

# **Parks & Community Services Board**

## **Regular Meeting**

**May 14, 2019**

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA





# AGENDA

## Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

<p><b>Boardmembers:</b></p> <p><i>Debra Kumar, Chair</i></p> <p><i>Heather Trescases, Vice-Chair</i></p> <p><i>Paul Clark</i></p> <p><i>Dave Hamilton</i></p> <p><i>Stuart Heath</i></p> <p><i>Eric Synn</i></p> <p><i>Pamela Unger</i></p> <p><b>City Council Liaison:</b></p> <p><i>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</i></p> <p><b>Staff Contacts:</b></p> <p><i>Camron Parker 425-452-2032</i></p> <p><i>Nancy Harvey 425-452-4162</i></p>	<p>Tuesday May 14, 2019 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bellevue City Hall Conference Room 1E-113 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004</p>																														
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11. <b>New Business</b>	N/A
12. <b>Proposed Agenda for Next Meeting</b>	N/A
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**CITY OF BELLEVUE  
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday  
April 9, 2019  
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall  
Room 1E-113  
Bellevue, Washington

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Kumar, Vice-Chair Trescases, Boardmembers Clark, Heath, Unger

**BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT:** Boardmember Hamilton, Synn

**PARKS STAFF PRESENT:** Betsy Anderson, Shelley Brittingham, Nancy Harvey, Shelley McVein, Camron Parker, Christy Stangland

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim McEachran (Human Service Commission)

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kumar at 6:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Vice-Chair Trescases and second by Boardmember Unger to approve the March 12, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

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

None.

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

No report.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Ms. McVein congratulated Boardmember Synn for being reappointed to the Parks Board for his second term. She also highlighted some of the items listed on the Events List in the Board Packet.

Ms. McVein noted that April is National Volunteer Recognition Month and thanked Boardmembers for serving our community.

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Boardmember Unger enjoyed the Meydenbauer Bay Park Grand Opening. She also attended the soft-opening of Surrey Downs Park.

Boardmember Clark enjoyed the Meydenbauer Bay Park Grand Opening. He also visited Downtown and Ashwood Parks.

Vice-Chair Trescases discussed a recent Bellevue Downtown Association meeting she attended where Patrick Foran discussed the importance of Meydenbauer Bay Park. Glenn Kost and Vice-Chair Trescases also provided highlights about access the park provides, both to the water and as a connection to Old Bellevue.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

Chair Kumar enjoyed the Meydenbauer Bay Park Grand Opening. She also expressed her appreciation to parks staff for cleaning up the parks so quickly after the winter storms. Lastly, Chair Kumar discussed how much she has enjoyed the Master Naturalist program.

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

No reports.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. Human Services Needs Update

Ms. Stangland provided a briefing on early efforts to collect community feedback for the 2019-2020 Human Services Needs Update. The biennial report looks at the needs of Bellevue residents and explores how to leverage the community's resources most effectively. The information will ultimately guide the Human Services Commission's funding recommendations. The report includes a compilation of quantitative and qualitative data from a wide variety of sources. The update is an analysis of health and human services trends and issues that affect the quality of life of Bellevue residents. It addresses how the City can best prepare for changes in human services in a quickly changing environment.

Ms. Stangland clarified that not only does the Needs Update help the Human Services Commission, it also provides information for other City departments, community groups, faith communities, agencies and regional planning efforts. Ms. Stangland summarized the various methods used to gather information for the Needs Update.

Some of the top themes from the 2017-2018 Human Services Needs Update include:

- Affordable Housing
- Increase in Homelessness
- Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder
- Racial and Ethnic Inclusion
- Transportation

Ms. Stangland provided an overview of the timeline for the 2019-2020 Human Services Needs Update.

Vice-Chair Trescases suggested that community centers and active community gathering places be included during the information gathering phase of the Needs Update (i.e., cultural conversations, Crossroads Shopping Center, Eastside Pathways, etc.).

Boardmember Heath expressed his appreciation to the City for undertaking the Needs Update. He asked if staff will incorporate other surveys (i.e., Vulcan Survey, Microsoft Survey, etc.) into the Needs Update information. This issue was also discussed at a recent City Council meeting. Mr. McEachran explained that he interpreted the City Council comments as a suggestion that groups come together and sift through the surveys and Eastside information collaboratively. Ms. Stangland added that the Human Services Needs Update focuses on Bellevue residents only. The other various surveys are utilized for information but include other communities.

Boardmember Clark recommended that business owners and operators be queried to determine their perception of affordability and mental health access. Ms. Stangland noted that staff has been working with the business survey, which is conducted by the City. However, most surveys are completed by a Human Resource Representative so they do not have the same impact as residents actually utilizing the services. Staff is exploring adding a question, "If your paycheck was delayed one week would you still be able to meet your basic needs?"

Boardmember Unger suggested that users of the community centers and/or Crossroads and unstructured events be surveyed to determine services they may need. There was a brief

discussion about the history of homelessness in the area. Mr. McEachran encouraged Boardmembers to read the Bellevue Affordable Housing Strategy for additional information.

Chair Kumar asked how the Needs Update is used. Ms. Stangland clarified that the Needs Update is utilized as a guideline for funding recommendations. Nonprofits use it as information; then groups are convened to address gaps in the community. It is also used to collaborate with other cities.

Chair Kumar called attention to the rising need of foster care and the rise of foster kids becoming homeless. She referenced Rising Strong in Spokane. Chair Kumar suggested that foster care agencies be included for information gathering. Mr. McEachran noted that the Human Services Commission will have a panel discussion regarding this issue at a future meeting

Chair Kumar inquired if staff is confident in the City's partners and if they are utilizing allocated funds in the best manner. Mr. McEachran clarified that there is a thorough vetting process for grant applications. He also encouraged Boardmembers to review grant requests. Ms. Stangland added that all of the grantee's outcomes and outputs are closely monitored.

Vice-Chair Trescases suggested Olive Crest and Jubilee Reach for provider surveys. She also suggested that people attending events (i.e., Chamber meetings, farmer's markets, etc.) be surveyed.

#### B. 2020 Recreation Program Plan

Ms. Anderson provided an overview of the department's Recreation Program Plan. The current plan dates from 2015, and staff are preparing for a 2020 update. The purpose of the plan is to: 1) guide the department's investment in recreation programs, with a focus on programming and spending to meet the needs of those with limited opportunities for recreation; 2) establish a specific role for the City as a recreation service provider in relation to other providers; 3) advance the policy framework provided by the City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan—Parks, Recreation, & Open Space element; 4) Meet accreditation requirements set by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

The goals of the current Plan include:

- To ensure that the City provides recreation opportunities that allow all residents to enjoy the positive benefits of recreation.
- To place special emphasis on the City's recreation programming and spending to meet the needs of teens, youth, older adults (seniors), persons with disabilities, and those with limited opportunities for recreation.
- To design and deliver programs collectively with other service providers in the City of Bellevue.
- To promote the full utilization of the City's current and future recreation facilities as appropriate.
- To build a healthy community through recreation programs, facilities, and special events.
- To understand and plan for future needs and trends in recreation.



