Department

_____, Board Staff



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Bannerwood Park

The staff is working with representatives of Seattle University to provide additional upgrades to the Bannerwood baseball facility. SU would like to install a roof over the existing batting cages and to construct a small multi-use/clubhouse building behind one of the dugouts, all at the cost of SU. We are currently working to amend our current agreements with SU to facilitate these improvements.

Downtown Park – NE Entry

A contract has yet to be approved with the artist, which has delayed the design work. Initial concept plans were prepared and shared with the Park Board in February. We met with neighboring businesses and internal staff to discuss the feasibility of eliminating the existing alleyway through the NE corner parcel, and are preparing follow up meetings to review proposals. Once the artist is on-board and concept plans have been refined to reflect artist proposals, we will return to the Park Board for further review.

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

Construction is approximately two-thirds complete, with expected completion at the end of 2018. The beach house structure is complete and interior work is underway. Stream bed construction and pedestrian overlook structures are complete - irrigation and landscape planting will occur this spring. Most in-water work is complete, including shoreline restoration, piling installation and the pier structure. The floating pier sections will be installed this summer. Most of the concrete retaining walls are now complete, and the granite boulder retaining wall and terrace work is now underway. The overhead wires along LWB have been buried and street lights are installed. Sidewalks will be installed next month. Work along 99th Street is underway with the installation of underground utilities followed by the construction of a series of retaining walls to provide ADA access to the water and hand-carry boat launch. We continue to work with Whalers Cove to develop plans to restore their privacy once we remove a city-owned landscape hedge in the 99th Avenue right-of-way. The Whaling Building remodeling, which will include public restrooms, a meeting room and boat rental facility, is expected to begin after Labor Day.

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 underway, with completion anticipated by year’s end. We continue to coordinate park work, construction access and utility infrastructure with Sound Transit. The park is now closed to public access, with construction fencing and erosion control measures now in place. The initial construction focus will be on the north end of the site. Some planting/restoration work may continue next spring depending on weather and light rail construction. Staff continues to work with the adjacent neighbors to address property encroachment issues and to identify an appropriate boundary fence to install. The City Attorney’s office is working on the next communication with the neighbors.

Renovation Program

56 projects were completed in 2017. The following projects were deferred into the 2018 program:

- Drinking fountain replacement at 3 sites
- Sealcoat & restripe the golf course parking lot
- Resurface Cherry Crest tennis courts
- Forest Park trail repair
- Zipline storage/ticket booth
- Design for Kelsey Creek Ed Barn improvements, NWAC restroom and Wilburton synthetic turf replacement
- Interpretive signage at MSEEC
- Meydenbauer Whaling Building remodel
- Robinswood Tennis bubble replacement
- McDowell House repairs
- Paving and drainage improvements at Kelsey Creek
- Summit trail repairs

57 additional projects have been approved as part of the 2018 Renovation Program.

- Project updates will be provided in future reports.

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- May 3** **Connections Café: Challenging Conversations**, 10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, 209 100th Avenue NE
Develop a toolkit of skills to employ when discussing difficult topics or differences of opinion. Connections Café workshops will teach you techniques for creating connections and building community at home, work, and in your neighborhood. Workshops are interactive, fun, and thought-provoking. These workshops are scheduled to build skills incrementally; however, you can attend one without the others. Workshops are limited to 30 students. **Ages:** Adults 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Highly suggested. **To register:** 425-452-4106. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- May 3** **Garden Class: Structural Pruning for Young Trees**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Christina Pfeiffer. Many of the challenges and structural failures that occur on older trees may be prevented with proper pruning while trees are young. In this class, Christina will cover essential pruning for young trees, which is an investment in their future health, structure, and beauty. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 4 & 11** **Painting the Bellevue Skyline**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE
Enjoy the sweeping view as you paint the Bellevue city skyline with Downtown Park in the foreground. Work at your own pace or alongside seasoned artist and teacher, Shelly Vollstedt. All materials, including canvas, and basic instruction are included. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$35/residents and \$40/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- May 4** **Great Blue Herons**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Did you know that Bellevue is home to a great blue heron rookery? We'll learn about what makes a wetland such a great home for these long-legged birds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7225.

