

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

September 12, 2017

5:30 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden

Aaron Education Center

12001 Main Street

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>Stuart Heath</p> <p>Debra Kumar</p> <p>Jared Nieuwenhuis</p> <p>Heather Trescases</p> <p>City Council Liaison:</p> <p>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</p> <p>Staff Contacts:</p> <p>Terry Smith – 425-452-5379</p> <p>Nancy Harvey – 425-452-4162</p>	<p>Tuesday September 12, 2017 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bellevue Botanical Garden Aaron Education Center 12001 Main Street Bellevue, WA 98005</p>																																		
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11. Discussion/Action Items (time for presentation/discussion)	
• a. Presentation of Book – “A Miracle in Downtown Bellevue: The Story of the Bellevue Downtown Park” (15 minutes) – Lee Springgate	N/A
• b. Board Visioning/Planning (15, discussion) – Chair Van Hollebeke	N/A
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17. Adjournment	

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

Tuesday
July 11, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

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

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Nieuwenhuis, Trescases

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Bradley Calvert (PCD), Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Camron Parker, Terry Smith

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Van Hollebeke at 6:10 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Boardmember Heath and second by Vice-Chair Synn to approve the June 13, 2017 Parks & Community Services Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion by Vice-Chair Synn and second by Boardmember Kumar to amend page 6 of the meeting minutes, first paragraph, to read:

After Chair Heath became the Parks Board Chair, he ~~attended a~~ reviewed the Planning Commission meeting minutes and noted that the. ~~At that meeting, the~~ Planning Commission Chair asked at one of the Planning Commission meetings ~~Chair Heath~~ why the Parks Board was not involved with the Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0) to approve the amendment to the main motion.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (5-0) to approve the meeting minutes as amended.

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

None.

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

None.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Follow-up on Oral Communications/Public Comments from prior meetings

Mr. Foran expressed his appreciation to staff, in particular Glenn Kost, Ken Kroeger and Pam Fehrman, for a job well done with the Downtown Park project and Grand Opening. The Grand Opening was well attended, and the park was enjoyed by approximately 70,000 people during the Bellevue Family 4th of July Celebration. Special recognition was also extended to the Bellevue Downtown Association, as well as Bellevue Police and Fire for their assistance.

7. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

A. **Next Quarter's Agenda Items**

Chair Van Hollebeke requested that Boardmembers discuss the current status of the Bylaws as well as the Parks Board Liaison relationships with other Boards/Commissions later in the meeting agenda.

Chair Van Hollebeke attended the Downtown Park Grand Opening and commended staff for completing the long-held vision for the park. He also commended the Bellevue Rotary for their fundraising efforts. Chair Van Hollebeke has heard concerns from the Old Bellevue Merchants Association that parking around Downtown Park continues to be a challenge.

8. **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

Boardmember Deng enjoyed the Downtown Park Grand Opening and commended staff for their hard work with this project. She also appreciates the improved lighting at Downtown Park.

Boardmember Kumar and Vice-Chair Synn both attended the Downtown Park Grand Opening as well as the Strawberry Festival.

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

A. Wilburton Citizen Advisory Committee

Boardmember Kumar reported that the Wilburton CAC is currently working on ideas for a tactical urbanism for the Wilburton area. Chair Van Hollebeke suggested that food trucks, similar to the ones at the Ashwood Park food truck event, be considered.

Boardmember Kumar also reported that the Wilburton CAC evaluated some bicycle/pedestrian mock-ups of lanes and potential permeable surfaces. The goal is to make the area pedestrian friendly, while accommodating traffic.

Next steps for the Wilburton CAC include working on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Chair Van Hollebeke questioned if there is an opportunity for the Parks Board to contribute comments to the Wilburton CAC. Boardmember Kumar encouraged Boardmembers to review the Wilburton CAC meeting minutes and provide comments at any time. She clarified that the Committee is currently in the learning/visualizing stage of the process. Chair Van Hollebeke requested that Boardmember Kumar speak with the Wilburton CAC to determine if there is an opportunity for the Parks Board to provide direct feedback. Boardmember Kumar will speak with the Wilburton CAC regarding Chair Van Hollebeke's request. In addition, he noted that there is currently an opportunity to comment on the Grand Connection Sequence One Plan.

B. Planning Commission Follow-Up

No report.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Thank You for Outgoing Chair Stuart Heath

On behalf of the Board, Chair Van Hollebeke thanked former Chair Heath for his Board leadership. Boardmember Heath was also presented with a token of appreciation.

B. Grand Connection Briefing

Mr. Calvert provided an overview of the Wilburton-Grand Connection. Mr. Smith clarified that there is currently an opportunity to provide the Wilburton CAC feedback.

Mr. Calvert noted that the Grand Connection has been broken into two visioning phases: Sequence One and Sequence Two. He summarized the events that have occurred thus far. When discussing the art and culture of the Grand Connection area, Vice-Chair Synn would like the term “cultural inclusion” utilized rather than “cultural diversity.” Mr. Foran added that the term “diversity” should be utilized to open more creativity and inclusion. Other Boardmembers agreed with this suggestion.

Mr. Calvert noted that the Draft Framework Plan for the Grand Connection Sequence One of the visioning process has been released. This phase of work addresses the segment between Meydenbauer Bay and the Civic Center District. The Draft Framework Plan includes the following chapters:

- Executive Summary
- Chapter 1 - Introduction
- Chapter 2 - Public Engagement
- Chapter 3 - The Route
- Chapter 4 - Creating a Distinct Identity
- Chapter 5 - Cohesive Design Strategies
- Chapter 6 - Art and Culture
- Chapter 7 - Connectivity and Mobility
- Chapter 8 - Re-Imagining Public Spaces
- Chapter 9 - Interstate 405 Crossing
- Chapter 10 - Opportunities for Programming
- Chapter 11 - Implementation and Next Steps

Vice-Chair Synn requested that the term “accessibility” be included in some of the documents, not only for mobility but also for services offered by Bellevue. He added that this may fall under Chapter 7 – Connectivity and Mobility.

Boardmember Heath suggested that the term “public space” be changed to “parks and open space” within the Draft Framework Plan. Mr. Calvert explained that the term “public space” is used because it encompasses many different spaces (e.g., plazas, open space, parks, green space, etc.).

Chair Van Hollebeke requested clarification regarding the relationship between the Grand Connection and Parks Department. In particular, he wondered if the project is a Parks project or a multi-departmental project. In addition, Chair Van Hollebeke asked if the Grand Connection is tied to the Parks vision (i.e., pearls on a string connecting all of the parks). Mr. Calvert noted that the Draft Framework Plan is currently in the preliminary visioning stage and is multi-departmental. He added that the “pearls on a string” reference is utilized quite a bit in planning to improve connectivity. Mr. Calvert clarified that the Draft Framework Plan provides

background information, recommendations, art and culture elements, and next steps. He also noted that the Wilburton CAC does not work on the Grand Connection.

Mr. Calvert summarized the timeline for the Draft Framework Plan. If the Parks Board would like to provide feedback/comments, he suggested that this be done before October, when it will be presented to City Council.

Boardmember Heath asked how community services fits into the Grand Connection or Wilburton CAC. Mr. Calvert clarified that community services are more aligned with the Wilburton area. Mr. Smith added that accessibility is part of community services (i.e., interactive play, experiential learning, recreation, culture, educational, etc.).

Chair Van Hollebeke noted that there could be an opportunity for wayfinding throughout Wilburton-Grand Connection. He also suggested that there is room for improvement to the wayfinding near and around Compass Plaza.

Mr. Calvert discussed Sequence Two of the Draft Framework Plan for the Grand Connection, which includes the Interstate 405 Crossing. Visioning goals for this crossing have been established along with various crossing alternatives. An online open house will be conducted to gather community feedback about the various crossing alternatives.

Mr. Calvert showed a map of the Wilburton Commercial Area. The Wilburton CAC is evaluating the land use, transportation, urban design, character, implementation strategies, and other elements for this area. Mr. Calvert summarized some of the messages received from the Wilburton CAC's research and showed ways that open/green/public space could be deployed (i.e., Grand Connection, civic center, neighborhood green space, ERC linear park, natural network). Mr. Calvert also summarized some of the density and height elements that are being considered. There is also a community inspired Simon project that is being researched as an interactive game.

Boardmember Heath likes the forward thinking, outreach and community involvement for the Draft Framework Plan. He would like to have a chapter included for "parks and open space" and "community services." Boardmember Heath stressed the importance of the Parks Board proactively evaluating the Draft Framework Plan. Chair Van Hollebeke concurred with Boardmember Heath. He would also like the Parks Board to have an opportunity to provide feedback, particularly during some of the design process. Mr. Calvert clarified that it is difficult for the Parks Board to be involved in renderings at such an early stage in the process. It will be most valuable for the Parks Board to provide input during the comment period.

Chair Van Hollebeke suggested that a parks motif be included throughout the Draft Framework Plan. He also suggested that Boardmembers review the plans in detail, particularly areas pertaining to community services, so feedback can be provided. Boardmember Kumar added that it would be valuable for Boardmembers to provide feedback on the different alternatives and whether or not they are achieving the Parks & Community Services goals.

Vice-Chair Synn expressed concern that the art in the Grand Connection will be seen as a physical asset versus artistic element. He also suggested that the term “community” be included throughout Mr. Calvert’s presentation. Lastly, Vice-Chair Synn offered suggestions on how to structure the Simon game.

Break—7:45-7:50 p.m.

C. Board Visioning and Planning

Looking back, Chair Van Hollebeke explained that the visioning and planning process was created to ensure that every Boardmember is heard and engaged in board work; to increase meaningfulness and transparency of the Board process; and to ensure progress on the shared priorities. For future planning, Chair Van Hollebeke suggested that the Board begin formulating a vision to serve as the “north star” and determine priorities to guide the next one-two years of Board work.

