

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

June 12, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110th Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA



AGENDA

Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

<p>Boardmembers:</p> <p>Eric Synn, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Paul Clark</p> <p>Yu Deng</p> <p>Dave Hamilton</p> <p>Stuart Heath</p> <p>Debra Kumar</p> <p>Heather Trescases</p> <p>City Council Liaison:</p> <p>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</p> <p>Staff Contacts:</p> <p>Camron Parker 425-452-2032</p> <p>Nancy Harvey 425-452-4162</p>	<p>Tuesday June 12, 2018 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Bellevue City Hall Conference Room 1E-113 450 110th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order of Meeting – Vice-Chair Synn 2. Approval of Agenda 3. Approval of Park Board Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Minutes from the April 17, 2018 Special Meeting (retreat) b. Minutes from the May 8, 2018 Regular Meeting 4. Oral Communications/Public Comments <i>Note: Three-minute limit per person; maximum of three persons permitted to speak to each side of any one topic.</i> 5. Communications from City Council, Community Council, Boards and Commissions 6. Director’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on Oral Communications/public comments from prior meetings. • Thank you to outgoing Boardmember, Yudy Deng • Welcome to new Boardmember, Paul Clark 7. Board Communication 8. Chair Communication & Discussion 9. Boardmember Committee/Liaison Reports 	<p>Page</p> <p>1</p> <p>5</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>



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

Tuesday
April 17, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-120
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Van Hollebeke, Vice-Chair Synn, Boardmembers Deng, Hamilton, Heath¹, Kumar, Trescases

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Councilmember Robertson

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Shelley McVein, Camron Parker, Doug Sanner

OTHERS PRESENT: Betsy Hummer, Pamela Johnston

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Van Hollebeke at 5:30 p.m.

2. **COUNCIL PRIORITIES AND/OR STAFF WORK PLAN:**

Chair Van Hollebeke provided an overview of the retreat agenda. He discussed the importance of moving the city's vision forward as a City in a Park. Some barriers to accomplishing this vision include economic growth and funding gaps. Chair Van Hollebeke stressed the importance of aligning the Parks Board's priorities with the Council's priorities.

Councilmember Robertson provided highlights from the January, 2018 Council Retreat. A list of priorities that were identified at the retreat is being finalized. Council also revised the city's vision. Some of the priorities identified at the retreat that impact parks include:

- Grand Connection
- Bel-Red Lookback
- Aquatic Center
- Update of Parks & Open Spaces Plan, specifically service levels

Councilmember Robertson discussed the shift across the region regarding citizens' hesitation for additional taxes/levies.

¹ Departed at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Robertson clarified that once the Council priorities have been formally adopted, they will be forwarded to the various Boards/Commissions. Then, staff will develop a process for the Boards/Commissions to work on the priorities. If a Board/Commission would like to deviate from the Council's priorities, then this should be communicated to Council.

Boardmember Heath is encouraged to hear that Council is interested in working with the Board in a meaningful way. He requested that a plan with timelines be created so the Board knows what needs to happen, including when communications need to be submitted to Council for the Parks Board to be heard. Boardmember Heath discussed his frustration from the last budget process where the Parks Board did not feel heard.

Chair Van Hollebeke suggested that Boardmembers prepare a memo to Council regarding the 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan and then shortly after, forward a memo regarding the Parks Board's visions and the continued funding gaps.

Boardmember Kumar asked if park impact fees have been considered by Council. Councilmember Robertson responded that the Planning Commission recommended park impact fees. However, she is uncertain as to the current status of the fee consideration. She encouraged Boardmembers to think aspirational but also consider the mood of the community. Other priorities that are important to Council include: multicultural center, aquatic center, Grand Connection. Councilmember Robertson noted that if the Parks Board priorities are aligned with a Councilmember's priorities it would be advantageous.

Chair Van Hollebeke suggested that the Board's CIP memo to Council include an increase in the budget allocation for parks.

3. **BUDGET/CIP:**

Mr. Sanner provided an overview of the 2019-2025 Parks Capital Investment Program budget process. He reminded Boardmembers that the budget is a two-year Operating Budget and seven-year CIP. The following items were distributed to Boardmembers:

- Parks 2019-2025 CIP Budget Proposals
- Unfunded Parks Capital Project List
- Preliminary 2017-2023 Parks Capital Investment Program memo (dated November 8, 2016)

Overall, the total additional funding request is estimated to be \$53.7M with \$22M additional funding needed beyond the estimated revenue available.