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- May 4** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Secret Place”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Hiding in our cities are places where wildlife thrives. Come join us as we read about finding the special places in the city around you. 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 4** **Barn Dance, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This event is facilitated for individuals living with intellectual disabilities. Grab your hat ‘n boots and do-si-do on down to Highland’s Barn Dance. Spin yourself round and round with a YEE-HAW as you meet new friends and dance the night away! **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$10/resident and \$12/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Contact Mary Boyle at MBoyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- May 5** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Sale, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Shop for fuchsia starts at this popular annual plant sale. Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/dates.htm>
- May 5** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. - noon**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** 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.
- May 5** **Family Fun-Teatime with Mommy and Me, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Robinswood Barn, 2432 148th Ave SE, Bellevue
Come to our tea party dressed-up in your party attire! Mommy and child will have fun together making art, nibbling snacks, listening to stories and singing! **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$30/residents and \$35/non-residents. \$6/additional child resident and \$7/additional child non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 119793. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- May 5** **The Great SBCC Challenge**, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
South Bellevue Community Center and Serial Events co-present this unique event where teams of three to five compete in a series of fun challenges requiring athleticism for physical feats, smarts for mental tasks, and artistic abilities for creative endeavors. The team that successfully completes the challenges in the allotted time while earning the most points will be crowned winner! However, twists and turns can throw off the most talented, so beware! **Ages:** Six years and older. **Cost:** \$10/team member. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240, register for course 1802593.
- May 6** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you can continue to explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **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.
- May 6** **Living with Wildlife: Raccoons**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Are you neighbors with one (or several) of these mischievous mammals? If so, you're not alone. Learn all about raccoons, as well as how to prevent conflicts in your neighborhood. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but kids ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 12** **Garden Class: Carnivorous Plants - What's the Big Deal?** 10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Scott Vergara. We'll examine the amazing adaptation of carnivory in plants, their appropriate care and feeding, how to create suitable "environments" for successful cultivation and enjoyment outdoors, and discuss which plants are suitable as year-round houseplants. We'll also touch on conservation issues. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- May 12** **Cultivating Clay: Garden Workshop**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
In this more advanced class, you will explore Spring and discover a variety of hand-building and surface decorating techniques as you personalize your spring creation. One project per person. Materials and firing are included in class fee. Your item will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. **Ages:** 13 years to adults; ages 13 years and younger must be accompanied by adult(s). **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- May 12** **Creekside Caddisflies**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek 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 more as you explore Lewis Creek Park's creek bed with a park ranger! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 13** **Mother's Day at the Garden**, 10 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 the Copper Kettle Coffee Bar, and shopping at the Trillium Store will take place throughout the day. Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 13** **Ranger-Led Woof Walk at Lakemont Community Park**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
Come explore Lakemont Community Park with your furry friend, and learn all about the natural history and wildlife of the park. Limit – one dog per guest with leash and waste bag. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Difficulty:** Moderate (3.5 miles with 700 ft elevation change). **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 16** **Garden Lecture: The World of Rock Gardening**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The Bellevue Botanical Garden Society presents this lecture by Joseph Tychonievich. A much in-demand Michigan-based horticulturalist in his 30s, Joseph has already published two books: *Plant Breeding for the Home Gardener*, and *Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style*. He also writes for various gardening magazines and is a frequent guest on radio and in podcasts. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- May 18** **Modes of Migration**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Why do animals travel so far between seasons? Why do snow geese head to the far north for the summer? From the hoary bat to the yellow warbler, peamouth minnow to the Chinook salmon, we'll learn about some pretty amazing migratory animals. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- May 18** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park**, 8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come test your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We'll learn all about our Northwestern 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 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for youth and adult participants. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195.
- May 19** **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 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. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- May 19** **Family Discovery Series: Mammals of Mercer Slough**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
It's FUR-real. Mercer Slough Nature Park provides critical habitat for both aquatic and terrestrial mammals. Have you ever been curious who might be living here, who may be just passing through, or where they might be hiding? Join a Park Ranger to discover more about these mammals through hands-on displays, crafts, and activities. **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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- May 19** **Cold-Blooded Charmers**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Ever wondered how snakes can “smell” with their tongues? Or “hear” using their jaw bones? Come learn about Bellevue’s cunning Northwestern Garter Snake, *Thamnophis ordinoides*, selected as Species of the Year for Bellevue Parks. Join the Master Naturalists for a presentation, sss-slithery game, and a sss-stealthy habitat walk around Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 19-20** **Chinese Floral Art Exhibit**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., both days