The following is a list of questions and responses for a survey that Chair Van Hollebeke conducted with Boardmembers:

Fifty years from now, you are touring the Bellevue Parks & Community Services system—what would you want to see? What are the three most important aspects of Bellevue Parks & Community Services?

Chair Van Hollebeke:

- Want/vision a park system to inspire people without overwhelming them. Something that is new and exciting and connected to nature.
- The vision should be centered around community involvement.
- The vision should bring Bellevue to a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts.

Boardmember Deng:

- Signs with other languages (diversity).
- Community involvement—ask everyone to have an ownership in building and maintaining the parks system.
- Recognize everyone and have a shared goal to make Bellevue a better place.

Boardmember Kumar:

- Wayfinding signs and kiosks that talk in multiple languages in and around Bellevue.
- A park on Lake Sammamish that connects to the ERC and then Meydenbauer.
- A string of pearls (i.e., trails) that circles the city that is multimodal.
- Conditions: community and money

Boardmember Heath:

- Bel-Red Commons.
- Citizen engagement and active lobbying presence for parks.
- Would like the city's highest priority to be funding for parks.
- Would like community services performed in partnership with non-profits (i.e., citizen engagement/involvement).
- How: 1) need leaders to rally the community for parks (citizens); 2) need political will; 3) need funding.

Vice-Chair Synn:

- Vision Parks & Community Services integrated with the city's identity (like Central Park is New York's identity).
- Community interaction.
- Can always utilize/access parks—always on.
- How: funding, education, advocacy, partnerships.

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

What about Parks & Community Services do you care the most? Why did you join the Parks Board? If there is one thing you'd like to see accomplished during your Parks Board tenure, what would it be?

Boardmember Heath:

- A mechanism for community involvement, including liaisons to other Boards/Commissions, as well as education.
- Be educated on parks standards, funding needs, and funding alternatives.
- Help Council integrate with the Parks Board, as well as other Boards and Commissions—need to work together.

Boardmember Kumar:

- Understand how Parks & Community Services is managed by hearing from staff and participating in community events (i.e., education).
- Secure funding to complete parks (e.g., Airfield Park, park on Lake Sammamish, Newport Hills Park).
- Begin planning for interactive kiosks and wayfinding.

Vice-Chair Synn:

- Define and agree to Parks & Community Services Board strategy—work with the community, Council, and other Boards/Commissions.
- Clear sources of funding.
- Advocacy program (i.e., Boards, community, etc.).

Boardmember Deng:

- Alternative funding.
- Integrate diversity.
- Parks & Community Services education/neighborhood identified partnerships.

Chair Van Hollebeke:

- Alternative funding.
- Education/advocacy.
- Leverage existing and/or creating new partnerships.

Chair Van Hollebeke identified the following themes from the discussions above:

- Alternative funding.
- Education/partnerships.
- Advocacy.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Boardmembers requested that the following topics be included in the next meeting agenda:

- Board action/next steps on the Grand Connection.
- Solidify discussion/plans from the visioning/planning exercise.
- Alternative funding options.
- Discuss how the overall agenda priorities should be identified, include ongoing topics that staff has identified (i.e., master plans, budget discussions, etc.).
- Next steps for the Bylaws.
- Next steps for Liaison assignments.

Motion by Boardmember Kumar and second by Boardmember Heath to extend the meeting until 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Memo and Proclamation for Parks & Recreation Month
- C. Email re Lewis Creek Park

14. **INFORMATION:**

- A. List of upcoming Parks special events
- B. Next regular Parks Board meeting—September 12, 2017

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

None.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Smith noted that Boardmembers had requested more offsite meetings. Staff suggested that the September Board meeting be held at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens. Boardmembers favored this venue change/suggestion.

Motion by Boardmember Heath and second by Vice-Chair Synn to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).



MEMORANDUM

Phone: 452-452-5213
Date: August 23, 2017
To: Park & Community Services Board
From: Shelley Brittingham, Assistant Director
Subject: Bellevue Botanical Garden Tour
(No Board action is requested.)

Prior to the start of your September Parks & Community Services Board meeting at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, I will be available to provide a short tour of the garden including information about its history, gardens and partner groups.

Please meet me at 5:30 pm at the entrance to the Aaron Education Center. Turn right after you enter the garden from the parking lot, and continue on the walkway to the Center.

I look forward to seeing you on September 12.



Date: August 31, 2017
To: Parks & Community Services Board
From: Camron Parker, Park Property & Acquisition Manager
Parks & Community Services
Bradley Calvert, Planning Manager
Planning & Community Development Department
Subject: Grand Connection Framework Plan
(feedback requested)

This year, the Board received two presentations on the Grand Connection, in January and July. This City Council Priority project will create a defined and distinctive connection from Meydenbauer Bay Park, through Downtown, over I-405, through Wilburton to the Eastside Rail Corridor. As presented in July, a draft Framework Plan is open for public comment now. The plan focuses on the western portion of the Grand Connection, between Meydenbauer Bay Park and City Hall.

Following the July presentation, the Board expressed a desire to submit comments on the draft Framework Plan. Attached to this memo is a high-level summary of the themes that were raised during the discussion. Time at the September meeting will be used to answer any additional questions the Board may have on the draft Framework Plan and then refine the Board's themes into a better-defined list of comments.

The following links are provided to prepare for the meeting:

- *July 2017 draft Parks & Community Services Board meeting minutes are included in this September agenda packet*
- *July 2017 Parks & Community Services Board Grand Connection presentation:*
<https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/community-services/boards-and-commissions/parks-community-services-board/park-board-agendas-minutes/>
- *Grand Connection Draft Framework Plan:*
<http://www.bellevuegrandconnection.com/online-open-house>
- *Grand Connection project web page:*
<https://planning.bellevuewa.gov/planning/planning-initiatives/wilburton-grand-connection/>

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Camron at cparker@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2032.

Summary of Discussion

Grand Connection Draft Framework Plan

Parks & Community Services Board
July 2017

Discussion Points

- The term “accessibility” should embrace a broad definition beyond mobility – should include ideas of inclusion and equity
- “Cultural Diversity” cannot be wholly addressed under the banner of “arts and culture” – these are two different things – would like to see more discussion of cultural diversity
- Don’t see a specific plan for parks – only “public spaces”
- Grand Connection not just a connector of different places. Needs to be a place that stands on its own while at the same time connecting places
- Where are community services in the framework plan?

Summarized themes

- Civic Engagement
- Arts and Culture
- Diversity – Inclusion
- Recreational Experiences
- Heritage
- Health and Wellness
- Those in need



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 3, 2017
To: Parks & Community Services Board
From: Sherry Grindeland, Boardmember
Subject: Park Board Bylaws
(Board discussion and direction requested)

Included in the packet is the revised Parks & Community Services Bylaws draft. I met with Charmaine Arredondo (Assistant Director, City Clerk's Office) and Jerome Roache (Assistant City Attorney) about the concerns expressed by the board and particularly Mark and Eric.

We changed the name to Parks & Community Services Board in the initial paragraph. Thereafter in accordance with city standards, we're simply referred to as the Board.

We do need to keep our bylaws consistent with the city standards as set by the City Clerk and the latest revised Robert's Rules of Order. For instance, if we all agree and vote on it, we can change our agenda a bit but we must always do the traditional approval of the minutes and agenda at the beginning of the meetings.

The City Council suggests that all boards and commissions to adhere to the new guidelines for oral communications – no more than 30 minutes total and three minutes per person – no longer the five minutes for a group. The goal is to be standardized and consistent.

We clarified the calendar year confusion about missing meetings and also things such as board elections.

If the Board has no further changes to the Bylaws, Charmaine and Jerome will review them once again. The Board will then be able to vote to approve the Bylaws in May.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Grindeland



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 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 either the month of August or December.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE VII - Public Comment

- A. Timing of Communications. The Board shall not take public comment at regular meetings except for that given at a public hearing or at Oral and Written Communications. Written comments may be submitted to the Board staff in advance of the meeting.
- B. Addressing the Chair. Speakers shall address all statements to the Chair. Board members may direct questions to speakers only with the Chair's permission.

C. Public hearings. The purpose of a public hearing is to gather information and opinions on a specific subject the Board is studying. The following rules shall be observed during any public hearing:

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

D. Oral Communications.

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

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

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

ARTICLE VIII - Motions

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

ARTICLE IX - Voting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE XI - Minutes

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE XII - Compliance with Laws

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

ARTICLE XIII - Communications

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

ARTICLE XIV - Records

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

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

ARTICLE XV - Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses

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

ARTICLE XVI - Amendments

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

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

ARTICLE XVII - Validity

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

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2017.

Chair

Director
Parks and Community Services
Department

_____, Board Staff



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT August 2017

Congregation for the Homeless (CFH) Temporary Center

Phase 1 of the temporary homeless shelter at the City-owned Lincoln Center is complete, which provides space for CFH to program day services. CFH will now relocate its current day center to this new facility, freeing up the space to begin Phase 2 (the overnight facility), which is expected to start September 11. This work will extend into November, after which CFH operations will continue here until a permanent shelter is complete. Several BOMA (Building Owners and Managers Assn) contractors are volunteering time and equipment to help reduce project costs.

Downtown Park – Complete the Circle and Rotary Inspiration Playground Expansion

The DTP projects opened to the public on June 28th and the Park served as a grand stage for the July 4th celebration. Our contractor continues to complete minor “punch list” items and additional scope items that have been added to the project. We will monitor the landscaping during the warranty period, as well as mechanical and electrical equipment to make sure it performs as planned.

Downtown Park – NE Entry

Work is underway on this funded CIP project, which is to create a park entry at the northeast corner of the park at the SW corner of Bellevue Way and NE 4th. We have secured a consultant team to prepare design alternatives. A kick-off meeting is scheduled for late September.