Councilmember Robertson suggested that certain projects be grouped together (i.e., work on design first and then obtain grants for additional work). This might help project move through the process more quickly.

Boardmembers reviewed the list of New/Additional Projects that were included on the Parks 2019-2023 CIP Budget Proposal. These projects included:

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- Airfield Park Development (Levy project)
- Meydenbauer Phase II Construction (Gateway project)
- Newport Hills/Tyler Development
- Bridle Trails/140th Development
- Ashwood Design & Permitting
- Lake Sammamish Planning & Design

Mr. Foran discussed the phasing that can be done on some of the projects (i.e., conduct planning and design during one budget cycle, and then development in a different budget cycle).

Boardmembers would like their support of Meydenbauer Phase II Construction and an aquatic center noted in the CIP memo to Council. They would also like to request that the Parks funding cuts made during the market downturn be restored. Boardmembers also reiterated their support to fulfill the commitment to voters on the levy projects.

Boardmember Trescases suggested that the geographic equity of Bellevue be evaluated to ensure that all quadrants of Bellevue are being served.

Vice-Chair Synn inquired if there is special consideration that needs to be given to REI. Mr. Foran clarified that REI has designed a site that mimics their values system. REI has been working on sponsorships and employee volunteer interests. No special consideration needs to be given to REI at this time.

Motion by Boardmember Kumar and second by Boardmember Trescases to approve the Parks 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program Budget Proposals list with the following edits:

- **Remove Ashwood Design & Permitting (included in other funding source)**
- **Remove Lake Sammamish Planning & Design (included in other funding source)**

At the question, motion carried unanimously (7-0) to approve the Parks 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program Budget Proposals list as edited.

Break—7:50-8:05 p.m.

4. **BYLAWS:**

Vice-Chair Synn summarize the meeting that he and Boardmember Heath had with city staff to review the proposed Bylaws. Areas of concern include:

- Definition of Bylaws
- Hierarchy of documents

Vice-Chair Synn also suggested that Article VI.A be altered to reflect current procedures. Item A notes that “Preparation of meeting agendas will be the duty of the Board staff in coordination

with the Chair.” However, Vice-Chair Synn explained that the current practice includes agendas being set at Board meetings with Board input.

Councilmember Robertson explained that the City adopted Chapters in the Code in regards to each Board/Commission. The Parks Board is referred to under Chapter 3.62 and the Bylaws are established in Section 3.62.050. Boardmembers appreciated this clarification and noted that the Code should be referenced in the Bylaws.

Boardmember Trescases suggested that Article VI.A be maintained as is, since it is a broad statement and includes the current process and other variations of the process. She feels that if the process description is finite, there won't be flexibility when setting agendas.

Boardmembers concluded that the following changes should be made to the proposed Bylaws:

- Add a reference to Chapter 3.62 in Article 1
- Change Article VI, Item A to read: “Preparation of meeting agendas will be the duty of the Board staff, in coordination with the Chair, taking into account the input, if any, from the Parks Board at previous meetings.”

Any further suggested edits should be forwarded to staff. A revised version of the Bylaws will be presented at the next Board meeting for approval.

5. **NEXT STEPS:**

Chair Van Hollebeke summarized the next steps for the Board:

- Review/approve Bylaws (May meeting)
- Review/approve CIP Memo to Council (June meeting)
- Outreach to Council to reiterate Board priorities (Summer)
- Long-term Memo to Council (Fall)

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Synn and second by Boardmember Kumar to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

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

Tuesday
May 8, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Van Hollebeke, Vice-Chair Synn, Boardmembers Deng¹, Hamilton, Heath, Kumar, Trescases

COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT: Councilmember Robertson

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Camron Parker, Doug Sanner

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Van Hollebeke at 6:05 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Boardmember Kumar and second by Vice-Chair Synn to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Synn and second by Boardmember Kumar to approve the March 13, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

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

Mr. Parker called attention to an email that was submitted from Chris Johnson regarding “Bellevue Parks CIP Proposal.” The email requested that a park bench be placed at Bannerwood Park. Mr. Parker noted that staff is working to implement the park bench idea in the near future.