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. Open to the public! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 20** **Creekside Caddisflies**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek 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 more as you explore Lewis Creek Park’s creek bed with a park ranger! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 25** **Nature Movie: “Mountains,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This episode of *Planet Earth* focuses on mountains, exploring all the main ranges with extensive aerial photography. David Attenborough narrates this film. **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.
- May 31** **Garden Class: Mindfulness in the Garden - Creating Calm Within,**
10:30 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Deborah Wilk, LMFT, and Jessica Volpentesta, LMHC. As you stroll slowly along the quiet trails of the Garden, Deborah and Jessica will help you experience the outdoors in a whole new way. Integrating elements of mindfulness meditation, brain science, and Shinrin Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing), you will learn a variety of skills for calming your mind and restoring your body and spirit. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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May 31 **Garden Class: Sassy or Classy - Container Gardening to Suit Your Style,**
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Karen Chapman. Container gardening is ideal for those with little or no garden space, or those with limited time or ability to tend to a large garden. Learn how to add the bold, sassy factor or create a chic, elegant look to your container gardens in this fun and informative presentation and planting demonstration. Karen is an award-winning designer and co-author of *Gardening with Foliage First* and *Fine Foliage*, and a speaker at this year's Northwest Flower & Garden Festival. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- June 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Bat Loves the Night”**
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! Did you know that a pipistrelle bat can eat over three thousand insects a night? During this story time, we’ll fly with Bat and explore the night like never before. 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 2** **Garden Class: Top Ten Stalwart Shrubs in Summer, 10 a.m. - noon**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join George Lasch to learn about the best shrubs for certain situations and uses. George will do a quick overview of pruning shrubs as we walk through the Garden on a fine spring day. As always, he will share his opinions on successful and not-so-great plants. George was the Supervisor of the Perennial Border at the BBG for eight years and is well known for his humorous opinions on plants and gardening. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 2** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. - noon**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 3** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the Slough. From there you can continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 3** **High-Flying Hawks**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Hawks can be found in almost any type of environment. Learn about the different raptor species that call Lewis Creek Park home before we head out on a hike to look for them. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- June 8** **Who's in Your Backyard – Big Animals**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
From black bears to mountain lions, the Pacific Northwest is home to quite a few big, furry creatures. Come to the Ranger Station to learn what large animals live in and around Bellevue, and what to do if you are lucky enough to see them. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- June 9** **6th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride**, 8 a.m. - noon
Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 165th Avenue SE
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:** Recommended for ages 9 and older. Kids under 9 should be on a trailer, tagalong or on a tandem. **Cost:** \$15 if pre-registered or \$20 on day of event (registration begins at 8 a.m.) if space is available. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for code 1802612. **Info:** bikeride@bellevuewa.gov, <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/lake-to-lake-bike-ride> or 425-452-4882.
- June 9** **Wilderness Tea Party**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you'll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 4-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- June 9** **Cultivating Clay: Garden Workshop**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make a ceramic flower, garden tiles or gnome. We will use a variety of hand building and decoration techniques to personalize your creation. Limit – one project per person. Materials and firing are included in class fee. Your item will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. **Ages:** 8 years to adults; ages 13 years and younger must be accompanied by adult(s). **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- June 10** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Highlands Open Space**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger at Lewis Creek Visitor Center to explore the Lakemont Highlands Open Space trail system. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 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.
- June 12** **Garden Class: Fern ID**, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Presented by the Hardy Fern Foundation. Led by fern expert, Sue Olsen, this is a hands-on class to help students learn to identify fern genera. There will be ferns for everyone to handle and see what the differences are between genera. After the classroom section, Sue will walk everyone down to the BBG fern area so students can test their new knowledge. If you have a magnifier, please bring it. **Cost:** \$25. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** hff@rhodygarden.org
- June 12** **Garden Lecture: Birds in Our Midst – Creating Gardens Filled with Life**, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Backyard Wildlife Habitat Steward and Master Gardener, Julie O’Donald will give an overview of the elements that create beautiful gardens for birds and people. Julie will emphasize the best native plants for birds and design features that create habitat. Photos of birds with their food plants will show how to bring nature home to any size property. Julie’s personal certified wildlife habitat contains over 200 species of native plants, attracting birds, butterflies, pollinators and beneficial insects. This lecture is presented by the Washington Native Plant Society and is open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission; donations will be appreciated! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://www.wnps2.org/calendar/195>