Ms. Anderson summarized progress made to meet the existing plan's goals and reviewed the Plan update process, including scoping, outreach, and development of the draft plan update. She noted that over the past six months a core planning team of staff recreation experts has been reviewing the current plan to determine the scope of the plan update and develop a draft planning framework. Outreach will include engagement with boards, commissions, advisory groups, and various community groups and will take place during the summer months. The plan will be presented to the Parks Board two or three more times, with anticipated review and endorsement by early 2020.

Ms. Anderson summarized the core similarities and key differences with the existing plan. The most significant differences between the existing plan and the update are 1) that the plan structure will be streamlined so that it is more user-friendly, and 2) that the plan will more strongly emphasize the role of equity, diversity, accessibility, and cultural competence in program planning and delivery.

To focus the outreach effort for the plan update, the staff planning team has developed a draft planning framework to guide conversations with the community. The framework includes a draft vision, guiding principles, and goals and strategies. The draft vision for recreation states: "Bellevue is a healthy community where all people participate in a range of recreation activities of their choosing, offered by any service provider, allowing them to be physically and mentally healthier and better connected to their neighbors and to the community." The proposed guiding principles for recreation are organized around the following four themes:

- Health-Focused
- Building Community
- Culture of Excellence
- Dynamic and Resourceful

Ms. Anderson reviewed the following draft goals and strategies that support the Recreation Plan vision:

- Ensure that every Bellevue resident can access recreational opportunities and community services.
- Offer programs and services that are consistent with our guiding principles and reflect the community's interests and needs, specifically those of underserved groups.
- Promote community well-being through programs and services that instill a sense of belonging and inclusion.
- Foster individual health and wellness through opportunities for structured and unstructured play, exercise, and recreation.

Ms. Anderson discussed some of the outreach methods and next steps for the Recreation Program Plan.

Boardmember Unger inquired if a connection has been made with recreation essentials (i.e., swimming) and efforts to provide aquatic opportunities. She wants to be sure that PTSAs, schools, Youth Council, etc. are being included to obtain the voice of children and parents. Ms.

Anderson noted that the outreach strategy for the plan includes several different opportunities to connect with young people and parents.

Boardmember Clark suggested that the disabled population be evaluated to determine accessibility options (i.e., does Bellevue have more disabled elderly individuals or youth population). It might be helpful to know this information when planning parks. Ms. Anderson added that a Community Profile is part of the Recreation Program Plan and that staff may be able to work with the City's demographer to gather more information about specific populations.

Boardmember Heath inquired where the boundaries lie with medically fragile, disabled, and other groups. Ms. Brittingham clarified that Bellevue School District has a transitions program. Within this program there are students that are considered medically fragile. This is the population that Highline Community Center created a program for, at Bellevue School District's request.

Vice-Chair Trescases suggested that swimming lessons in the lake be considered, in addition to the lessons already offered in the pool.

Chair Kumar suggested that the MyBellevue App include a link for the Recreation Program Plan survey.

Boardmember Clark suggested that a computer program be created so users can utilize a filter to select specific age groups for program alerts. Ms. Anderson explained that staff are exploring the development of a customizable program search.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Mr. Parker noted that there will be an update on capital projects at the next meeting. He also distributed a list of ongoing agenda items.

13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Email from Jo Scott thanking the Board for the process re proposed fieldhouse in Wilburton Hill Park
- C. Email from Lesley Stuart thanking the Board for the process re the proposed fieldhouse in Wilburton Hill Park

- D. Email from Omid Fatemieh thanking the Board for the process re the proposed fieldhouse in Wilburton Hill Park
- E. Email from Daniel Renn thanking the Board for the process re the proposed fieldhouse in Wilburton Hill Park
- F. Email from Dwight and Mary Schrag re Ashwood Park Master Planning
- G. List of upcoming Parks special events

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

None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by Boardmember Heath and second by Boardmember Unger to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**





**Date:** May 6, 2019

**To:** Parks & Community Services Board

**From:** Julie Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach  
Bellevue Essentials Program Manager

**Subject:** Presentation on Bellevue Essentials  
*(No Board action requested)*

At the Board meeting on May 14, I will present an overview of the Bellevue Essentials program. This presentation is for information purposes only, and I encourage you to consider your own participation and reaching out to friends and colleagues who may be good candidates for the training.

### **Background**

Bellevue Essentials is launching its seventh year of providing an on-ramp for emerging leaders in Bellevue to learn about the nuts and bolts of Bellevue city government and to encourage participants to become more civically engaged. Over 200 participants have completed the program since 2013, with many now serving on boards and commissions (including the Parks Board) and in leadership roles throughout the community.

Participants in Bellevue Essentials learn about the structure and inner workings of city government and build familiarity with government process and decision making. A goal of the program is helping participants to become comfortable participating in city government.

Over time, Bellevue Essentials has created a network of engaged and educated individuals who serve the city, and the broader community. After graduation, participants also have an opportunity to be involved with the Bellevue Essentials alumni network which provides ongoing social, educational and service opportunities.

### **2019 Program:**

Bellevue Essentials is a 9-week program on Wednesday evenings. The 2019 Bellevue Essentials program will be held Sept. 25 – Nov. 13, with a graduation event on Nov. 20. Curriculum topics include history, demographics, diversity, public process, parks and community services, arts, neighborhoods, economic development, community development, development services, utilities, finance, transportation and public safety.

### **Attachments:**

Brochure  
Application  
Information Meetings



## Where are our graduates now?

Since 2013, over 200 students have graduated from the Bellevue Essentials program. They represent all Bellevue neighborhoods, many cultures, backgrounds, occupations and perspectives, and have brought their breadth of experience to our classes and community. Many of our alumni now serve on city boards and commissions, advisory committees and at non-profits in the community. They lend their leadership skills and knowledge of Bellevue to many facets of the community and help build a better future for our city.

## What Our Alumni Are Saying

“Overall, I feel worldlier. My cohort is some of the best and brightest in our community. They come from all walks of life. Viewpoints that were exchanged during dinners, class discussions and walkabouts were engaging, enlightening and impactful. My hopes for personal enrichment, knowledge and lasting connections have been exceeded through Bellevue Essentials.”