¹ Arrived at 7:23 p.m.

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

Councilmember Robertson reported that Council recently approved their list of 3-year priorities and a vision. A list of priorities was distributed to Boardmembers. Councilmember Robertson called attention to some of the priorities that impact Parks.

There was a general discussion regarding how the Parks Board wants to relay their list of CIP priorities to Council. Councilmember Robertson noted that a Parks Board representative has not made a formal presentation to Council in quite some time so an appearance at a Council meeting would be welcomed. She also suggested that Boardmembers consider adding a memo to the Council packet that includes the Parks Board's list of capital priorities.

Boardmember Trescases suggested that the "Proposed 2019-2025 Parks Capital Investment Program" memo be sent to Council as written. Then, a separate memo could be sent to address the funding gap for Parks.

Vice-Chair Synn inquired if Council priority #19 (*"Continue to implement the Diversity Plan, including the availability of and need for multi-cultural programming in the City."*) falls under the community service role of the Board. Councilmember Robertson clarified that the previous priority addressed developing the Diversity Plan. Since the Plan has been developed, the priority was altered to include implementing the Plan. Mr. Foran noted that since the Plan is complete and is in the implementation phase, oversight of the actual work is under the direction of the City Manager's Office. However, the Parks Board may be asked to assist with implementation.

Boardmember Heath inquired if the Parks Board Ordinance references the Diversity Plan. Mr. Parker clarified that the Diversity Plan is not specifically referenced in the Parks Board Ordinance. However, diversity programming was housed in the Parks Department for quite some time. Now that the program is in the implementation phase, ownership has moved to the City Manager's Office so it is cross-departmental. Councilmember Robertson noted that the City Code, Chapter 3.62.070 notes that "The Board shall act in a policy advisory capacity to the City Council." She added that Chapter 3.62.070, Item G specifies "cultural diversity" as well.

Vice-Chair Synn requested clarification for the next steps in regards to Cultural Diversity. Councilmember Robertson responded that staff will inform the Parks Board when their input/work is necessary. However, cultural diversity should be considered when conducting any work within the Parks Board scope.

Vice-Chair Synn inquired if "A City in a Park" is the current brand identity referenced in Council priority #25 (*"Develop and establish a new brand identity for the City of Bellevue that reflects both our past and our future, an identity that is iconic and leaves a lasting impression that Bellevue is a place that people want to live, work, learn and play."*). Councilmember Robertson explained that Council wants to review the current brand to see if it encapsulates the current vision and where Council sees the City going in the next 20+ years.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Foran presented Chair Van Hollebeke with a plaque and framed picture as a token of appreciation. In addition, Boardmembers and staff expressed their appreciation to Chair Van Hollebeke for his valuable contributions to the City and Board.

Councilmember Robertson read a Commendation for Chair Van Hollebeke to thank him for serving on the Parks Board.

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Chair Van Hollebeke enjoyed sharing Downtown Park with an out-of-town colleague.

Boardmember Kumar attended the Bellevue Neighborhood Conference and visited various parks throughout Bellevue.

Boardmember Trescases recently visited Crossroads Park and noticed a new park bench in the park. She thought that this is a wonderful way for community members to honor their loved ones.

Boardmember Hamilton attended the Bellevue Neighborhood Conference. He also visited Enatai Beach Park. Boardmember Hamilton has been staying connected with the Parks Department via social media. He suggested that an educational presentation be made at a future Board meeting to provide an overview of Parks social media resources.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

Chair Van Hollebeke expressed his appreciation to fellow Boardmembers and staff for their continued support. He has enjoyed his time spent on the Parks Board.

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

A. **Wilburton Citizen Advisory Committee**

Boardmember Kumar reported that the Wilburton Citizen Advisory Committee concluded their work in April, 2018. Boardmembers expressed their appreciation to Boardmember Kumar for serving on the Wilburton CAC.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. 2019-2025 Parks CIP Budget

Mr. Sanner reviewed the “Proposed 2019-2025 Parks Capital Investment Program memo” to be submitted to Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers.