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- June 16** **A Day of Play with Dad**, 8:30 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Celebrate Father's Day by inviting Dad to a delicious pancake breakfast, then challenge him to fun family adventures. Ascend the climbing wall, enjoy a bit of exploration at the Bellevue Challenge Course, play disc golf, and finish the morning with an outdoor scavenger hunt through Eastgate Park. Moms and siblings are welcome too. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** \$8/person; free to ages 3 and younger. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1802744. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- June 16** **Garden Class: Food Fermentation**, 10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Tilth Alliance. Survey the spectrum of fermented foods including veggies, dairy, beverage and vinegars. You'll see, smell and taste some of these foods. In class, we'll make kimchi together that you can take home to watch ferment. **Cost:** \$35 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$45/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 16** **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 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. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- June 16** **Family Discovery Series: Let's Have Some TREE Time**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that trees provide half of the earth's oxygen? Join a Park Ranger to get to the ROOT of tree facts. Enjoy an hour of games, activities and crafts, both indoors and out. Learn what you can do to return the favor. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 16** **Living with Wildlife: There's a Bear in the Yard!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek 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 one. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, kids but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- June 20** **Garden Class: Growing Fuchsias Successfully in the Northwest,**
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Tammy Brown. In the Pacific Northwest, fuchsia are both perennial and annual plants. They make great additions to mixed pots and baskets. Tammy Brown, from the Eastside Fuchsia Society, will discuss the range of fuchsia, as well as demonstrate the care of both hardy and non-hardy varieties. Participants will enjoy a short walk through the fuchsia display garden. **Cost:** \$10 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and Eastside Fuchsia Society members; \$15/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 22** **The Science Sunshine,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The heat of the summer is arriving, which brings many changes to our natural areas. But how does the sun work, and why is it warm in the summer? Learn about these and many more questions in our Summer Science class! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- June 29** **Nature Movie: “Caves,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This episode of *Planet Earth* explores “Planet Earth’s final frontier” – caves featuring the deepest cave with a depth of 1,300 feet. Its volume could contain the Empire State Building. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 30** **High-Flying Hawks,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Hawks can be found in almost any type of environment. Learn about the different raptor species that call Lewis Creek Park home before we head out on a hike to look for them. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- July 1** **Mercer Slough Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine
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 are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 4** **Bellevue’s Family 4th of July**, 2 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Celebrate our nation's birthday with friends and neighbors in Bellevue Downtown Park at the Eastside's largest 4th of July event. Enjoy live music, children's activities, a variety of foods at the Food Court, the new Inspiration Playground, all leading up to the spectacular fireworks show. Synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra, fireworks will begin at 10:05 p.m. Bring a flashlight for safety. Free event parking is available at The Bellevue Collection after 6 p.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission! Costs vary for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-453-1223 or <https://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/family-4th>
- July 6** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Over and Under the Pond”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Have you ever wondered what is happening beneath the water’s glossy surface? To find out, we’ll read two books about the animals around a pond and about one special creature that spends part of its life under the pond before emerging. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- July 6** **Summer Science Series: Water You Know**, 1 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 for 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. Please come prepared to spend two hours outside and hike on uneven terrain. Bring a day pack with a water bottle, sunscreen, hat and bug spray. **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.
- July 7** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 8** **Living with Wildlife: Backyard Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Washington is home to 15 species of bats! Every fall these bats find a place to hibernate, hopefully avoiding human structures in their search. Find out which species live in Bellevue and how to prevent your home from becoming a bat cave! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, kids but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 10** **Alt-Rock Retro Reboot Concert, presented by Rick Huddle** (Children's Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents entertainer Rick Huddle – storyteller, dancer and musician. Reboot your brain as you listen to parodies and stories based on alternative rock from the 70s, 80s and 90s. This is a great opportunity to introduce your little ones to bands like They Might Be Giants, REM, Blondie and The Clash! **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- July 10** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Sing”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause.
Ages: All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- July 14** **Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area, 10:30 a.m. - noon**
Meeting place: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Join a Park Ranger to at the Cinder Mine Trailhead to discover Bellevue’s largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
Distance: 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (2 miles with 240 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 15** **Bobcats and Bunnies, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that Bellevue is home to bobcats and cougars? Come discover how our stealthy neighbors help keep the ecosystem balanced by playing a game of “bobcats and bunnies”! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 17** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Boss Baby”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause.
Ages: All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>