-Ed Anderson (2018)

“Bellevue Essentials made Bellevue my home. I didn’t realize how needed I am in my community and the places where I can take my concerns, contributions and ideas. I went from a resident to an active community member.”

-Leslie Gonzalez (2018)

“Bellevue Essentials provided an insightful look into the systematic approach that the city utilizes for making our community great. It provides a very informative, engaging and exciting exploration of all the facets involved in creating a diverse, innovative city government. ”

-Quiana Ross (2017)



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# Bellevue Essentials



## YOUR ONRAMP TO CIVIC LEADERSHIP



## A 9-WEEK INTRODUCTION TO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN BELLEVUE

## What is Bellevue Essentials?

Bellevue Essentials is a nine-week, 35-student civic engagement program that combines a curriculum on the structure of city government with hands-on activities which allow participants to simulate day-to-day challenges of city government. Each session includes dinner and a chance to meet-and-greet City staff and leadership, as well as your peers. By learning how government and



community partner together, our goal at Bellevue Essentials is to teach residents about the mechanics of city government, to enable passionate individuals to advocate for change within their community, and to sustain that passion for years to come.

## Who should apply?

Bellevue Essentials strives to create a class that is geographically and demographically representative of Bellevue's community. Bellevue Essentials is designed for people who are:

- Curious about civic engagement and local government
- Interested in networking with city staff and leadership and emerging community leaders
- Committed to the future of Bellevue and to serving their community

To apply, complete and submit your application by August 2, 2019. Tuition is \$125 (payable if accepted), and a fee waiver based on financial need is available.

## Why You should take Bellevue Essentials

You will gain skills and knowledge of your city government functions and how to effectively advocate for change. If public service intrigues you, you want to become more knowledgeable about Bellevue or you want to meet city staff and other emerging community leaders, we strongly recommend this program for you.



## Class Schedule

The 2019 Bellevue Essentials Program begins on Wednesday, Sep. 25, and concludes on Wednesday, Nov. 13. The class meets weekly on Wednesday nights at City Hall, 5:30-9:00 p.m., and includes dinner. Graduation takes place on Wednesday, November 20 at 7 p.m.

## Each session will cover one or more of the following topics:

- History of Bellevue
- Bellevue's Changing Demographics
- Public Process
- Parks and Human Services
- Utilities
- Finance and Budget
- Economic Development
- Community Development
- Development Services
- Transportation
- Public Safety
- Neighborhood Services

## Questions?

Contact Julie Ellenhorn,  
Neighborhood Outreach, City of Bellevue  
425-452-5372 or email at [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).





Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Bellevue resident?  Yes  No Do you work in Bellevue?  Yes  No

(optional)

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic background \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  I am requesting a fee waiver

Tuition is \$125 and includes dinner and all materials. Financial assistance is available.

How did you hear about Bellevue Essentials? \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAY QUESTIONS**

**Answer both questions and attach with your application. Essays can be submitted on a single typed page (250 word limit) or audio: Windows PC Voice Recording or i-Phone Voice Memo (2 min. limit).**

1. *How has your personal and/or professional background or experiences shaped your desire to be more civically engaged?*
2. *How do you hope to utilize your experience in this class for the benefit of the community?*

**ATTENDANCE PLEDGE**

*If admitted, I pledge to attend a minimum of 7 of the 9 scheduled class sessions.*

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please scan and email your .PDF application to: [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov)

or mail your application to: Julie Ellenhorn  
City of Bellevue  
Neighborhood Outreach  
450 110th Ave. NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004

Applicants will be selected based on identification as emerging leaders, essay indicating personal goals toward civic engagement and to create a class makeup that is broadly representative of Bellevue’s neighborhoods and its diverse community. Bellevue residents will receive priority. Elected officials and candidates are not eligible to apply.

**Application Deadline is Aug. 2, 2019.**

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# Bellevue Essentials



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## INFORMATION MEETING

**Tuesday, June 11, 6-7 p.m.**  
**Lake Hills Library**  
**15590 Lake Hills Blvd**

**Wednesday, June 12, 6-7 p.m.**  
**Bellevue City Hall**  
**Room 1E-112**

This is your opportunity to receive a detailed overview of the Bellevue Essentials program—the schedule, the curriculum and the application process.

You will meet Bellevue Essentials alumni who will share their stories about participation in the class—their insights, their connections and where it has led them since graduation.

Presentation will be followed by a Q & A session.

Applications will be available and are due Aug. 2, 2019.

Attendance at the information meeting is beneficial, but not required to apply for the program.

Application can be found at [bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/neighborhoods/classes-and-events/bellevue-essentials](http://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/community-development/neighborhoods/classes-and-events/bellevue-essentials) or by contacting Julie Ellenhorn at 425-452-5372 or [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).



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# MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &  
Community Services

Date: May 7, 2019  
To: Parks & Community Services Board  
From: Glenn Kost, Parks Planning Manager  
Re: Park Planning and Public Engagement  
*(No Board action requested)*

At the March 2019 board meeting, staff from various Community Services divisions provided brief overviews of the community service plans and programs that will be brought to the Parks & Community Services Board for information or action over the remainder of the year. Using a similar format at your May 14 Park Board meeting, I will provide overviews of the various capital planning and design projects and facility studies that have been budgeted and/or listed as City Council priorities. These include:

- Newport Hills Neighborhood Park: funded for planning, design and construction
- Bridle Trails/140<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Park: funded for design and construction
- Downtown Park Northeast Corner: funded for design and construction
- Ashwood Park: funded for master plan update
- Aquatic Center: funded for feasibility study

The overviews for each of the above will respond to general questions the Board has raised at past meetings regarding the park planning process and specifically, the public engagement element of that process. I plan to cover the following:

- Various outreach techniques we have used to invite public feedback;
- Review a hypothetical planning & public engagement process and factors that influence the type and magnitude of the outreach;
- Review the public engagement for recently completed projects ranging from very small (playground renovation) to very large (Meydenbauer Bay), and several in-between (Bridle Trails Corner Park, Airfield and Surrey Downs Master Plans).
- Describe the roll of the Parks & Community Services Board and the City Council and how it can differ from project to project.

More specific detail on each of the projects listed above will be returning to the Parks & Community Services Board at future meetings over the remainder of 2019 and into 2020. The presentation will also cover how multiple overlapping projects are sequenced recognizing that each project has a unique scope of work and projected timeline.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [gkost@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:gkost@bellevuewa.gov) or (425) 452-5258.





## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT April 2019**

### **Aquatic Center Study**

Staff presented an update to City Council on April 22 to discuss current work status and future steps. Staff has also met with representatives of the Bellevue School District and Bellevue College, and presented the concept to the Bellevue College Board of Trustees to discuss partnering and future plans. The Board of Trustees authorized the college staff to continue working with the City to explore a partnership. The technical work continues in order to refine the program and site information. Staff hopes to present a preliminary report to the Council this fall, with a final report expected next spring.

### **Ashwood Park Master Plan Update**

Proposals from design teams are being reviewed to work with us to conduct public outreach and prepare a plan. We expect to have a consultant team on board in June and begin public outreach later this fall. We plan to share project background, process overview and key issues with Council and Park Board before beginning the public outreach.

### **Bridle Trails 140<sup>th</sup> Street Park Development**

Construction design and permitting phases will begin later this year, with construction following in 2021. Staff met with BTCC in March to present the project timeline and park naming opportunities.

### **Downtown Park – NE Gateway**

The artist met with Staff and members of the design team for a site visit and then presented his initial concepts to the Arts Commission. The Commission approved his initial concepts and the artist is now making refinements and further developing his concept. The site design is proceeding and the alley vacation will be scheduled for a City Council public hearing in June. A joint Park Board/Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for June 11 to review the combined site and public art.

### **Hearing Assistance for Public Spaces**

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

### **Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development**

Park construction is complete and the park is now open to the public. Whaling Building completion and final permit approvals are expected in May. Staff has finalized a contract with REI to manage the boat concession this summer in the Whaling Building. We are also developing a plan to provide added presence and security during the busy summer season.

### Newport Hills/Tyler Park

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

### Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects Summary

- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Project complete.
- **Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Project complete.
- **BYT Construction:** Project complete.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Site analysis and initial schematic design is complete. The cost estimates for Phase 1 are significantly over the anticipated budget, so we continue to explore schematic design options and costs to determine the Phase 1 scope of work.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
  - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
  - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
  - **Bridle Trails/140<sup>th</sup> Ave property acquisition:** Project complete.
  - **Bridle Trails Corner Park acquisition & development:** Project complete.
  - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Project complete.
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Project complete.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Park construction is complete and punch-list work will continue into May. Sound Transit has completed the safety rail, and the park opened to the public April 1. Except for one property, the new boundary fence has been installed. A Grand Opening Celebration is being planned for Saturday, June 8.

### Renovation Program

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

#### **The following projects were deferred into 2019:**

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

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

- Programmatic
  - Park furnishings (C)
  - Multi-site asphalt repairs (C)
  - Energy Conservation (C)
  - NPDES requirements (C)
  - Streetscapes (C)
  - Greenways & Trails (C)
  - Pedestrian Counter System (P)
  - Irrigation Modem Repl (P)



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

**The following contingency projects were added in 2019:**

Entatai Beach Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boathouse Waterproofing Asses. (DB)</li> </ul>
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DATE: April 15, 2019

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

FROM: Patrick Foran, Director, 452-5377  
*Parks & Community Services*

SUBJECT: Arbor Day - Earth Day 2019: Tree City USA Award

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This year, in celebration of Arbor Day - Earth Day, the City will host several activities to facilitate public awareness of and involvement with the environment.

**April 20, 2019: Tree City USA Award & Growth Award Presentation to the City of Bellevue**

At the April 15 Council meeting, Mayor Chelminiak will declare April 20, 2019 Arbor Day-Earth Day in Bellevue. This year, Bellevue will receive its 28<sup>th</sup> Tree City USA Award and 26<sup>th</sup> Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

**April 20, 2019: Arbor Day-Earth Day 2019 at Lewis Creek Park**

On Saturday April 20, the City will host its annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event at Lewis Creek Park. Volunteer projects commence at 9:00 a.m., when over 300 volunteers will participate in park enhancement projects including native planting, noxious weed removal, and trail improvements.

From 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., a variety of eco-stations will be set up at the Lewis Creek Visitors Center where visitors can learn about how they can help protect the environment.

At 11:30 a.m., the Arbor Day-Earth Day Recognition Ceremony will begin, and volunteer groups and partnering organizations will be recognized for their hard work and commitment. The ceremony will culminate at noon with a ceremonial Arbor Day Tree Planting.

We hope you can join us in celebration of this year's special events which highlight our commitment to environmental stewardship.

cc: Parks & Community Services Board  
Transportation Commission  
Planning Commission  
Environmental Services Commission



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue has adopted the goal of integrating the natural and built environments to create a sustainable urban habitat; and
- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue is dedicated to providing educational opportunities that achieve greater environmental awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of our natural, cultural, and historical resources; and
- Whereas:** Many residents have chosen to live in Bellevue due to its clean air, water and beautiful habitat for wildlife; and
- Whereas:** Trees are essential to the protection of salmon because they provide shade along streams and preserve water quality by preventing erosion; and
- Whereas:** Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and
- Whereas:** Wherever planted, trees are a source of joy and celebration; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue, for the twenty-eighth consecutive year, has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation and is dedicated to maintaining its tree-planting practices; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue is committed to working with its residents and businesses at continuing to “build a healthy community” by planting trees.

**Now, therefore, I,** John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the **20<sup>th</sup> of April** as:

## **ARBOR DAY - EARTH DAY**

in Bellevue and encourage citizens to observe this time by participating in both community-wide celebrations of the environment and in city beautification and enhancement projects.

**Further,** I urge all citizens to participate in the planting of trees so that we may advance the well-being of present and future generations.

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John Chelminiak, Mayor  
City of Bellevue



# City of Bellevue | Commendation

**Whereas:** Parks & Community Services Director Patrick Foran began his career at the City of Bellevue in 2000; and

**Whereas:** After 19 years of dedicated service to the City of Bellevue, and 43 total years of public service in the midwestern and western United States, Patrick will be leaving to pursue other passions including spending time outdoors and traveling; and

**Whereas:** During the course of his career in Bellevue, Patrick worked with three different city managers and many councils to help navigate the city through a variety of parks and human services issues; and

**Whereas:** In his role as a director, Patrick championed equity, inclusion and opportunity for all, receiving this year the MLK City Manager's Lifetime Achievement Award; and

**Whereas:** Among the many accomplishments during his tenure as director include:

- voter approval of the 2008 Parks Levy;
- completion of Downtown Park, nearly 35 years in the making;
- completion of Meydenbauer Bay Park, a 32-year process;
- working tirelessly on building a healthy community through exceptional parks, open space, recreation, cultural arts and human services; and

**Whereas:** Patrick has left the city greater and more beautiful than when he first arrived nearly two decades ago; and

**Whereas:** Patrick has been a valued colleague to countless staff and Leadership Team members, and a mentor to people working on a collective impact model. His wisdom, dedication and creativity in advocating for Bellevue residents cannot be replicated.

**Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, and on behalf of the Bellevue City Council, do, this 22nd day of April, in the year 2019, hereby commend:**

## **Patrick Foran**

for his professionalism, dedication and long-standing services to the greater Bellevue community.

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John Chelminiak, Mayor  
City of Bellevue

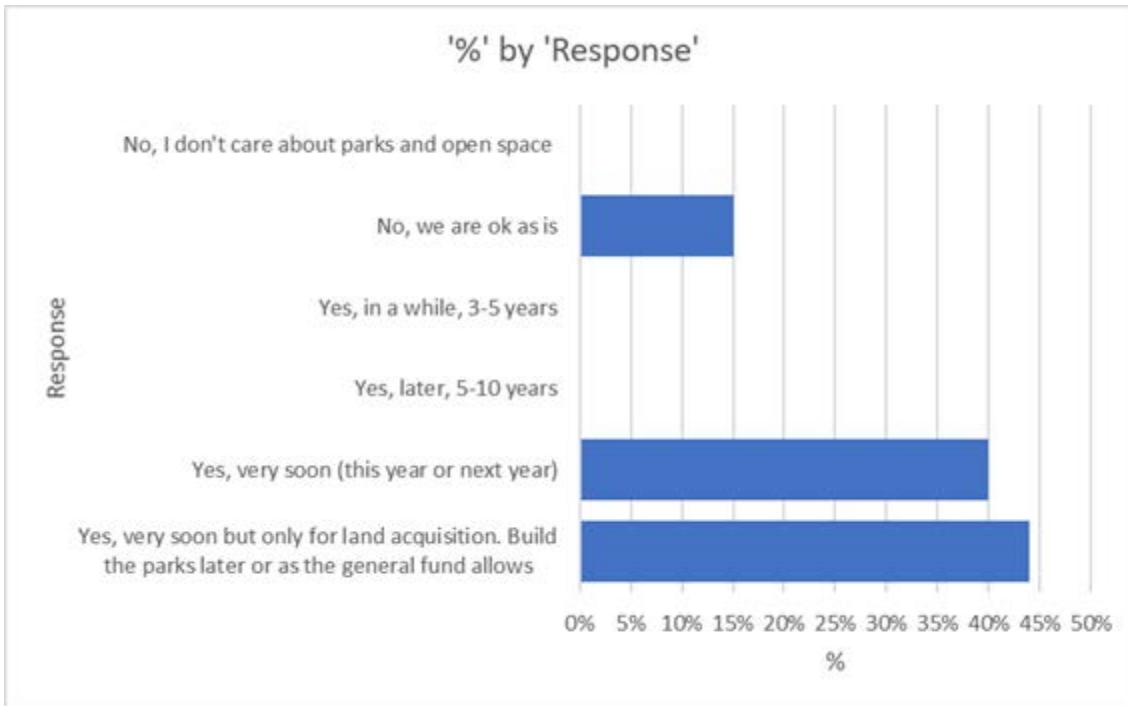


**From:** [p.johnston](#)  
**To:** ["Jennifer Robertson"](#)  
**Cc:** [parkboard](#)  
**Subject:** Update to the Parks Levy data  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019 9:52:59 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)

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Nexrdoor Poll: 45 votes (north side of Bellevue)

**Poll: Should there be a new park and natural space levy to acquire more land for parks and natural areas soon, while there is still undeveloped land? (multiple choice)**



While this is unscientific and maybe a little misleading, 85% said yes. Not great data, but something to show that there is some interest. However, I understand that the King County Levy would further affect this data.

It would be nice to have money stored to buy land when there is a shift down in land sales.

-pam

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3741 122nd Ave NE  
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**From:** [VERNON SCHRAG](#)  
**To:** [parkboard](#); [DEBRA Kumar](#)  
**Cc:** [Parker, Camron](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE: Parks Board Five Year Work Plan  
**Date:** Saturday, April 20, 2019 7:53:09 AM

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Hello again Nancy, Thank you for your public service.

Same topic (below) for need of developing solid, transparent Parks Board organizing principles like "Process Maps".

A vitally important Retreat Topic, too. See memo to Jennifer Robertson, below.

Transparent-Planning is a really good thing. My strong opinion, anyway. It shouldn't be a "Guessing Game" as I perceive whats been going on. There's a level of urgency to do cost-effective, wise budget \$\$ oversight.

Regards, Dwight Schrag

Ashwood Park/Neighborhood Downtown Bellevue

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

**From:** VERNON SCHRAG <dwights30@comcast.net>  
**To:** [j.robertson@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:j.robertson@bellevuewa.gov)  
**Date:** April 12, 2019 at 2:54 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Parks Board Five Year Work Plan

Dear Council Member Robertson:

Please see my note to Camron. Planning is a good thing. Without it the Parks Board will be sure to flounder in confusion about how to successfully carry out their volunteer Advisory Board tasks with professionalism & confidence.

Why not help them out with some professional guidance, listening to their concerns and making the Parks Department proud?? And making the City Council proud, too.

My recommendation for future "meeting topics" to resolve; and/or Retreat Topics of importance for the future.

Thank you for your public service.

Regards,

Dwight Schrag

Ashwood Neighborhood Resident

On April 12, 2019 at 2:37 PM VERNON SCHRAG  
<dwights30@comcast.net> wrote:

Dear Camron, It certainly is a confusing issue. I forwarded the Minutes that also quoted Council member Robertson expressing her guidance for using the "Work Plan". Maybe a real plan would help resolve all the ongoing confusion.

**You might ask the Parks Board Members this month; or at their Retreat what their perception is??** It's hard to move forward if there isn't one, since they must "Ask Permission" about going "outside the scope of their assigned tasks". A guessing game about "How To"? Weird.

Here it is again: "[Council member Robertson added that the Parks Board is an advisory Board for City Council and should ask Council for permission if they want to go outside the scope of the work plan list or Council priorities.](#)"

You probably don't recall, but the last time (November 2018) when I asked for "Plans" that were quoted in the Parks Board Minutes, they could not be found then either? Weird.

I'm beginning to think there may not be any really solid

planning that our Parks Board can use for guidance in doing their work. Disturbing. Seems to be lots of confusion. As I recall many of these Parks Board Members have been around long enough to be able to question or be concerned about ways they can do a better job for the City Council??

I've certainly observed that very same problem myself with our Parks Department Planning over all these many years. Weird.

Anyway, you get the point. And anyway, "Thanks for trying".