Chair Van Hollebeke suggested that verbiage from the list of Council 3-Year Priorities be incorporated in the proposed memo. Boardmembers agreed with this recommendation and expressed their support of the overall message of the memo.

Motion by Boardmember Trescases and seconded by Boardmember Kumar to conceptually approve the Proposed 2019-2025 Parks Capital Investment Program memo. Staff will incorporate additional language into the memo that aligns with Council priorities. The final version of the memo will be reviewed and approved by Chair Van Hollebeke and Vice-Chair Synn, and then forwarded to Council. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

B. Park Board Bylaws

Vice-Chair Synn discussed the following changes that were made to the proposed Bylaws, since the Board Retreat:

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

Vice-Chair Synn noted that additional edits were due the week after the Board Retreat. However, none were received.

Boardmember Heath recommended that Article VI.A. be changed to read: “Preparation of meeting agendas will be the duty of the Board staff pursuant to the direction of the Chair and Vice-Chair, taking into account the input, if any, of the Board at previous meetings.” Boardmember Heath thinks the change helps clarify authority for the agenda-making process.

On the contrary, Boardmember Trescases expressed her support of the Bylaws, as written. In particular, she views Article VI.A. as written to provide flexibility, if needed, since staff plays a key role in meeting agenda and content preparation. Chair Van Hollebeke agreed with Boardmember Trescases noting that there are other areas of the Bylaws that note the agenda is set by the Board in conjunction with staff. He added that the process is a collaborative exercise where no one party mandates the process.

Boardmember Heath reiterated his disagreement with Article VI.A.

Councilmember Robertson stressed the importance of staff's involvement with setting meeting agendas because Council may provide direction that staff needs to include on a meeting agenda. In addition, she called attention to the Parks Board Ordinance, Chapter 3.62.060, which states: "The Parks & Community Services Department shall provide technical and administrative support for the Board," and 3.62.080.B, which limits the Board's powers and duties when it comes to supervision of staff.

Chair Van Hollebeke views the current process for setting meeting agendas as extremely collaborative. At times, staff has knowledge of agenda items that are discussed at the Board pre-meeting. Staff also captures any agenda topics that are raised during Board meetings.

Vice-Chair Synn noted that Article VI.E. allows the Parks Board to change the meeting agenda, if needed. (*"The printed agenda of a regular meeting may be modified, supplemented or revised by a majority affirmative vote of the Boardmembers present."*)

Motion by Vice-Chair Synn and second by Boardmember Trescases to approve the Parks & Community Services Bylaws as presented.

Boardmember Heath expressed his strong disapproval of the proposed Bylaws. He views Article VI.A. as a step back in the process where staff sets meeting agendas. He reminded Boardmembers of a situation in 2014 where Boardmembers identified specific priorities, yet these were never placed on a meeting agenda. Boardmember Heath also cited an example of a Planning Commission meeting that he attended where the Parks Board should have been informed about a particular issue but was not. He discussed another situation that happened with the City Clerk; not to mention the frustration regarding the Bylaws process. Boardmember Heath again expressed that he does not support the proposed Bylaws.

At the question, motion carried (6-1) to approve the Parks & Community Services Bylaws as presented.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Proposed agenda items for the next Board meeting include:

- Comprehensive review of Council priorities.
- Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair.
- Wilburton CAC report.
- Social media update (future agenda item).

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13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. List of upcoming Parks special events

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

None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Synn and second by Boardmember Kumar to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).



Date: June 12, 2018

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Camron Parker
Parks & Community Services

Subject: Annual Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
(Board action requested)

At the June meeting, the Board will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve the next twelve-month term. Since former Chair Van Hollebeke's service on the Board ended on May 31, 2018, Vice-Chair Synn will preside at the June 12th meeting. He will facilitate the election process and continue to run the remainder of the meeting.

Chair and Vice-Chair elections follow direction from Bellevue City Code 3.62.020 regarding membership, appointment, and terms for the Parks & Community Services Board:

A chair, vice-chair and such other officers as the board deems necessary shall be elected annually from its members. The chair shall preside at meetings; the vice-chair shall preside at meetings in the absence of the chair.