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- July 20** **A Midsummer Eve’s Hike**, 8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
You may have heard about diurnal and nocturnal animals, but when dusk takes over, crepuscular species rule the evening! Find out more about the crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Park Ranger on an evening hike through the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for youth and adult participants. **Info and to register:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- July 21** **Bobcats and Bunnies**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that Bellevue is home to bobcats and cougars? Come discover how our stealthy neighbors help keep the ecosystem balanced by playing a game of “bobcats and bunnies”! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 21** **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 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. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- July 21** **Family Discovery Series: Butterflies, Bees and Birds, Oh My!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that hummingbirds flap their wings 80 times per second? And that butterflies and bees are perfect pollinators? Join a Park Ranger to discover more fun facts about some of nature’s greatest gifts, enjoy some crafts and explore the trail. **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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- July 22** **Wilderness Tea Party**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you'll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 4-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- July 24** **The Bing Bang Boom Show, presented by Duo Finelli, Luz Gaxiola and Molly Shannon** (Children's Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Robinswood Barn in Robinswood Park, 2432 148th Ave SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a fabulous performance by three great entertainers. When Molly and Luz join forces to put on a spectacular circus show with dance and music, there will be plenty of mishaps, but also a lot of fun! Discover how they find funny solutions to their problems through curiosity, playfulness and working together. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 24** **Downtown Movies in the Park: "The Lego Ninjago Movie"**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue's Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit's wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- July 27** **Nature Movie: "Shallow Seas,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This episode of *Planet Earth* is devoted to the shallow seas that fringe the world's continents. Although they constitute 8% of the oceans, they contain the most marine life. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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July 31