Kelsey Creek Playground Replacement

The old playground area has been converted to a turf picnic area, and the new, relocated farm-themed playground is complete and opened for play on June 26th.

Marymoor Park Transfer

The project remains on-hold. We have explored options to transfer the City-owned portion of Marymoor Park to King County to allow the County to enter into an agreement with a local soccer organization to redevelop the existing softball fields into a soccer complex.

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

Construction is approximately 25% complete, with expected completion at the end of 2018. Foundation and abutment walls for the beach house are complete, and the initial retaining wall is under construction. Site grading is underway and in-water work began July 17. Sewer connections and piling installations for the pier are complete, and shoreline work is ongoing. We discovered and removed a large plume of contaminated soil from the site that was apparently the result of a leaking diesel line used to fuel coast guard ships during the 1940's. We are currently working with PSE to finalize plans to underground the overhead wires along Lake Washington Blvd, with work scheduled this fall. Plans are also being finalized to remodel the Whaling Building to include public restrooms, a meeting room and small boat rental facility. This project will be complete when the remaining park is complete.

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, including a new video wall. We received approval to convert a 4Culture grant from Ivanhoe to BYT to convert a storage room into another rehearsal space. Work on that project is expected this fall.
- **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:** Project complete.
 - **Bridle Trails Corner Park:** Project complete.
 - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** 99% complete
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Complete
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** See below.

Surrey Downs Park Development

Design is ongoing and permit review is underway. Subject to light rail construction progress, park construction is anticipated to start in the spring of 2018. Staff is working with the adjacent neighbors to address property encroachment issues and to identify an appropriate boundary fence to install prior to construction. Letters have been sent to all adjacent residents and staff continues meeting with the neighbors.

Renovation Program

51 projects were completed in 2016. The following 7 were deferred into 2017:

Project Status: Planning: (P) Under Construction: (U) Complete: (C)	
Coal Creek Nature Park	• Trail head construction (C)
Highland Park	• Fire escape replacement (P)
Kelsey Creek	• Playground replacement (C)
Mercer Slough Nature Park	• Sweyolocken boat launch A&E (P)
Robinswood Park	• Shelter for Small Dog OLA (C)
SE 40 th St Boat Launch	• Parking lot repairs (U)
Various Beach Parks	• Dock repairs at Chesterfield, Newcastle, SE 40 th St, Enatai & Chism (P)

60 projects have been approved for the 2017 program, as follows:

Programmatic	• Re-coring of parks facilities (U)	• NPDES requirements (U)
	• Multi-site drinking fountain (U)	• Natural Area Restoration (U)
	• Park furnishings (U)	• Urban Forestry Park Sites (U)

Bellevue Aquatic Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA projects (Signage & Robinswood House) (P) • Multi-site asphalt repairs (U) • New parking lot light fixtures (P) • Security system upgrades (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetscapes (U) • Greenways & Trails (U) • Warm Springs Pool: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump Replacement (P) • Add UV treatment (P) • Replace Chiller (P) • Pro shop air handler repl (Cancelled)
Bellevue Golf Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking lot sealcoat & restripe (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Par 3 Course Furnace Repl (U)
Cherry Crest School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurface sport courts (U) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ticket booth & deck (P)
Crossroads Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace Doors at Int'l RR (C) 	
Eastgate park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace carpet at SBCC. (P) 	
Forest Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail repair due to landslide (P) 	
Goldsmith Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation Replacement (C) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking fountain replacement (P)
Hidden Valley Sports Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New security lighting fixtures (U) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace flat roof at gym (C) • New exterior lighting fixtures (C) • Fraser cabin log repairs (U)
Highland Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealcoat upper parking lot (U) • Indoor & outdoor skate pk impr. (C) • Replace irrigation controller (C) • A&E for Educational Barn Imp. (P) 	
Kelsey Creek Farm Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealcoat parking lot (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail at Summit Tract A (P)
Killarney Glen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealcoat parking lot (P) 	
Lakemont Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealcoat parking lot (C) 	
Lewis Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSEEC Sullivan deck repl (C) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSEEC Interpretive signs (P)
Mercer Slough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whaling Building remodel (P) 	
Meydenbauer Marina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&E for code upgrades (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temp registration area fix (Cancelled)
NW Arts Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooring Replacement (C) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boiler & AHU replacement (U)
North Bellevue Community Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen Improvements (C) 	
Robinswood Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phased irrigation sys. Repl. (P) • Robinswood House, door repl. (C) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis bubble replacement (P) • Tennis indoor court resurface (P)
Saddleback Mini	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace play equipment (U) 	
Sunset Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace play equipment (U) 	
Wilburton Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&E soccer turf replacement (Cancelled) • Sealcoat parking lot (P) • McDowell House repairs (P) • BBG re-stain Tateuchi Pavilion (C) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBG repair RILL (U) • BBG re-stain Visitors Center (U) • BBG paint Shorts House (C)

The following projects have been added to the 2017 program:

Ashwood Plaza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair Fountain (C)
Hillaire Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace Swings (C)
Bellevue Youth Theater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video Wall (C)
Northwest Arts Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiln Exhaust Fan Replacement (U)
Chandler Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Free Library (C)
Kelsey Creek Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barn concrete aprons and drainage (P)
Northwest Arts Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&E for 2018 restroom ADA improvements (P)
Downtown Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional scope items (U)
Lake Hills Produce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freezer Insulation & Heaters (P)

Aug 2017

Hi Cathy -

We got a nice note from the family of a camper that was in Tracks Campout Adventure and Tracks Adventure Camp.

Thanks,
Carrie

Thank you,
Conner

Dear Ms. Carrie:

Thank you very much for bringing so much fun to Conner and all your hard work.

You gave Conner the best days of this summer. We can't thank you enough. Hope to see you next year.
Conner & Family

From: Franja Bryant
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Kartes, Nancy <NKartes@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc:
Subject: Thank You!

Dear Nancy,

Thank you so much for the talk you gave for our Washington Native Plant Society chapter last Tuesday. It was fascinating to hear about the “roots” of the BBG and how, through the foresight, generosity, and perseverance of some very civic-minded people we have such a beautiful and educational addition to our community. Thanks too, for giving us a tour of the new Urban Meadow and a preview of what is coming next. I think we all appreciate the garden even more now that we know a little more about its background and plans for the future. I’m so glad WNPS and the BBG have become partners in a common cause. Thanks for your support.

Gratefully,
Franja Bryant
CPS Education Chair (and WNPS Eastside Team member and BBG advocate!)

-----Original Message-----

From: Jenny C
Sent: Saturday, June 03, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Kost, Glenn <GKost@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Little Free Library

Hi Glenn,
We live in the neighborhood at that includes Chandler Park. I wanted to inquire about putting in a Little Free Library. Who would I talk to about that?

Thank you,

Jenny C

-----Original Message-----

From: Wallick, Lynde
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Kost, Glenn <GKost@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Purcell, Thomas <TPurcell@bellevuewa.gov>; Harris, Pat <PHarris@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: RE: Little Free Library - Chandler Park

I met with Mike Dougherty and Dale Peterson yesterday onsite. We determined a location for the new Little Free Library to be installed at Chandler Park. The location is in a landscape area and will not interfere with mowing. Dale will arrange for it to be installed. I will place the order for the post & box.

I connected with the resident, Jenny C. Though she wanted to seek out an artist within their neighborhood to paint the library box, I indicated we would rather purchase a pre-finished box and post. Ms. C agreed and will reach out to people within her neighborhood, including those that live across the street, to determine which of the pre-finished boxes they would prefer (based on those available on the Little Free Library shop website). She will let me know by July 7th what their selection is.

The box will take anywhere from 2 weeks to 8 weeks to arrive, depending on what is selected.

Ms. C agreed that she would maintain the box after installation.

From: Jenny C
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 11:11 PM
To: Wallick, Lynde <LWallick@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Thank You!

It is perfect, thank you and the City of Bellevue! We really appreciate your support of our park.
:)

Jenny



From: Cathy C
Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2017 5:33 AM
To: MacDonald, Scott <SMacDonald@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: RE: July 4th Festival

Hello Scott,

I was at the July 4th festivities at the Downtown Park and wanted to commend the City, Parks Department and the Bellevue Youth Symphony on a spectacular show and music that accompanied the fireworks. I am a huge Phantom of the Opera enthusiast and to hear Andrew Lloyd Weber's music was to me, a perfect selection. I wanted to thank the appropriate people for the efforts and to say that I was very proud of our City on such a patriotic day.

Thank you,
Cathy C
Former COB employee

From: Meghan Tierney [<mailto:gogomegs@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 10:00 AM

To: Smith, Terry <TSmith@bellevuewa.gov>; Harvey, Nancy <NHarvey@bellevuewa.gov>; Stokes, John <JStokes@bellevuewa.gov>; Chelminiak, John <JChelminiak@bellevuewa.gov>; Lee, Conrad <CLee@bellevuewa.gov>; Robertson, Jennifer S. <j.robertson@bellevuewa.gov>; Robinson, Lynne <LRobinson@bellevuewa.gov>; Simas, Ernie <ESimas@bellevuewa.gov>; Wallace, Kevin R <KRWallace@bellevuewa.gov>; Parksweb <parksweb@bellevuewa.gov>; Ewing, Jennifer <JEwing@bellevuewa.gov>; McCormick-Huentelman, Mike <MMHuent@bellevuewa.gov>; Neighborhood Outreach <NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov>; StreamTeam <streamteam@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: allisonaltizer@hotmail.com; Kate Carte <katec@jeffreym.com>; Aaron Morin <aaronmorin@outlook.com>; melissa_perkins@hotmail.com; Terra Zarter <tezarter@microsoft.com>; kimruthruff@hotmail.com; Kim Terhaar <kim.terhaar@gmail.com>; Christina Cambell <chendesign1@hotmail.com>; carolynmstanley@gmail.com

Subject: Attachments: Bennett Elementary Turf Infill Pilot Project with City of Bellevue

I apologize, just realized the attachments were not included...