The Parks & Community Services Board's Bylaws (Article II.B) state:

Election of Officers. The Board shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, and any other officers the Board deems necessary, for a term of one year at their first regular meeting in June of each year, or as soon thereafter as feasible based on seating of newly-appointed members. The election process shall be in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

You are free to nominate and elect the Chair and Vice-Chair officers at your discretion. Also, as always, the Board Chair (or in this case, the Vice-Chair) votes along with other Boardmembers. Remember that a Boardmember cannot abstain from voting; a failure to vote will be counted in the affirmative (BCC 3.62.030.D).

Please see the following page for a more detailed explanation of the nominating/voting process.

Board Election Process

(Summarized from *Robert's Rules of Order*)

Nominations for Chair

- Chair calls for nominations by saying, “Nominations are now in order for the office of Parks & Community Services Board Chairperson.”
- Any Boardmember can nominate another Boardmember.
- A “second” to the nomination may occur but is not required.
- The nominated Boardmember may decline or accept the nomination.
- Nominations continue until all Boardmembers who wish to nominate have done so.
- Chair closes nominations by asking, “Are there any further nominations for Parks & Community Services Board Chairperson?” (pause) “If not, nominations are closed.”

Voting

- Chair explains the method of voting – by hands, or by aye/nay.
- Candidates are voted on in order of nomination.
- Chair begins the voting process by saying, “Those in favor of _____ for Board Chair, raise your hand up high.” And then - “Those opposed, raise your hand high.”
- If the majority votes for the initial candidate, the Chair declares that person elected. If the majority votes no, the Chair declares that candidate not elected and moves on to the next nominee.

Repeat the process for Vice-Chairperson.

IF YOU ABSTAIN FROM VOTING – YOUR VOTE COUNTS AS “YES”:

Affirmative votes from a majority of members present and voting shall be necessary to carry any proposition, including elections. A member who fails to vote without a valid disqualification is declared to have voted in the affirmative

IN CASE OF A TIE:

If voting proceeds through all of the nominees and NONE of the nominees receives a majority vote, the Chair may call a short recess before reopening nominations to take any additional nominations. Reopening nominations requires a motion. If no additional nominations are forthcoming, the Chair will call for a revote on the original nominees. If additional nominations are made, they are added to the existing list of nominees.

When repeated balloting is necessary, the names of all nominees are kept on the ballot in the order in which they were originally presented.



Date: June 12, 2018
To: Parks & Community Services Board
From: Bradley Calvert, Community Development Program Manager
Planning and Community Development
Subject: Grand Connection Interstate 405 Crossing
(*Board feedback requested*)

ACTION REQUESTED

The Parks & Community Services Board will be provided an update on the process to select a preferred crossing over Interstate 405 for the Grand Connection.

The Parks & Community Services Board will be asked to provide their feedback and input regarding the project.

BACKGROUND

The Wilburton-Grand Connection planning initiative was launched on December 7th, 2015 as a Council priority. The project includes two primary elements, a re-visioning of the Wilburton Commercial Area and the visioning of the Grand Connection

Grand Connection – Framework Plan Volume 2

In December of 2017 Council adopted the *Grand Connection Framework Plan Volume 1*, addressing the route's identity, aesthetics, public space improvements, and improvements to mobility and connectivity between Meydenbauer Bay and the Civic Center District. Adoption of the plan initiated the process to amend the Comprehensive Plan, update the Land Use Code, and develop Design Guidelines. In May of 2018, staff presented Volume 2 of the framework plan which provided an in depth assessment of the three Interstate 405 crossing alternatives.

The plan discusses important elements of each of the crossing alternatives, including a comparative analysis and next steps to selecting and refining a preferred alternative. Staff will be presenting the report to various interest groups during the summer and will return to Council in July to seek direction on a preferred crossing alternative.

Tonight, staff will provide the Board with a brief update on the timeline and process to select a preferred crossing alternative. Staff last presented the alternatives to the Board on July 7, 2017. The second volume of the plan can be found at:

<http://www.bellevuegrandconnection.com/interstate-405-crossing>.

If you have any questions following this evening's presentation and discussion please do not hesitate to contact me at 425.452.6930 or bcalvert@bellevuewa.gov.