Downtown Movies in the Park: “Goodbye Christopher Robin”

Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.

Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street

Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause.

Ages: All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or

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- August 1** **Theatre on the Green: “The Day Zero Left Dodge,”** 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Enjoy the summer evening outdoors while being entertained by a live theatre experience presenting a unique mathematical Western musical for children. Children’s art and bubbles activity will be available from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Theatre presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. This classic theatre is presented by Last Leaf Productions. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Voices of the Wild”**
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! Ride along with a kayaker as he discovers that every animal around him has its own story. 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.
- August 4** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. - noon**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** 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.
- August 5** **Mercer Slough Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine**
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 are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **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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- August 5** **Forest Fire Tag**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to learn about forest fires this month. We'll play some fun games to explore the science behind wildland fires, how trees protect themselves from fire, and even how some forests need fire to keep the ecosystem healthy. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for kids ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 7** **The Battle of the Bands, presented by The Brian Waite Band** (Children's Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents the energized Brian Waite Band. Visit the "musical land of Rockmania" and sing, dance and laugh as you journey to this magical and musical place! The natives of Fastopolis, Beatborough and Lowburg like to argue but quickly learn that working together and playing in harmony makes for a better and happier country. **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- August 7** **Downtown Movies in the Park: "Paddington 2"**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue's Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit's wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 8** **Theatre on the Green: "The Emperor and the Nightingale,"**
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Enjoy this live children's musical theatre experience while you relax outdoors with your family. Children's art and bubbles activity will be available from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Theatre presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. This classic theatre is presented by Last Leaf Productions. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- August 11** **Wilderness Tea Party**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you'll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 4-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- August 12** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds alongside a creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (2 miles with 700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 14** **Downtown Movies in the Park: "The Greatest Showman"**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue's Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit's wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 15** **Theatre on the Green: "Twelfth Night,"** 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Enjoy this live Shakespeare comedy while you relax outdoors with your family. Children's art and bubbles activity will be available from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Theatre presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. This classic theatre is presented by Last Leaf Productions. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be accepted by Last Leaf Productions. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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- August 17 Aloha Picnic and Dance**, 5 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This event is facilitated for individuals living with intellectual disabilities. Highland presents warm breezes and tropical beach wishes at this annual summer picnic and aloha dance. Celebrate your summer with friends, as there will be grass skirts a-plenty, on this warm summer evening. The picnic starts at 5 p.m., with the dance to follow at 7 p.m. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Contact Mary Boyle at Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- August 18 Fuchsia Show and Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
See fuchsia blossoms of all shapes and colors, and purchase hardy fuchsias for your home garden. This event is hosted by the Eastside Fuchsia Society. Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission and parking; costs vary for plants. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**
<http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/societies.htm>
- August 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 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. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- August 18 Family Discovery Series: Dragonflies – Ferocious Sky Hunters**,
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Dragonflies are beautiful and intriguing to watch, but did you know they are also ferocious predators? They can judge the speed and trajectory of their prey with such precision that they adjust their flight accordingly and ambush unsuspecting insects in mid-air. Join a Park Ranger for a fun-filled hour to learn more about these aerial hunters. **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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Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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- August 21** **Downtown Movies in the Park: "Ferdinand"**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
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- August 24** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come test your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We'll learn all about our Northwestern 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 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- August 25** **Forest Fire Tag**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to learn about forest fires this month. We'll play some fun games to explore the science behind wildland fires, how trees protect themselves from fire, and even how some forests need fire to keep the ecosystem healthy. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for kids ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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August 25-26 **Garden Event: Arts in the Garden**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

Enjoy this opportunity to see art in a natural setting, meet the artists, and get inspired to bring art into your own home and garden. Discover about 40 artists and a wide variety of sculpture and garden art available for purchase among the flowerbeds and woodlands of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Purchase art for your home and garden, while enjoying music, food and libations. **Cost:** Free admission and parking; prices vary for artwork for sale. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.artsinthegardenbellevue.org/>

August 28 **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Ghostbusters”**

Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.

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Ages: All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or

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August 31 **Nature Movie: “Ocean Deep,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

This final installment of *Planet Earth* concentrates on the least-explored area of the planet – the deep ocean. The last sequence depicts the largest animal on Earth, the blue whale. At one time 300,000 blue whales once roamed the world’s oceans. Now fewer than 3% remain. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older.

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

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