Hello,

We are interested in discussing a potential pilot infill project between the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue School District. Bennett Elementary School parents and PTSA, as well as the surrounding community of Tam O' Shanter, Lochmoor, Tam O' Shanter West, West Lake Sammamish, and the neighborhoods of southeast 24th St have voiced their interest over the last year for an alternative to a rubber crumb infill turf field at Bennett Elementary. The community has voiced concerns over inconclusive rubber crumb studies on the potential exposures to children via hand mouth and VOC's, as well as the leachates of the vulcanized rubber crumb into our watershed, particularly zinc which is lethal to aquatic life in developing stages. The Bennett PTSA recently held a meeting to vote on whether or not they would support an alternative, such as cork, to rubber crumb and voted unanimously in favor. The proposed field is to be placed by the end of August and the infill material is currently proposed to be coated rubber crumb, as are all of the new future fields in the Bellevue School District.

We have discussed our interest in an alternative to rubber crumb at the elementary school level. The district has been open to discussion of alternative infills, but have expressed concern over the durability of the alternatives in the PNW climate. Seattle Public Schools, Seattle Parks and Rec, Shoreline Parks and Rec, Anacortes High School, Lakewood High School, Burien High School, Vashon Island High School, South Kitsap High School, Anacortes High School, Kennedy Catholic High School, and Mercer Island High School have already placed or are in process of using an alternative infill. We are proposing a joint collaborative pilot project at Bennett Elementary School for the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue School District to monitor the function, effectiveness, and durability of an alternative infill to rubber crumb. The

municipalities can monitor the infill over the duration of the field lifespan of 8-10 years to determine whether it is a potential option for other future turf fields in the area.

We have attached a research analysis that supports the use of an alternative infill such as Purefill cork by Field Turf.

Please let us know if this is an idea that the city would be interested in collaborating in.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Meghan Tierney-Knight and the Bennett PTSA

18006 NE 13th ST
Bellevue, WA 98008
[425 466 5197](tel:4254665197)

B.S. Environmental Science and Regional Planning Washington State University
Wetland Science and Management University of Washington

From: GKost@bellevuewa.gov <GKost@bellevuewa.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:54 PM

To: gogomegs@hotmail.com

Cc: Council@bellevuewa.gov; TSmith@bellevuewa.gov; NHarvey@bellevuewa.gov; parksweb@bellevuewa.gov; JEwing@bellevuewa.gov; MMHuent@bellevuewa.gov; NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov; streamteam@bellevuewa.gov; allisonaltizer@hotmail.com; katec@jeffreym.com; aaronmorin@outlook.com; melissa_perkins@hotmail.com; tezarter@microsoft.com; kimruthruff@hotmail.com; kim.terhaar@gmail.com; chendesign1@hotmail.com; carolynmstanley@gmail.com; SMcVein@bellevuewa.gov; PForan@bellevuewa.gov; NMcommon@bellevuewa.gov

Subject: Bennett Elementary Turf Infill Pilot Project response

Dear Ms. Tierney;

Thank you for your patience awaiting our reply to your request that the City partner with the Bellevue School District to implement a pilot project at Bennett Elementary School to install and monitor an alternative to crumb rubber infill. We understand that the School District has agreed to implement this pilot project at Bennett, including a long-term monitoring program to measure the effectiveness of cork infill material. The City is aware of several alternative infill products installed recently, or soon-to-be-installed in the area, and will be monitoring the performance of those fields as well as Bennett to aide in our future product determination.

We appreciate your concern, as safety is of paramount importance to us as we develop recreational amenities throughout the community.

Sincerely,

Glenn Kost, Manager
Capital Improvement Program
City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services
425-452-5258

From: Meghan Tierney [mailto:gogomegs@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 5:07 PM

To: Kost, Glenn <GKost@bellevuewa.gov>

Cc: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>; Smith, Terry <TSmith@bellevuewa.gov>; Harvey, Nancy <NHarvey@bellevuewa.gov>; Parksweb <parksweb@bellevuewa.gov>; Ewing, Jennifer <JEwing@bellevuewa.gov>; McCormick-Huentelman, Mike <MMHuent@bellevuewa.gov>; Neighborhood Outreach <NeighborhoodOutreach@bellevuewa.gov>; StreamTeam <streamteam@bellevuewa.gov>; allisonaltizer@hotmail.com; katec@jeffreym.com; aaronmorin@outlook.com; melissa_perkins@hotmail.com; tezarter@microsoft.com; kimruthruff@hotmail.com; kim.terhaar@gmail.com; chendesign1@hotmail.com; carolynmstanley@gmail.com; McVein, Shelley <SMcVein@bellevuewa.gov>; Foran, Patrick <PForan@bellevuewa.gov>; McCommon, Nathan <NMcccommon@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: Re: Bennett Elementary Turf Infill Pilot Project response

Thanks for your reply Glen. At our meeting with the district we realized it was too late in the process for a collaboration with the city considering Bennett's field was to be installed at the end of the summer. We are more than appreciative that the board and district felt it was beneficial to try a pilot cork infill project at Bennett. Monitoring the cork infill for effectiveness, longevity, and playability could be beneficial towards future fields in the district.

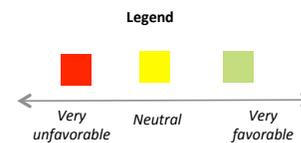
I know we were late on presenting this idea to the city for Bennett, but there are future schools that will be installing turf fields over the next 3 years. There are numerous alternative infill options to rubber crumb that could be piloted with a collaboration between the district and the city if people thought it was worthwhile in the future. Over the last year and a half of working on this issue I have realized just how many residents in Bellevue are not comfortable with the use of rubber crumb.

Our community is very excited about the opportunity to experience this new field and work together to monitor it over the years. We are very thankful to the Bellevue School District for supporting it.

Thank you for your time,
Meghan Tierney-Knight

BSD Elementary School Playfield Infill Decision Matrix
 developed by Shannon Johnson (shuffjohnson@gmail.com)
 as of 6/14/17

Infill Criteria	Grass	Amended sand	All Weather turf with Organic Cork infill	All Weather turf with Polyurethane coated crumb rubber infill
Year-round usability	1	2	3	4
Cost		5	6	7
Short-term safety (e.g. GMAX ratings) (8)				9
Long-term health (e.g. contains chemicals)	10	11	12	13
Durability and on-going maintenance	14	15	16	17



Notes:

- 1 - Per Melissa DaVita and Jack MacLeod's 5/2 update to BSD, grass is not durable in PNW climate
- 2 - Per Melissa DaVita and Jack MacLeod's 5/2 update to BSD, sand is not durable in PNW climate (too wet or dry and dusty)
- 3 - There have been concerns regarding the use of cork in areas that receive large volumes of rain. In rare or "freak" weather occurrence, a school in Anacortes reported that cork floated and needed to be redistributed. However, FieldTurf representative, DA Hogan, reported that coated crumb rubber would've performed in the same way at Anacortes. No other problems reported during wettest winter in recorded history (2017).
- 4 - Coated crumb rubber can reach temperatures over 120 degrees and documented to cause second degree burns in less than 10 minutes if outside temperatures exceed 80 degrees F. On 5/23/17, when the outside temperature was 79 degrees, the turf surface was measured at 128 degrees.
- 5 - Per Melissa DaVita and Jack MacLeod's 5/2 update to BSD, amended sand is the lowest cost option
- 6 - See financial analysis in previous tab.
- 7 - Lifetime costs of coated rubber crumb is \$2,000 more expensive than cork per school. At 26 schools, this total s \$52,000 additional approximately every 10 years.
- 8 - Infill products have consistent GMAX ratings. Per BSD, not an issue between the options. At South Kitsap High School (where a natural cork/coconut infill is used players and coaches give it rave reviews: "They swear our incidence of concussion is lower than when we play away games." (<https://www.parentmap.com/article/artificial-turf-crumbs-cancer-risk>))

9 - Per Cushion Fall Sport (crumb rubber manufacturer) website (<http://www.cushionfallsport.com/safer-for-the-environment/>) the polyurethane coating reduces "volatile organic compounds (VOCs) by 71 percent and heavy metal run-off by 80 percent." The product admittedly still releases VOCs into the air and some heavy metal compounds into the water supply.

Additionally, elementary school aged children playing during recess can not follow the guidelines recommended by the Department of Health, including washing your hands after playing on the field and before eating; taking off any equipment outside or in the garage; showering after play; quickly cleaning any cuts or scrapes; and spitting out any crumb rubber that finds its way into your mouth.

10 - While natural product, pesticides used to maintain

11 - Per Melissa DaVita and Jack MacLeod's 5/2 update to BSD, natural products are favorable

12 - While there have not been studies of the organic cork infill, given the known chemical make-up of cork versus that of used tires, it is not a prevalent concern

13 - Contains over 90 chemicals, long term impact on health used by elementary school children unknown. Current studies include: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Consumer Product Safety Commission have launched federal research studies.

Additionally, California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment is conducting a study. The final report is expected in 2019.

Additional concerns present regarding possible contamination of the water supply if the crumb rubber particles enter storm drains.

14 - Per Melissa DaVita and Jack MacLeod's 5/2 update to BSD, grass requires significant efforts to maintain, including mowing, fertilizer, watering and reseeding.

15 - Per Melissa DaVita and Jack MacLeod's 5/2 update to BSD, lines on field don't last and requires ongoing maintenance to re-level for ruts. As a positive, has a higher density and doesn't blow in wind.

16 - As mentioned in note 3, there is potential to need to re-spread the infill in rare weather occurrences.