Date: June 4, 2018

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Christina Faine, Public Information Officer, Parks & Community Services
Colin Walker, Marketing Administrator, Parks & Community Services

Subject: Overview of Bellevue Parks & Community Services Social Media Strategy
(No Board action requested)

At the Board's request, staff will provide an overview of the department's use of social media, e.g., Facebook and Twitter, and discuss how the Board can help promote Bellevue Parks & Community Services programs, events and business objectives.

You can follow Bellevue Parks & Community Services on:

- Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/bvueparks>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/bellevueparks>
- Website: <http://parks.bellevuewa.gov>

Please let us know if you have any questions.



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT May 2018

Aquatic Center Study

At their March 12 meeting, the City Council authorized the staff to proceed with additional studies to determine whether Council wishes to proceed with an Aquatic Center. We will explore the potential scale and scope of a facility, estimated capital and operating costs, prepare a site feasibility analysis, public outreach and potential partnerships. The initial feasibility study done in 2009 will be updated. We are currently soliciting consulting teams to work on this project, and expect work to begin later this summer.

Bannerwood Park

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

2019-25 CIP Budget

Budget proposals for the 2019-25 CIP budget have been forwarded to the Leadership Team, who expect to deliver a recommendation to the City Manager later this summer. Our requests include continued funding for the Renovation Program, Park & Open Space Acquisition, and Park Planning; neighborhood park development in Bridle Trails and Newport Hills; construction at Airfield Park; planning future phases of Meydenbauer Bay; supplement funding for the Northeast Corner of Downtown Park; and initial funding for Bel-Red parks and streams.

Downtown Park – NE Entry

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

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

Construction is approximately 70% complete, with expected completion at the end of 2018. The beach house structure is complete and interior work is underway. Stream bed construction and pedestrian overlook structures are complete. Most in-water work is complete, including shoreline restoration, piling installation and the pier structure. The floating pier sections will be installed this summer. Most concrete retaining walls are now complete, and the granite boulder retaining wall and terrace work is now underway. The overhead wires along LWB have been buried and street lights are installed. Sidewalks along 99th Ave. and LWB are expected to be constructed in June. Utility work along 99th Street is underway, and a series of retaining walls at the end of 99th to provide access to the water and hand-carry boat launch is nearing completion. The Whaling Building remodeling is out to bid and expected to begin after Labor Day.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects Summary

- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Project complete.
- **Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Project complete.
- **BYT Construction:** Project complete.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Site analysis and initial schematic design is complete. The cost estimates for Phase 1 are significantly over the anticipated budget, so we continue to explore schematic design options and costs to determine the Phase 1 scope of work.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
 - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Bridle Trails/140th Ave property acquisition:** Project complete.
 - **Bridle Trails Corner Park acquisition & development:** Project complete.
 - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Project complete.
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Project complete.
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Park construction is underway, and on track for completion by year’s end. We continue to coordinate park work, construction access and utility infrastructure with Sound Transit. The park was closed to the public in April and rough grading throughout the park is close to completion. Underground infrastructure to support irrigation, power and stormwater systems is underway. Some planting/restoration work may continue next spring depending on weather and light rail construction. Staff continues to work with the adjacent neighbors to address property encroachment issues and to identify an appropriate boundary fence to install. The City Attorney’s office is working on the next communication with the neighbors.

Renovation Program

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

The following 2017 projects were deferred into 2018:

- Re-coring of parks facilities (U)
- Multi-site drinking fountain (P)
- BGC Parking lot sealcoat & restripe (P)
- Cherry Crest Resurface sport courts (U)
- Eastgate Park Ticket booth & deck (DB)
- Forest Park Trail landslide repair (DB)
- Wilburton Hill Turf Replace A&E (DB)
- NWAC Restroom Remodel (DB)
- Robinswood Tennis Bubble (P)
- Kelsey Educational Barn A&E (P)
- MSEEC Interpretive Signage (DB)
- McDowell House Repairs (U)
- Summit Trail Repairs (DB)
- Kelsey Cr Paving & Drainage (DB)
- Meydenbauer Whaling Building (DB)

59 projects are approved for the 2018 program, as follows:

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| Programmatic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park furnishings (U) • Robinswood House ADA (DB) • Multi-site asphalt repairs (DB) • Energy Conservation (U) • Outdoor Skate Park Refurb. (C) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPDES requirements (U) • Natural Area Restoration (U) • Urban Forestry Park Sites (U) • Streetscapes (U) • Greenways & Trails (U) |
| Bannerwood Ballfield Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Lot Improvements (DB) • Concession Stand Improvements (C) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burrows Cabin Insurance Claim (P) |
| Chism Beach Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Lot Sealcoat & Curb (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comm. Center Carpet & Paint (DB) |
| Coal Creek NP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Bridge Replacement (DB) | |
| Crossroads Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spray Park A&E (DB) • Air Handler Replacement (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Restroom Floor (U) |
| Downtown Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dumpster, Fence & Gator Storg (U) • Irrigation Improvements (C) | |
| Eastgate Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little League Field Irrigation Replacement (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge Course Improvements (P) |
| Forest Glen Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Equipment Repl. (DB) | |
| Goldsmith Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Court Repair & Fence Replacement (U) | |
| Highland Community Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation Replacement (DB) • Exterior Painting (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&E for 2019 Boiler Repl & AC at Gym (P) |
| Kelsey Creek Farm Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking Lot Lighting Repl (U) • Boardwalk Foot Bridge Replacement Phase 1 (U) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Coop Roof Repl & Rabbit Hutch Improvements (P) |
| Lake Hills Nursery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exterior Painting (P) | |
| Lakemont Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace Sewer Pumps (P) | |
| Lattawood Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace Play Equipment (DB) | |
| Lewis Creek | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor Center Exterior Coatings (P) | |
| Mercer Slough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siding, Decking & LED Imp. (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooring Replacement at Classrooms, Labs (P) |
| Environmental Education Center & Nature Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor Center A/C (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&E for Overlake Blueberry Drainage (DB) |
| Meydenbauer Whaling Building | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpretive Signage (DB) | |
| Newcastle Beach Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic Shelter, Caretaker House Painting (U) | |
| Northwest Arts Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boiler Replacement (P) | |
| Odle Trail | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paving (C) | |
| Robinswood Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis Center Fire System (DB) | |
| Robinswood Park North | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket Pitch Replacement & Practice Pitch Install (DB) | |
| Sunset Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickleball Court Conversion (DB) | |
| Spiritridge Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation System Replacement (DB) | |
| Westwood Highlands | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Court Resurface (DB) | |
| Wilburton Hill Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBG Ground Cover Garden Irrigation (U) • WHP Field 1 Drainage Install (DB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBG Shorts House Security FA Panel (DB) |

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May 30, 2018

Dear City of Bellevue board members and commissioners,

I would like to invite you to participate in a training next month that illustrates Bellevue's on-going commitment to grow as a culturally competent organization and city. Your involvement helps support one of the recommendations made in the Diversity Advantage Plan that was adopted by the City Council in 2014.

The Cultural Competency Foundations class is specifically tailored for city board and commission members. The training will be offered 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 20 and Thursday, June 28 in conference room 1E-108 at Bellevue City Hall. Many members of the City Council, city boards and city commissions have attended a similar training when it was offered in 2015. The training provides foundational information about interacting effectively with people of different cultures and gaining new skills to build or strengthen relationships within our increasingly diverse community.

In the next few weeks, you will receive more information about the training from your staff liaisons. Please select one of the two sessions that work best for your schedule. Also, consult with staff to identify opportunities for continuing the dialogue about cultural competency with your respective board or commission following the training.

Thank you for your service to our community. Your participation in this training will contribute to our efforts to be a city that is equitable, inclusive and accessible for all.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John L. Chelminiak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John L. Chelminiak
Mayor

Cc: Elaine Acacio, Diversity and Inclusion Administrator

FAQs: Boards and Commissions Training

Q: Why is this training being offered?

A: In 2014, Council approved the Bellevue Diversity Initiative: The Diversity Advantage and the vision statement, Bellevue welcomes the world. Diversity is our strength. This Initiative resulted in 60 recommendations, which were gleaned from various listening sessions with our City staff and community stakeholders, and categorized under the following focus areas: Cultural Competence in City Government, Cultural Competence in the Community, Human Services, Public Safety, Education, Economic Development, and Civic Engagement. Under Cultural Competence in City Government-5, “Provide cultural competence training for City volunteers and community leaders, including those serving in City boards, commissions and advisory committees.”