Regards, Dwight Schrag

Downtown Ashwood Park Neighborhood

On April 12, 2019 at 12:00 PM "Parker, Camron"  
<CParker@bellevuewa.gov> wrote:

Mr. Schrag,

The Council Priorities are easy. Here's a link:

<https://www.bellevuewa.gov/city-government/city-council/council-vision>

See the 2018-20 Priorities link on that page

The "five-year workplan" was a little more perplexing – as we don't have such a thing. After looking into it, I determined that the reference was an error in the minutes that we did not catch when reviewing the draft. I listened to the tape of the meeting to catch the context of what Vice-Chair Trescases was talking about. The board was discussing possible retreat topics (they have not since scheduled a retreat). The Vice-Chair referenced a draft working document that tracks possible Parks & Community Services Board agenda topics.

Sorry for the confusion,

Camron

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**From:** VERNON SCHRAG <dwights30@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2019 12:27 PM  
**To:** Parker, Camron <CParker@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Parks Board Five Year Work Plan

Hi Cameron, I tried to find the Work Plan. No luck. Is there a link on the Bellevue Website? Also list of "Council Priorities". Thanks.

Dwight Schrag

**Re: MEETING MINUTES March, 2019**

Vice-Chair Trescases reminded Boardmembers that there is a five year work plan for the Parks Board that can be used as a starting point.

Councilmember Robertson added that the Parks Board is an advisory Board for City Council and should ask Council for permission if they want to go outside the scope of the work plan list or Council priorities.

**From:** [parkboard](#)  
**To:** "VERNON SCHRAG"  
**Cc:** [Parker, Camron](#); [McVein, Shelley](#); [DEBRA Kumar](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Process Map for Ashwood Park Master Plan & Public Hearings  
**Date:** Monday, April 22, 2019 9:28:00 AM

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Hello Mr. Schrag,

We included your March 15 email in the [April Park Board packet](#).

Nancy

Nancy Harvey

Bellevue Parks & Community Services

<https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/>

<https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/community-services/>

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**From:** VERNON SCHRAG <[dwights30@comcast.net](mailto:dwrights30@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 20, 2019 7:41 AM  
**To:** [parkboard](#) <[parkboard@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:parkboard@bellevuewa.gov)>; [DEBRA Kumar](#) <[debrakkumar@gmail.com](mailto:debrakkumar@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Process Map for Ashwood Park Master Plan & Public Hearings

Hello Nancy,

Do you think this vitally important topic ever got onto the Park Board Agenda Packet for discussion? If so, any outputs or decisions made?? How's it going?

Were there any flashes of insight or awareness about how important this "Board Organizing" approach can be for open, transparent communications with the taxpayers and public? Also for making professional quality decisions about how we spend Tax Dollars in Parks Department budgeting/planning?

Let us know please. Thank you.

Dwight & Mary Schrag

Ashwood Neighborhood/Downtown residents

On March 20, 2019 at 9:32 AM [parkboard](#) <[parkboard@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:parkboard@bellevuewa.gov)> wrote:

Hello Mr. Schrag,

I will pass your email along to the Park Board and include it in next month's packet.

Nancy

Nancy Harvey  
Bellevue Parks & Community Services  
<https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/>  
<https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/community-services/>  
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**From:** VERNON SCHRAG <[dwights30@comcast.net](mailto:dwrights30@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 9:05 AM  
**To:** parkboard <[parkboard@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:parkboard@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Kost, Glenn <[GKost@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:GKost@bellevuewa.gov)>; Parker, Camron <[CParker@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:CParker@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Process Map for Ashwood Park Master Plan & Public Hearings

Dear Parks Board:

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Dwight and Mary Schrag

1106 108th Ave NE #302

Downtown Bellevue Ashwood Neighborhood





## MAY 2019

- May 2**      **Garden Class: Pruning: Hackables, Shearables, and Untouchables,**  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
There are some plants that are cut to the ground each year. When you barely touch others, all chaos breaks loose. Find out which ones are which, as well as which plants are appropriately sheared every year. Learn how to prune butterfly bush, lavatera, heather, lavender, rockrose, and witch hazel. Taught by Anna Moore from Plant Amnesty. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and Plant Amnesty members; \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 3**      **Tag-A-Long Tour,** 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Rise and shine! Adult and child teams will get a sneak peek at Kelsey Creek Farm life as they help the farmers with their morning chores. Help us prepare the animals' meals, make sure they have fresh water, and clean their stalls. After all that hard work, we'll reward ourselves with a farm-themed snack. Adult/child teams only; a team is one adult and one child. **Ages:** 3-5 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course #1921251.
- May 3**      **Lewis Creek Story Time: "Feathered Friends"**  
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Flock together for May's story time as we read two fun books. We'll learn all the different shapes, sizes and colors birds come in before taking a close look as a family of chicks grow up and discover the world. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.
- May 3-11**      **"Bobby's World of Adventure" (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**  
May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7 p.m.;  
May 5 and 11 at 2 p.m.  
*Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street*  
What if you suddenly work up to find yourself in an entirely new world where the characters you read about were not what you thought? Piecing together the clues, Bobby must quickly figure out how to return home before being trapped forever. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

- May 4**      **Eastside Fuchsia Society Show and Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 Shop for fuchsia starts at this popular annual plant sale. **Cost:** Open to the public; no admission fee. **Info:** <http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/dates.htm>
- May 4**      **The 2019 Great SBCC Challenge**, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
*South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way*  
 South Bellevue Community Center hosts this unique event where teams of three to five people compete in a series of fun challenges requiring athleticism for physical feats, smarts for mental tasks, and artistic abilities for creative endeavors. The team who successfully completes the challenges in the allotted time while earning the most points will be crowned the winner. Twists and turns can throw off the most talented, so beware! Each team must have one adult and child. Teams that register by April 17 will receive event t-shirts. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$10/registrant. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuwa.gov>, course 1902349. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- May 4**      **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 5**      **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine  
*Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
 Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuwa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuwa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- May 5**      **Who's that Bird?** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Fly in this month to learn the who's who and what's what of our local bird species. We'll learn about some new friends, and participants will choose their favorite for an art piece to be displayed at Lewis Creek Visitor Center. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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

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

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

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



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

- May 25**      **Who's that Bird?** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Fly in this month to learn the who's who and what's what of our local bird species. We'll learn about some new friends, and participants will choose their favorite for an art piece to be displayed at Lewis Creek Visitor Center. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 25**      **Evening Wildlife: An Owl Prowl!** 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
 When darkness falls, nocturnal animals are just waking up! From bats to owls in the air, and raccoons to coyotes on the ground, the night is ever so active! Discover which of these creatures live in Bellevue, and come listen for them in a special Ranger-led night hike! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- May 26**      **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Highlands Open Space,** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
*Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Join a Bellevue Park Ranger at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center to explore the Lakemont Highlands Open Space trail system. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (680 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 27**      **Holiday Farm Tour: Memorial Day,** 11 a.m. – noon  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 If you've always wanted a tour of the farm to meet our resident farm animals, this is your opportunity! You will get to meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, and even pet some of them, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:**  
[KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course 1902118.
- May 31**      **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Winged Migration"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
 Enjoy the natural world as you fly along with some of the world's most amazing birds. This awe-inspiring film takes you to 40 different countries on each of the seven continents to capture a wide variety of bird migrations. Together, the experts, cinematographers and pilots lead you on a rare journey to follow these birds from a variety of unique perspectives. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.