Additionally, Enatia, which as cork infill on the playground has an issue with turf "seams" appearing. However, turf seams are a result of traffic patterns and are not dependent on the infill material, i.e. turf seams would have appeared with crumb rubber infill as well.

17 - As mentioned in notes 3 and 15, maintenance issues reported for cork infill (re-spreading and seam) would also occur for coated rubber crumb. Additionally, coated rubber crumb would need to regularly be watered down on hot days to cool down surface temperatures (the temperature reduction only lasts for 10-20 minutes after watering). It is also recommended to regularly sweep infill material from play yards to prevent it from entering the water supply.

Bellevue School District All Weather Playfield Infill Lifetime Cost Analysis

as of 6/9/2017

prepared by Shannon Johnson (shuffjohnson@gmail.com)

	All Weather Turf Infill Options	
	Coated crumb rubber	Organic Cork
Per School costs (1)		
Installation costs (2)	\$ 29,750	\$ 54,250
Coated rubber crumb testing fee (3)	\$ 9,000	\$ -
Hazardous waste disposal fee (4)	\$ 17,500	\$ -
Total costs per school	\$ 56,250	\$ 54,250

Total costs for 26 fields	\$ 1,462,500	\$ 1,410,500
Incremental cost of coated crumb rubber per lifecycle	\$ 52,000	

Potential additional costs if crumb rubber found toxic

Installation for replacement cork infill	\$ 54,250
Potential legal liability if child is diagnosed with cancer per lawsuit (6)	\$250,000 - \$5,000,000

Notes

(1) Maintenance costs excluded as considered equal, per Melissa Davita 6/2 email correspondance. Coated crumb rubber and organic cork infill are estimated to have the same lifecycle of approximately 8-12 years. Playfields are estimated to be 35,000 square feet.

(2) Installion costs for coated crumb rubber pulled from multiple sources average to \$.85/square foot. Per May 2, 2107 BSD board meeting all weather turf field update, cork infill was \$.70/square foot more expensive than coated crumb rubber. However, a CA manufacturer quotes the costs of cork as only \$.60/square more expensive. To be conservative, I have estimated the additional installation costs at \$.70/square foot more expensive.

(3) Fields to be tested every 3 years over 10 year lifecycle. David Anderson, a toxicologist from Envirostress, estimated the costs at approximately \$3,000. Potential to exceed estimate if requirements go beyond basic chemical testing.

(4) Coated crumb rubber must be bagged on site and transported to a hazardous waste facility. Estimated cost per disposal from 3 different sources averaged to \$.50/sq ft. According to the Synthetic Turf Council, recycling crumb rubber infill is usually more costly than disposal.

Organic cork is not known to have any disposal fees. It can be used on site for top dressing natural grass or or soil enrichment.

(6) Per litigation attorney at Karr Tuttle Campbell. Specific liability determined by diagnosis, discovery timing and ultimate health consequences

From: Shari S

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 9:29 AM

To: Gonzales, Steve <SGonzales@bellevuewa.gov>

Subject: RE: Youth Sports Summer Day Camp - Wet N' Wild, July 17-21

Kyler LOVED camp last week! Thanks for having an amazing crew. When you are ready for 'counselors' in training, he's interested!

Shari

From: Chris H
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 1:22 PM
To: Parks Scheduling Office <ParkRental@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Follow up: Thank you Newcastle Beach Park

Hi Michelle,

I just wanted to thank you and your team for the super job getting our event put together. I appreciate the time your folks spent with me on the phone, the preapproved caterers list was very helpful, and everything went great. The Newcastle Beach Park was clean and beautiful.

Thank you again for the awesome service,

Chris H

From: Kost, Glenn
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 12:36 PM
To: McVein, Shelley <SMcVein@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Foran, Patrick <PForan@bellevuewa.gov>; Wallick, Lynde <LWallick@bellevuewa.gov>; Bowers, Mike <MBowers@bellevuewa.gov>; Popke, Ryan <RPopke@bellevuewa.gov>; Harris, Pat <PHarris@bellevuewa.gov>; Purcell, Thomas <TPurcell@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: FW: Thank You Letter from the Neighbors of the Robinswood Park East Dog Park

We don't often get letters like this, so it's nice to be able to share them. Bret, and later Lynde, worked with representatives of the RTC OLA users over the past year+ to accommodate their request for a variety of facility improvements. With the help of RM staff (Ryan Popke & Mike Bowers), we improved the surface, replaced benches, added a shelter, provided a convenient water source and improved signage. Because of donations by Wagly Pet Campus & the dog owners, together with funds provided through the Neighborhood Match Program (Ying Carlson), we completed approximately \$35,000 in improvements for about half the cost to us (\$18k).

From: Linda B
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Wallick, Lynde <LWallick@bellevuewa.gov>; Kost, Glenn <GKost@bellevuewa.gov>; Carlson, Ying <YCarlson@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Thank You Letter from the Neighbors of the Robinswood Park East Dog Park

Hello Glenn, Ying and Lynde,

The group at the Robinswood Park East Dog Park got together to write a letter to say Thank You to you, as well as your leaders, Patrick and Shelley, and the leaders of Wagly Pet Campus.

I'm attaching our letter with photos, and will follow up with a copy of the letter in the mail to everyone.

I don't have the names of everyone involved, such as the folks at Wagly who continued Tom Wille's work after he moved on, so if you could let me know who they are I'd really appreciate it.

Thank you so much for all your help, it's been a pleasure working with you!

Linda B



Neighbors of Robinswood East Dog Park

August 10, 2017

City of Bellevue
450 110th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

Wagly Pet Campus
15375 SE 30th Place, Suite 100
Bellevue, WA 98007

To: Patrick Foran, Director of Parks
Shelley McVein, Deputy Director of Parks
Glenn Kost, Planning Manager
Lynde Wallick, Parks Project Manager
Ying Carlson, City's Match Plan
Peter Brown, DVM, CVO Wagly Pet Campus
Craig Susen, COO Wagly Pet Campus

On behalf of the many patrons of the Robinswood East Dog Park behind the Tennis Center, we thank you very much for your support in providing all the improvements we requested in early 2016. With the completion of the rain shelter in late May this year, you have graciously completed our list! We also want to recognize Bret Wilson of the Parks department, and Tom Wille from Wagly Pet Campus, who have since moved on from those positions. We so appreciate their hard work at the beginning of the projects.

Due to the monetary support from the Wagly Pet Campus, the Parks department, the City's Match Plan and our own donations, we now have an outdoor year-round water bottle filler, 4 new benches, excellent signage, a picnic table and a rain/sun shelter.

We can't thank you enough!

Sincerely yours, (see next page for list of neighbors)

Linda Beckelman	Hyunjoo Hwang	Cathy Pierce
Lynda Edwards	Archie Aquino	Cathy Sunderlin
Jane Bobbitt	Patricia Sullivan	Sharon Kellerman
Dan Tripp	Marianne Harden	Lshan Law
Natalie Weinstein	Samantha King	Alonda Williams
Rebecca Huffman	Maren Richter	Echo Alexander
Carisha Huffman	Leslie Altier	Darrin Eide
Eleanor Davis-Bryan	Theresa Zylinsky	Mary Louise Huibregtse
Erika Hobratsch	Katrina Bomars	Julie Skaggs
Ann Scanlon	Sharon Iboshi	Julee Seibel
Linda Lewin	Briana Hastings	Rj Minard
Heather Wilson	Jessica Chung	Will Austin
Tracy Aaron	Sara Bailey	Byron Williams
Rick Krause	Kim Harang	Ara Ha
Wendy Krause	Stephanie Quale	Wezi Langwe
Paul Krause	Erin Verity	Karen Roper
Kris Tillman	Elizabeth Patel	Cody Lee
Tracie Fredericksen	Andrea Jones	Joey Reinert
Carol Singer	John Andrews	Tim Peiffer
Steven Singer	Jessica Arriaga	Trenton Hyer
Liann White	Sharon Brocker	Cathleen Powell
Karlene Winger	Marcha McMahon-	Halina Bojarski
Kayley Knowles	Jones	Luis Gonzalez
Shenelle Lagdaan	Joanie Wright	Kim Pascua
Isadora Tsung	Rose Walker	Jerome Lee
Basia Krawczyk	Elizabeth Weese	Mare Lai
Christina Salwitz	Scott McClure	Joanna Harmon
Susan Woodson	Melissa Csepegi	Lisa Cooke
Lynette Harstad	Alyssa Rodriguez	Amy Arnold
Krisztina Benton	Shayda Vahdat	Kyle Gillette
Joyce Fay	Carol Hirsch	Jenny Kordell
Jessica Trottier	Angela Vandenberg	Jennifer X Zhang
Debbie Walker	Jin Young Chang	Naon Nano Shin
Josh Walker	Holly Merz	
Gus Vahdat	Christina Smith	





SEPTEMBER 2017

- Sept 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Fly, Chick, Fly!”**
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. Join us for two books about baby birds: a family of hatchling ducks learns to swim, and a clutch of owls learns to fly. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. This is a parent/adult and child class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 118743 or 118744. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 2** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike, 10:30 a.m. - noon**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
Distance: Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us!
Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 2-3** **Big Backyard Community Campout, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. to Sept 3 at 9:30 a.m.**
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE
Come experience Bellevue’s Community Campout! This event is perfect for first time campers or experienced campers looking for a fun time with family and friends. This year we are camping at Newcastle Beach Park, so join us for a night of camping out under the stars in the great outdoors. Dinner, breakfast, and campfire treats are included. Limited camping gear is available upon request.
Ages: 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$20 for Bellevue residents; \$25/non-residents. Children under 5 are \$5. **Pre-registration:** Required – space is limited! **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 117792. **Info:** Carrie Sabochik at csabochik@bellevuewa.gov
- Sept 3** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology; we’ll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- Sept 8** **Swim, Salmon, Swim!** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
 Autumn brings some of the best months to see wild salmon returning home. They may travel thousands of miles to lay eggs and spawn. Come learn about this incredible journey and why the salmon cycle is so important to life in the Pacific Northwest. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.
- Sept 9** **Master Gardener Clinic,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Get answers about what plants are best for you, plant identification, how to solve tough growing challenges, and lots more. If you're bringing a plant sample, please put it in a plastic bag. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Sept 9** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Did you that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology; we'll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 10** **Lakemont Highlands Open Space Ranger-Led Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. A Park Ranger will guide you through friendly neighborhood greenbelts. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate-Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 12** **Garden Class: "Mindfulness in the Garden – Creating Calm Within,"**
 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Deborah Wilk, LMFT, and Jessica Volpentesta, LMHC. Join other women in restoring your mind, body and spirit. Let the stress and demands of daily life melt away as your experience the healing powers of nature. As you stroll slowly through the quiet trails of the Garden, Deborah and Jessica will help you experience the outdoors in a whole new way. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

- Sept 13** **Garden Class: “Walk the Waterwise Garden”**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Patricia Burgess. The Waterwise Garden at the Bellevue Botanical Garden demonstrates how homeowners can have healthy, attractive landscapes while conserving resources and protecting the environment. This class will focus on waterwise basics, plants, and issues to consider. During a walk through the Waterwise Garden, Patricia will discuss the design, maintenance, and what the garden has taught us over time, including plant selection, soil preparation, and proper irrigation. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Sept 16** **Hardy Fern Foundation Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Purchase unusual ferns for your garden, and learn about ferns from the experts! **Cost:** Free admission and parking. Costs vary for plants for sale. **Info:** <http://www.hardyferns.org/events.php>
- Sept 16** **Cultivating Clay Workshop**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 In this workshop, you will be introduced to a variety of hand building and surface decoration techniques to construct a geometric functional form. Pieces will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. Materials are included in the class fee. **Ages:** Adult. **Cost:** \$30/resident; \$35/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Sept 16** **Fall’s Fabulous Fellows**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Creepy crawlies, hairy scaries, spiders, bats and owls! Oh my! Join us for a fun, fact-filled morning learning about fall’s fabulous fellows through art, music and dance. Special treats await you, too! **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident; \$30/non-resident. Each additional family member - \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 118406.

- Sept 16** **Garden Class: “Fall in the Border”**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Jen Boardman. Beauty in the fall garden is found in the changing leaves, fading flowers, and seed pods of dormant perennials. There will be a brief slideshow, followed by a stroll through the perennial border to discuss favorite fall plants with information about what to divide, cut back, and leave alone. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Sept 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.
- Sept 16** **Family Discovery Series: I’ve Got that Fall Feeling**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Have you ever wondered why leaves change colors in the Fall or what happens during photosynthesis? This program will provide you with the answer to those questions and many more. Enjoy a guided walk to see the fabulous Fall foliage in the Mercer Slough, followed by a crafting activity in our community room. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 16** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Did you that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology; we’ll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- Sept 19** **Bellevue Main Club Open House**, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Bellevue Main Club Center, Arts & Crafts Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
 Sample upcoming fall programs, meet teachers, and visit with others with a common interest. Tours lasting 20 minutes start at 10 a.m., twenty-minute drop-in activities sessions will follow. Enjoy social time with coffee and treats provided! Fall program registration is available on site. Join us for great programs that create connections and enhance lifelong learning. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Sept 20** **From Cows to Apples (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111275. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Sept 22** **Indoor Play at SBCC with Caspar Babypants**, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Caspar Babypants will perform a 45-minute show for children and their parents at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards, we encourage families to stick around and participate in our Indoor Play Program. Many thanks to our Indoor Play Sponsor, Kritsonis and Lindor at Windermere Real Estate! **Ages:** Children up to 5 years old with a parent/guardian. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Sept 22** **Ranger-Led Hike: Nightfall in Lewis Creek Park**, 8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Park Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4 for Bellevue residents; \$5 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov>, course 118762. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 23** **Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale and Speakers**, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Shop cool plants from unique, local nurseries, and attend sessions with celebrity garden speakers. Master Gardeners can earn Continuing Education credits for these sessions. Event includes a Master Gardener Clinic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Cost:** Free admission and parking. Costs vary for plants for sale. **Info:** <http://www.mgfk.org/events/fall-sale-speakers>

- Sept 23** **Family Discovery Series: I've Got that Fall Feeling**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Have you ever wondered why leaves change colors in the Fall or what happens during photosynthesis? This program will provide you with the answer to those questions and many more. Enjoy a guided walk to see the fabulous Fall foliage in the Mercer Slough, followed by a crafting activity in our community room. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 24** **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 Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Sept 28** **Hands-On, Minds-On Workshop: Visual Journaling (watercolor/sketching)**,
 10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, Arts & Crafts Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
 During this hands-on workshop, participants will learn basic drawing and watercolor skills, and explore ways to create a journal of daily activities by using ink, collage and watercolor. All materials included. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Sept 28** **Garden Class: "Propagation 101"**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Gordon Polson. This presentation will de-mystify how to propagate plants using the various forms of plant propagation. Gordon's step-by-step demonstration will include tools to use, options for rooting solutions, and the most successful types of plants to propagate in our area. Participants will learn successful propagation techniques and will take home a handout with instructions to try propagating on their own. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

Sept 29 **Nature Movie Night: “Bees: Tales from the Hive,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Honeybees have been mysteriously disappearing across the planet at alarming rates in the past decade or more. This phenomena is referred to as Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). While endless hours and years of research have been dedicated to solving this mystery, a definitive answer has not been found. Come learn more about what may be leading to their demise, what it means for our future, and what we can do to help save the bees. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Sept 30 **Adult Enrichment Series: Native Plant Walk,**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever wished you could identify more of our local plants? Join a Park Ranger on a walk through Mercer Slough Nature Park to learn more about the native trees and shrubs that thrive in the forest, meadow, and wetland. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Sept 30 **Living with Wildlife: Crows,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Crows are one of our city’s most common wildlife residents. They have more advanced cognitive abilities than many mammals, have amazing memory, and are very social. Find out why crows gather in huge numbers, and what the fuss is all about. Learn what crows know, and discover how we can get along together. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 4** **Goats a-Plenty (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111286. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 5** **Hands-On, Minds-On Workshop: Poetry**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, Tutorial Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
Through photographs, music and objects, explore the theme of "flight" to create simple and elegant individual and group poems based on the group's ideas and imagination. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 5** **Garden Class: "Introduction to Mushroom Cultivation"**,
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
In this class we explore the roles mushrooms play in forest ecology and how those roles can benefit our gardens and our bodies. We will learn basic techniques to propagate and cultivate the wood-loving species, the Oyster mushroom. Each participant will have the opportunity to create an Oyster Spawn Mat that can be used to inoculate more substrate later at home. Participants will also receive a ready-to-fruit mushroom kit to take home. The class fee includes a \$40 supply fee. **Cost:** \$65 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$75/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Oct 6** **Lewis Creek Story Time: "The Lorax,"**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an indoor hour of stories and crafts. Join us for the classic children's book, *The Lorax*, to learn the basics of safeguarding our environment. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 years with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 118745 or 118746. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- Oct 7** **The Great Northwest Glass Pumpkin Patch**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Visit the Glass Pumpkin Patch featuring over 1,000 hand-blown glass pumpkins crafted by local glass artists from the Tacoma Glassblowing Studio. Wander through a dazzling array of one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins in a variety of colors, shapes, sizes and price range. Rain or shine, come pick the perfect pumpkin for yourself or as a gift. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. **Cost:** Free admission; pumpkins range in price from \$35 to \$200. Credit cards accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, or Tacoma Glassblowing Studio – TGSGlass@gmail.com or 253-948-9699.
- Oct 7** **Farm Fair Volunteers**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children’s activities at Kelsey Creek Farm’s special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work outside with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. Volunteers must pre-register. **Ages:** 14-18 years old and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 110926. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 7** **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Bring your family to the farm and enjoy our Fall Festival! Featured events include: live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, tractor-pulled wagon rides, pick-a-pumpkin (already picked from the vine but in a farm pasture), pony rides, farm animals, mascots, and food for sale. No pets, please! Free shuttle service from Wilburton Park & Ride and Bannerwood Sports Park. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary by activity. No ATMs on site. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Kelsey Creek Farm at kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 7** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. 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.