## JUNE 2019

- June 1**      **The Seattle Garden Club Flower Show: Nature's Poetry**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Join us in celebration of the beauty of nature. Explore exhibits showcasing floral design, horticulture, photography, and conservation. The Seattle Garden Club aims to encourage and assist in civic beautifications as well as charitable, scientific, and educational activities. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://www.seattlegardenclub.org/public-events/>
- June 1**      **Hop into Spring**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Bunnies love Spring because the carrots are growing everywhere! Your child will get to meet our adorable bunnies, go on a pony ride, do a bunny-themed craft, and find out what's growing in the garden. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course 1902122.
- June 1**      **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 2**      **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine  
*Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

- June 7**      **Tag-A-Long Tour, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 Rise and shine! Adult and child teams will get a sneak peek at Kelsey Creek Farm life as they help the farmers with their morning chores. Help us prepare the animals' meals, make sure they have fresh water, and clean their stalls. After all that hard work, we'll reward ourselves with a farm-themed snack. Adult/child teams only; a team is one adult and one child. **Ages:** 3-5 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course 1921252.
- June 7**      **All about Amphibians, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
 Ribbit! Ever wonder about the incredible chorus of frogs heard on warm evenings, or maybe even the sleek salamanders that find refuge under logs and leaves? Learn all you need to know about the amphibians that inhabit our natural spaces, take home a fun craft, and head out on a park ranger-led walk for a chance to spy a few! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- June 7**      **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Beautiful Buzzing Bees”**  
 Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! When Mason meets a native bee for the first time, he learns why they're amazing and that bees need his help! Discover how you can be a bee's superhero too, just in time for National Pollinator Week. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.
- June 8**      **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
*Robinswood Park, 14915 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street*  
 Enjoy a non-competitive, recreational ride for the whole family. The ride has two unique loops – the mostly flat, nine-mile Greenbelt Loop, and the Lake Loop, which is a more challenging 22-mile route. Routes are approximately 80% on-road and 20% off-road gravel. The routes take riders to and through Bellevue's award-winning park system, exploring hidden treasures of Bellevue. All participants will receive a custom “buff,” and there will be goodies at the post-ride fest. **Ages:** Main ride is recommended for ages 9 and older. Kids under 9 out on the course should be on a trailer, tagalong or tandem. New in 2019 is a kids ride in the park for children under age 8, at 12:15. **Cost:** \$15 if pre-registered or \$20 on day of event, if space is available (registration begins at 8 a.m.). **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for activity code 1902424. **Info:** [bikeride@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bikeride@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4882.  
**Social media:** #coblk2lk  
**Web page:** <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/lake-to-lake-bike-ride>

- June 8**      **Bugs, Beetles and Worms – OH MY!** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
 Parent and child go “buggy” together into the fascinating world of creepy crawly creatures. Join us for crafts, music, snacks and a good time. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106, course 1902691.
- June 8**      **Garden Class: The Smartphone Gardener,** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 Taught by David E. Perry. Choose to attend either the lecture or the lecture and workshop. **Lecture** (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) – Author/photographer David E. Perry demonstrates the amazing potential of smartphone cameras. **Workshop** (12 p.m. to 4 p.m.) – Practice what you’ve just learned in the morning lecture and expand on it in this hands-on workshop with individual and small group help from David. **Cost for both Lecture and Workshop:** \$65 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$85/non-BBGS members. **Cost for Lecture only:** \$10 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 8**      **Family Discovery Series: Who Let the Bugs Out?** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
 We can find insects in almost every habitat, yet insects are underappreciated for their role in the food web. Without insects to help break down and dispose of wastes, dead animals and plants would accumulate in our environment. Other animals rely on insects as their primary food source. Without them, they would starve. Join a Park Ranger for a nature walk in search of bugs. Enjoy some hands-on activities and crafts as well. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- June 8**      **Frog Hop!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 One of the earliest sounds of spring is the constant rib-bit song of frogs. Learn about the amazing life cycle of these amphibians, as well as the kinds of frogs that live in Western Washington. Then join a Park Ranger to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- June 11**      **Washington Native Plant Society Lecture: Butterflies and Garden Habitat,**  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
With Julie O’Donald. Meet some of the butterflies found in the Puget Sound Lowlands. Learn the best native flowering shrubs and wildflowers for attracting butterflies. Julie will also cover practices that help butterflies survive throughout the year and in all stages of their life cycle. Be part of the garden connection needed to keep butterflies in our neighborhoods. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://www.wnps.org/events>
- June 14**      **Story Time on the Farm, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.**  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, and doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- June 14**      **Evening Nature Walk, 8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.**  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Join a Bellevue Park Ranger for a (grown-ups only) hike where we’ll explore some of the park’s nocturnal species, as well as strategies for seeing these shy animals at night. Please bring a flashlight or headlamp, dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** This program is for adults. **Distance:** Approximately one mile. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. To register: <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>, course 1902087. **Info:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.
- June 15**      **A Day of Play with Dad, 8:30 a.m. - noon**  
*South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way*  
South Bellevue Community Center hosts an event that celebrates Father’s Day by inviting Dad to a delicious pancake breakfast, then challenges him to fun family adventures that include the SBCC climbing wall, outdoor scavenger hunt, Bellevue Challenge Course and disc golf! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** \$8/registrant 4 years and older; free for ages 3 and under. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>, course 1902328. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

- June 15**      **Garden Class: Summer Dry Gardening in the Pacific NW**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 Taught by Jason Jorgensen. We will cover an introduction to our Pacific NW climate, summer dry gardening history and inspiration, suitable plan choices, planting techniques, and gardens of inspiration. Hands-on practice to follow. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 15**      **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [www.eastsideheritagecenter.org](http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org) or 425-450-1049.
- June 19**      **Garden Class: How to Prune and Renovate the Overgrown Garden**,  
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 This workshop will be taught by Shawna van Nimwegen. This is one of Plant Amnesty’s most popular classes, because we have all seen landscapes that are overrun and seemingly beyond control. In this class, you will learn about the different types of cuts that you should (and shouldn’t) make, including topping, shearing, and undoing past horrors. Come to the class and earn credit toward your Master Pruner Certificate and/or WSNLA CEUs. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 21**      **Story and a Stroll: “A Log’s Life”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
 This book introduces young readers to the life cycle of a tree, inspiring them to look at logs in their own backyards. After the story, head out with a Park Ranger to investigate some fallen logs on the forest floor of the Mercer Slough Nature Park. **Ages:** Best for 3-6 years. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