- Oct 7** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
Distance: Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us!
Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 7** **Family Discovery Series: All about the Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Bats play a vital ecological role all over the world. Several species of bats call the Mercer Slough Nature Park home. Come learn some fun facts about these mammals. Enjoy a spooky bat story, then put your artistic skills to use, and take home your own batty creation. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 10** **Wisdom Café Themed Conversation: Living Our Legacy – How Do You Want to Be Remembered?** 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bellevue Main Club Center, 209 100th Avenue NE
 We will talk about what we want our friends and family to learn from us. More than just remembering us, our lives hold lessons and messages we can start sharing now. These cafes provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others while discussing universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea, and treats will be provided! Cafes are offered in partnership with the King County Library System. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 10** **Washington Native Plant Society Lecture: “Pacific Feast: Where the Wild Things are Delicious!”** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Learn from forager, wilderness guide, professor and writer, Jennifer Hahn, about sustainably harvesting a cornucopia of delicious, nutritious seaweeds, wild and weedy greens, berries, and tree tips for enhancing health and table in all seasons. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [Facebook event](#) or http://www.wnps.org/cps_programs.html

- Oct 11** **Garden Class: “Put Your Vegetable Garden to Bed”**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 This class will be taught by Tilth Alliance (formerly Seattle Tilth). Prepare your veggie garden for next year by improving your soil over the winter. Soil building is an important component of organic gardening. Fall and winter are perfect times to add organic matter that will feed your plants throughout the year. We will discuss key components of the final harvest, how to test your soil, what cover crops to plant, and different techniques for mulching. Leave with the knowledge and skills you need to protect your soil so it is ready to go next spring! **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Oct 12** **Hands-On, Minds-On Workshop: Digital Storytelling**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, Tutorial Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
 Participants will explore ways to share personal stories by using video and photography to create a digital narrative to share with family and friends. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 13** **Creepy, Crawly and Cool!** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
 Come learn about bugs, worms and spiders as we discover fun facts about these little creatures. Discover their benefits to us and our ecosystem. We will be going outside in search of these little friends, so please dress according to the weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Oct 13-14** **SpookFest Zip Scare**, 6 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., every 15 minutes
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Scary, creepy, crazy fun zipping in the dark! Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines. Imagine stepping off a platform and zipping to the other end that you cannot see. Riders and platforms will be brightened with glow-sticks. Tours start every 15 minutes from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Please pre-register. Arrive at the SBCC front desk 20 minutes prior to your scheduled Zip Tour. SpookFest Zip Tour dates – October 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28. **Ages:** Participants must be at least 9 years old and weigh between 60-275 pounds. 9-13 year-olds must be accompanied on the tour by an adult. An adult can accompany a maximum of two 9-13 year-olds. **Cost:** \$27/youth (9-17 years old) and \$42/adult (18 years and older). **Pre-registration:** Strongly encouraged due to program popularity. Registration closes every evening at 7 p.m. **To register:** 425-452-4240. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

- Oct 14** **Coal Creek Natural Area “Woof Walk,”** 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
 Come explore Bellevue’s largest park with your furry friend! Learn about the natural history and wildlife of the park and how we can keep our pets safe. Limit is one dog (with leash) per guest, and bring a doggy waste bag. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Two miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required by 4 p.m. on October 13. **Info and to RSVP:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 14** **Family Discovery Series: All about the Bats,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Bats play a vital ecological role all over the world. Several species of bats call the Mercer Slough Nature Park home. Come learn some fun facts about these mammals. Enjoy a spooky bat story, then put your artistic skills to use, and take home your own batty creation. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 15** **Who’s that Bird?,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Join a park ranger to learn the “who’s who” and “what’s what” of our local bird species. We’ll learn about some new friends, and participants will choose their favorite for an art piece to be displayed at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 18** **Roosters vs Hens (Early Release Wednesday),** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111287. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

- Oct 18** **Garden Lecture: “Literature into Art: Books that Changed the Way We Garden”,** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 In today’s fast-paced information age, it is hard to imagine a time when gardeners relied on books rather than YouTube videos for inspiration and practical advice. In this lecture, Colston Burrell examines the shifting roles that gardens have played in our culture, from Victorian bedding schemes to outdoor living rooms. He will highlight some seminal books that changed the way we envision, design, plant and maintain outdoor spaces. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Oct 19** **Hands-On, Minds-On Workshop: Memoir Writing,** 10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, Tutorial Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
 During this workshop, participants will explore how to craft their personal stories into written narratives. We will explore techniques on how to generate, organize, and structure individual life experiences to include in a longer memoir to share with family and friends. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 19** **The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race Workshop,** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, Classroom 200, 14509 SE Newport Way
 New to pumpkin racing? Learn tips and tricks to building a fast pumpkin racer and see past entries for creative decoration ideas. A resource handout will be provided at the end of the workshop. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Encouraged; please register each person attending the workshop. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 119040. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 20-21** **SpookFest Zip Scare,** 6 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., every 15 minutes
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Scary, creepy, crazy fun zipping in the dark! Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines. Imagine stepping off a platform and zipping to the other end that you cannot see. Riders and platforms will be brightened with glow-sticks. Tours start every 15 minutes from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Please pre-register. Arrive at the SBCC front desk 20 minutes prior to your scheduled Zip Tour. SpookFest Zip Tour dates – October 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28. **Ages:** Participants must be at least 9 years old and weigh between 60-275 pounds. 9-13 year-olds must be accompanied on the tour by an adult. An adult can accompany a maximum of two 9-13 year-olds. **Cost:** \$27/youth (9-17 years old) and \$42/adult (18 years and older). **Pre-registration:** Strongly encouraged due to program popularity. Registration closes every evening at 7 p.m. **To register:** 425-452-4240. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

- Oct 20** **Night Hike**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamps, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident; \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/course/118763>. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 21** **Who’s that Bird?** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Join a park ranger to learn the “who’s who” and “what’s what” of our local bird species. We’ll learn about some new friends, and participants will choose their favorite for an art piece to be displayed at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 21** **The Great Pumpkin Hunt Festival**, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Gather your friends and family, and head down to Northwest Arts Center for an evening of holiday fun! Kid carnival games, Halloween crafts, entertainment, and the Great Pumpkin Hunt make this an event you will not want to miss. Pumpkin Hunts will be offered by age groups: ages 2-4 years will hunt at 6 p.m., ages 5-8 years will hunt at 6:45 p.m., and ages 9-14 years will hunt at 7:30 p.m. Children must check in 15 minutes prior to hunt time to ensure participation. Visit Prize Central and turn in tickets found in pumpkins for exciting prizes and treat. Wear your costume, and maybe you’ll win a prize for the best costume! **Ages:** Ages 2-14 years old. **Cost:** \$15 per participant (children); free for parents and grandparents. Admission gives you access to all carnival games, crafts, entertainment, and the Pumpkin Hunt. **Pre-registration:** Highly recommended; event sold out last year. Space is limited. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 22** **Who’s that Bird?**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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- Oct 24** **Wisdom Café Themed Conversation: Dreaming Our Future,**
 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bellevue Main Club Center, 209 100th Avenue NE
 How has living your dreams showed up in your life up to now? What dreams do you still hope to fulfill? How do we continue to grow? Sharing our dreams out loud might just help them come true. These cafes provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others while discussing universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea, and treats will be provided! Cafes are offered in partnership with the King County Library System. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 26** **Hands-On, Minds-On Workshop: Improvisation Theatre,** 10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, Tutorial Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
 This interactive workshop teaches basic skills of improvisational theatre – how to say yes to new ideas, how to create characters and stories at the drop of a hat, and how to work together with other people to develop scenes and stories. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 27** **Nature Movie Night: “Secret World of Bats,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Bats are often feared and misunderstood. However, without these amazing mammals, our ecological systems would be significantly altered, and life as we know it would drastically change. This film captures all aspects of bat behavior across five continents with remarkable slow motion photography. Wear your bat costumes! **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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- Oct 27** **Halloween Howl**, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
 This event is facilitated for people living with intellectual disabilities. Start planning your costume now! Come dance the night away if you dare. Our annual costume showcase will highlight the evening. We'll have witch's brew and spooky delights for all. **Ages:** Ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/resident; \$11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Mary Boyle – Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- Oct 27** **Listen and Look for Creatures of the Night**, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
 Come enjoy an evening with a Bellevue Park Ranger on the Lake Hills Trail. We will keep an eye and an ear out for nocturnal creatures who sleep during the day and come awake through the night. Be sure to bring a flashlight so things don't get too spooky! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Oct 27-Nov 5** **“The Pied Piper of Hamelin” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
October 27, 28, November 3, 4 at 7 p.m.; October 29, November 4 and 5 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
 This show follows the delightful story of a town overrun with rats and a bad mayor. The Pied Piper saves the town but not before helping the town realize what truly matters. The show is 90 minutes in length. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12. Price increases to \$15 on October 23. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Oct 28** **Pumpkin Pals**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Spend a fun-filled morning pondering the perfect pumpkin! Art, music, a yummy snack and a pumpkin relay race are some of the happy activities planned for the morning. **Ages:** Ages 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident; \$30/non-resident. Each additional family member is \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 118407.

- Oct 28** **The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race and Jump**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, Upper Parking Lot, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Race or jump your decorated pumpkin on wheels for prizes and bragging rights! There will be two “heats” – 10 a.m. to noon, and noon to 2 p.m.
Race: Bring your decorated pumpkin, complete with wheels, to compete in the Seventh Annual Great SBCC Pumpkin Race. Upon registration, you will receive an email with basic rules and instructions on how to prepare your pumpkin for race day. We encourage individuals, families and groups to register. **Jump:** Your pumpkin doesn’t have to be the fastest to be crowned a winner. Test your pumpkin’s ability to fly off of a ramp and jump the farthest or smash the hardest to take home a prize! **Pumpkin Racer Kits:** Visit SBCC to purchase (\$25) or rent (\$10) a Pumpkin Racer Kit, which provides hardware for one pumpkin racer. Pumpkin not included. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Encouraged. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 119039. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 28** **Carnival on the Hill**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Games! Food! Bouncy houses! Entertainment! Expect classic carnival games with a Halloween twist, food for the family and entertainment for all to enjoy. “Trained Human” Matt Henry will perform from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; tickets required for some activities. Purchase tickets at the SBCC Front Desk on the day of the event for the climbing wall, inflatables and games. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 28** **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, and how to prevent conflicts in your neck of the woods. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 28** **Adult Enrichment Series: From Glaciers to Greenways**,
 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 What mysteries lie beneath the soggy surface and between the diversity of aquatic plants? Through both natural processes and human interactions, the area has changed drastically over thousands of years. Join a Park Ranger for a guided history hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park to uncover the past and explore the future. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

- Oct 28** **Dessert Theatre on the Hill**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, Community Room A&B, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Bellevue Youth Theatre presents “Snow White and the Seven Souls.” You thought you knew the story, but we are here to share what really happened. Come enjoy some wonderful dessert and a great show. Showtime is 7 p.m. **Ages:** Best for ages 7 and older; children ages 7-13 years old must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$10/person. **Pre-registration:** Required by Thursday, October 26. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 119074. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 28** **Haunted Movie on the Hill – “Hocus Pocus,”** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, Gymnasium, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Ladies and gentlemen! Boys and ghouls! Grab your pillows and blankets for a night out on the hill. Join us after dark for free popcorn and a Halloween classic projected on our 17-foot inflatable movie screen. Additional concessions will be available for purchase, with proceeds going to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue. Presenting Sponsor of Halloween on the Hill – Champions Centre. Gold Level Sponsor of Haunted Movie on the Hill – Cinerama. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission and popcorn; additional concession for purchase. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 29** **Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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 family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Nov 1** **Circle Dance Workshop**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Main Club Center, Art Room, 209 100th Avenue NE
During this hands-on (and feet-on!) workshop, participants will engage in simple dance moves designed to build strength and community. Seated dance options are available. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** \$18/resident; \$20/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Very Hairy Bear,”**
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 indoor hour of stories and crafts. Do you know that black bears live on Cougar Mountain? We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 118747 or 118748. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 4** **Cartooniversity Saturday Workshop**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
This workshop will include character development, expression, directional views, action poses, background, and letter. Projects include blank puzzles, flip-book animation, character profiles, comic strips, and more! All supplies included. Bring snacks. **Ages:** Ages 9-14 years old. **Cost:** \$75/resident; \$90/non-resident. Each additional family member is \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 4** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 5** **Living with Wildlife: Coyotes**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
So... there's a coyote in the yard... should I be worried? Nope, but there are definitely some tips and tricks to keep this fascinating urban creature as wild as possible. Join us to learn how! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- Nov 7** **Wisdom Café Themed Conversation: Life Purpose**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bellevue Main Club Center, 209 100th Avenue NE
 Reflecting on what we are meant to do can help us clarify goals for our present lives. Knowing our essential values and knowing what “turns us on” can be a path to self-discovery. These cafes provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others while discussing universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea, and treats will be provided! Cafes are offered in partnership with the King County Library System. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 8** **Pony Pleasure (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111280. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Nov 10-19** **“As You Like It” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
November 10, 17, 18 at 7 p.m.; November 12, 18, 19 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
 Our production is classic Shakespeare with a BYT twist. This fun and enjoyable comedy has great moments and lines which include “all the world’s a stage” and “too much of a good thing.” Deception and disguises lead to a delightful time in the theatre. The show is one hour and 45 minutes long. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 8 and older. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$10. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 11** **Lakemont Highlands Open Space Ranger-Led Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. A Park Ranger will guide you through friendly neighborhood greenbelts. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate-Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- Nov 11** **Family Discovery Series: Swim to Spawn**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Salmon were once abundant here in the Pacific Northwest, but they've been on a rapid decline in most of our region. Come learn more about the salmon that make the arduous journey from the ocean to the Mercer Slough, where they will eventually spawn in the shallow waters of Kelsey Creek. Learn about the different stages of our salmon and what you can do to help aid in their survival.
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 12** **Let's Plant a Tree!**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Learn some local trees with a Park Ranger! We'll go for a short walk through the forest at Lewis Creek Park, and then each participant will plant a willow tree. Please wear waterproof shoes. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 15** **Thankful for Our Animal Friends (Early Release Wednesday)**,
 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 111281. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Nov 17** **A Trail of Autumn Leaves**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
 Why do trees lose their leaves in the Fall? Come learn more about the Autumn season, and what brings about this great change to our forests each year. For our leaf print craft, we will search the Lake Hills Greenbelt Trail for fallen leaves, but feel free to bring your own from home as well! **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Please register with your child. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Nov 17** **Nature Movie Night: "My Life as Turkey,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Based on a true story, this beautiful, thought-provoking film explores one of those rare moments when man and animal become more closely linked than nature normally allows. Follow one man's incredible journey raising wild turkeys from hatchlings to adulthood. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

- Nov 18** **Visions of Sugarplums**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Jelly bellies, gumdrops and peppermint FUN! Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season to make a mini gingerbread house, sing songs, dance and eat yummys for your tummies! Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome fun! **Ages:** Ages 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident; \$30/non-resident. Each additional family member is \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
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Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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- Nov 24-Dec3** **"'Twas the Night Before Christmas" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
 November 24, 25, December 1, 2 at 7 p.m.; November 26, December 2, 3 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
 Join us for the endearing story of a parent's love. Christmas is the backdrop for this wonderful story of Clement C. Moore, his family, and the beloved poem. This show is filled with traditional Christmas carols. The show is 90 minutes long. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12. Price increases to \$15 on November 20. All seats are reserved. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

- Nov 25 Porcelain Adornment Workshop**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Create a one-of-a-kind gift or keepsake out of porcelain using a variety of tools and techniques that will help you capture how you celebrate the holiday season. Pieces will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. Limit of two objects per person. Materials included. **Ages:** Teens/Adults – ages 13-15 must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$45/resident; \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 25 – Dec 31 Garden d’Lights**, 4:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., every evening including holidays
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Garden d’Lights features over half a million lights that transform the Bellevue Botanical Garden into a blossoming winter wonderland. Each holiday season, thousands of visitors enjoy this dazzling display. This year, the route has changed, critters added, and the lights more magical than ever. **Cost:** \$5/person; children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the event. **Free nights:** November 27-30 and December 4-7. **Parking:** \$5 for on-site parking; free parking at Wilburton Hill Park. **To buy tickets ahead of time (beginning October 15) and for driving, parking and general information:** <http://www.gardendlights.org/>
- Nov 26 Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
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Nov 29-Dec 2 Hilltop Holiday Craft Show, November 29-December 1, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.;
and December 2, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 60 selected Northwest crafters. This show features one-of-a-kind products, including: holiday ornaments, decorations, pottery, jewelry, wood and knit items, and more. **Cost:**

Admission and parking are free; craft items vary in price. **Info:**

NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106. **Crafter application and**

information: hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or

<http://www.bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com/>

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- Dec 1 Who’s in Your Backyard: Bobcats and Cougars**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Two types of wild cats live right here in our Bellevue parks. Do you know how to tell them apart? Come learn about our local woodland felines and what to do if you come across a mountain lion! **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Please register with your child. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

- Dec 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Let It Snow!”**
 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 indoor hour of stories and crafts. It’s winter, all right... Join us for stories about snow and wildlife! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free!
Pre-registration: Required for children and adults. **To register:**
<http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, course 118749 or 118750.
Info: 425-452-4195.
- Dec 2** **Garden Class: “Holiday Wreath-Making”,** two sessions; choose one
 10 a.m. – noon and 1 p.m. -3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
 Start the holiday season right with a beautiful holiday wreath! Attendees will decorate and take home a lovely wreath made of natural greens. Decorations, ribbon, directions and ideas will be provided. **Cost:** \$60 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$70/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Dec 2** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike,** 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
Distance: Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us!
Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 3** **Seafair’s Holiday Cruise,** 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Meydenbauer Yacht Club, 9927 Meydenbauer Way SE
 This annual event serves individuals over 16 years old living with intellectual disabilities. Meydenbauer Yacht Club provides the ships and volunteers to join the parade along the Lake Washington shoreline. Individuals interested in attending must pre-register. Those utilizing a wheelchair or walker need to register directly through Seafair. Space is limited. Interested volunteers should contact Mary Boyle at 425-452-4118. **Ages:** Ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Mary Boyle – Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. **Info** – 425-452-7686.
- Dec 3** **Christmas Ship Festival,** 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; ship arrives off-shore at 3:40 p.m.
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE
 Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir’s performance. Beach fire provided! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event.
Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

- Dec 8** **Holiday Ball**, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
 Get out your holiday best, pack your festive spirit, lace up your dancing shoes, and join us for our annual holiday ball. The Highland Community Center facilitates this event each year for adults living with intellectual disabilities.
Ages: Ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/resident; \$11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Mary Boyle – Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. Info – 425-452-7686.
- Dec 8-17** **“Miracle on 34th Street” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
December 8, 9, 15, 16 at 7 p.m.; December 10, 16, 17 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
 Is Macy’s Santa real or just hired? This work by Meredith Wilson includes some classics such as “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas.” The show is one hour and 45 minutes long. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** Advance tickets are \$12. Price increases to \$15 on December 4. All seats are reserved.
Pre-registration: Required. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Dec 9** **Porcelain Adornment Workshop**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
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- Dec 9** **Family Discovery Series: Whooo is in the Forest?**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue’s parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that’s yours to keep. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

- Dec 13** **Happy Holidays for All (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
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- Dec 15** **Winter Visitors**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
 Some animals, such as the snow goose, travel incredible distances in the changing seasons. Come learn about some of these migrators and what brings them to the Pacific Northwest for the winter. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Please register with your child. **To register:** Please call 425-452-6993. **Info:** parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Dec 15** **Night Hike**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamps, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident; \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/>, course 118764. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 16** **Family Discovery Series: Whooo is in the Forest?**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue's parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that's yours to keep. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 17** **Life in the Forest Understory**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 There's an entire world in the understory of our Bellevue forests. We'll learn about fungus, nurse logs, ferns, salamanders, moss, slugs, millipedes, and more as we explore Lewis Creek Park's forest. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- Dec 29** **Nature Movie Night: “Christmas in Yellowstone,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
 Based on a true story, this beautiful, thought-provoking film explores one of those rare moments when man and animal become more closely linked than nature normally allows. Follow one man’s incredible journey raising wild turkeys from hatchlings to adulthood. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 30** **Life in the Forest Understory,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 There’s an entire world in the understory of our Bellevue forests. We’ll learn about fungus, nurse logs, ferns, salamanders, moss, slugs, millipedes, and more as we explore Lewis Creek Park’s forest. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 31** **“A New Year’s Hike” at Lewis Creek Park,** 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Join a Park Ranger to reflect on the passage of time in nature. We’ll ponder seasonality, forest changes, and the bygone residents of the area. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 31** **Family-Friendly Ranger Walk,** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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 family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.