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

**June 30**      **Summer Science: Water You Know**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Join a Park Ranger for this new summer pre-teen program to investigate the water of the Mercer Slough and learn more about what factors influence the quality. This inquiry-based program involves observation, critical thinking, and hands-on learning with chemical water testing kits to be used at various locations within the nature park. **Ages:** Best for children ages 10-13 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

**June 30**      **Frog Hop!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
One of the earliest sounds of spring is the constant rib-bit song of frogs. Learn about the amazing life cycle of these amphibians, as well as the kinds of frogs that live in Western Washington. Then join a Park Ranger to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.



## JULY 2019

- July 4**      **Bellevue's Family 4<sup>th</sup> – presented by The Bellevue Collection,**  
2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.  
*Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Celebrate our nation's birthday with friends and family in Bellevue Downtown Park at the Eastside's largest 4th of July event! Enjoy live music, children's activities and entertainment, inflatable rides, a variety of foods at the Outdoor Food Court, and enjoy the park! The evening concludes with a spectacular fireworks show synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra at 10:05 p.m. Bring a flashlight for safety. Free event parking is available at The Bellevue Collection after 6 p.m. (Bellevue Place, Lincoln Square, and Bellevue Square). **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission! Costs vary for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-453-1223 or <https://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/family-4th>
- July 5**      **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Hiding Tree”**  
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Dive in for a closer look at the role trees play in hiding all sorts of forest critters during this story time. We'll read about smallest beetles to the great horned owl that call hiding places in trees “home.” This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.
- July 6**      **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**  
*Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 7**      **Street Smart Raccoons, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Finding masked bandits in your garbage can be startling, but there's no need to be afraid! Come learn more about our problem-solving neighborhood raccoons and how they've learned to navigate our urban environments. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.



- July 9**      **Space Dog from Planet K-9 Show**, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
*Robinswood Park, 2432 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
 Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a fabulous performance by Eric Ode. It is a fun space adventure when Benjamin D Dog pretends to be a space alien who has crash landed his cardboard spaceship on Earth. Can he get back to Planet K-9? **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- July 9**      **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Hotel Transylvania”**  
 Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
 Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. [See web page for more information.](#) **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- July 12**      **Toddler Trails**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Explore the trails at Lewis Creek Park with a park ranger and get out some wiggles on select Fridays this summer. We’ll take frequent stops while we investigate the different environments of Lewis Creek Park as we wander through and learn how we can make hiking fun for everyone. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 18 months to 3 years with accompanying adult(s). **Distance:** Approximately a half mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 13**      **Wilderness Tea Party**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you’ll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don’t mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 4-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** [LCVC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LCVC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4195.

- July 13**      **Eat or Be Eaten**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
 Predator and Prey relationships are essential to creating a healthy and balanced ecosystem. The Mercer Slough Nature Park is home to many creatures, both predator and prey. Join a Park Ranger to learn more about these critical interactions and enjoy some fun activities and crafts. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- July 14**      **Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area**, 10:30 a.m. – noon  
*Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Course Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)*  
 Explore Coal Creek at the Cinder Mine Trailhead to discover Bellevue’s largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife you’ll learn about while being guided by a Bellevue Park Ranger. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (240 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 16**      **Downtown Movies in the Park: “A Dog’s Way Home”**  
 Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
 Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. [See web page for more information.](#) **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov), 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- July 17**      **Evening Summer Farm Tour**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 Come spend a warm summer evening learning about Kelsey Creek Farm and meeting our resident animals. Visit with our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course 1921181.

- July 17**      **Garden Class: Basic Tree Pruning, including Fruit Trees and Japanese Maples**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 Taught by Ingela Wanerstand from Plan Amnesty. This class will cover basic cuts and tree physiology, followed by some basics on fruit trees and Japanese maples. Learn how to approach and look at some of your favorite trees, how to encourage or slow growth, and how to know when to put the pruners down and appreciate their natural beauty. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 19**      **Story and a Stroll: “Under One Rock”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
 Have you ever peeked under a rock? A whole community of creatures lives there! One of the world’s most fascinating habitats is right at your feet. After the story, venture out with a Park Ranger to uncover some rocks and investigate these hidden creatures. **Ages:** Best for 3-6 years. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- July 19**      **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park**, 8:30 p.m. –10 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Come test your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We’ll learn all about our Northwest bat species before taking a dusk hike to watch for bats as they leave their roosting sites to forage for insects! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1902083. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 20**      **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [www.eastsideheritagecenter.org](http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org) or 425-450-1049.
- July 20**      **Street Smart Raccoons**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
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- July 21**      **Living with Wildlife – Backyard Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Washington is home to 15 species of bats! Every fall these bats find a place to hibernate, hopefully avoiding human structures in their search. Find out which species live in Bellevue and how to prevent your home from becoming a bat cave! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompany adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 23**      **Alien Invasion Concert**, 11 a.m. – noon  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Amphitheatre, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents entertainer Rick Huddle – storyteller, dancer, and musician. Little blue creatures are coming to take over our planet and eat all of our pizza! Join us for a mini-musical with songs, comedy and puppets! **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- July 23**      **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Smallfoot”**  
 Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
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- July 24**      **Evening Summer Farm Tour**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 Come spend a warm summer evening learning about Kelsey Creek Farm and meeting our resident animals. Visit with our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** [KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688, course 1921182.

- July 26**      **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Clash Encounters of Bears and Wolves”**  
 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
 In this documentary the grizzly and the wolf, two fierce competitors, test their strategies for survival. In a complex and vast region such as Yellowstone National Park, where predators, scavengers and opportunists fight to survive, each one plays a vital role. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- July 27**      **Garden Class: Watercolor – Birds of the West, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 Taught by Molly Hashimoto. Learn how to sketch and paint birds in watercolor and gouache in this fun workshop designed for all levels. We’ll use pencils to draw and to establish good proportions, and then add watercolor and gouache to finish our sketches in full color, working on high quality watercolor paper as well as toned paper. As we work, you’ll learn about a wide variety of bird habitats and where to go to see the colorful and remarkable birds of the west. Supplies included. **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$55/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 30**      **Downtown Movies in the Park: “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World”**  
 Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.  
*Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street*  
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