The general goals of the training are:

1. *Build community & deepen our understanding of cultural competence and equity*
2. *Increase our self-awareness, exploration of cultural differences, and understanding of systemic inequity*
3. *Practice applying cultural competence in our daily work*
4. *Commit to transferring learning beyond the session*

Q: What is Cultural Competence?

A: The City of Bellevue defines cultural competence as the ability to “produce equitable policies and practices by developing skills that facilitate effective interactions across diverse cultures” (Diversity Guiding Principles). The City of Bellevue is using cultural competence as the guiding principle to drive the work of the Diversity Advantage Plan.

Q: Who else is doing or has done the training?

A: Under the recommendation, “provide systemic and regular cultural competence training for all city staff over a 5-year period,” of the Diversity Advantage plan, several of City teams including department directors, member of the Operations Policy team, Diversity Advantage and Diversity Liaisons, have taken a 9-hour course. To date, the city has trained a little over half its workforce in cultural competence foundations. This training was also offered to Council, board members, and commissioners in 2015.

Q: Will there be pre-work?

A: You will need to fill out a survey prior to the training. Individual survey responses are done anonymously and are meant to illustrate the general knowledge-base of the group regarding cultural competence. You will receive a link once we’ve established which training date you will be attending.

Q: Am I required to attend?

A: No, you are not required to attend, although we highly recommend and hope that you attend one of the two training offerings.

Q: When are the training dates and how can I sign up?

A: Training dates are for June 20 and June 28 from 5-9pm. A light dinner will be provided. You may sign up for one of these dates through your staff liaison with a copy to Elaine Acacio (eacacio@bellevuewa.gov). Trainings will be at City Hall in room 1E-108.

Q: What happens after the training?

We hope the training will enhance awareness and skills in cultural competence and as a result, will prompt conversations about the ways in which we are informed, how we make decisions, and who we include in making such decisions. We also hope that these skills and conversations will aid in enhancing efforts equitable and fair processes to better serve the growing and diverse communities in Bellevue.

DATE: June 4, 2018

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

FROM: Helena Stephens, Family, Youth & Teen Services Manager, 452-2834
Parks and Community Services

SUBJECT: Recognition of Yana Shabanov, Bellevue Boys & Girls Club – 2018
Youth of the Year Award Recipient

The City of Bellevue partners with the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club (BB&GC) to offer a variety of after-school prevention, recreation and academic services throughout Bellevue. Through this partnership nearly 3,000 (unduplicated) middle and high school youth are served annually in Bellevue neighborhoods at teen centers located in downtown Bellevue, Lake Hills neighborhood, King County Housing Authority sites and community centers.

The Bellevue Boys & Girls Club is pleased to participate in the National and Washington State Boys & Girls Club “Youth of the Year” program. It is BB&GC’s signature effort to foster a new generation of leaders, fully prepared to live and lead in a diverse, global and integrated world economy. In the 21st-century world and workplace, leadership skills such as communication, goal-setting and teamwork are essential for everyone - especially young people preparing to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood. Beginning in 1947, the Youth of the Year Program has evolved into a comprehensive leadership development program, which includes:

- Youth of the Month – Leadership Recognition Program
- Junior Youth of the Year – Leadership Readiness Program, and
- Youth of the Year – Leadership Development Program

The Boys & Girls Club’s “National Youth of the Year” program selects an exceptional club member to be a candidate for the National Youth of the Year. The award-winning youth serves as an ambassador for the Boys & Girls Club and a voice for the nation’s young people. Over the decades, these individuals have exemplified the Boys & Girls Club’s mission and are proof of the impact “Clubs” make in transforming and saving youth and teen’s lives. The National Youth of the Year winners have achieved success in a variety of industries, including entertainment, politics, business and sports. Becoming National Youth of the Year is an exciting and inspiring journey. Each year, thousands of Club teens participate in local, state and regional “Youth of the Year” events. Six teens, including five regional winners and a national military youth winner, advance to Washington, D.C., for the National Youth of the Year Gala & Celebration Dinner, where one outstanding young person is named Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s national teen

spokesperson. The National Youth of the Year is a role model, leader and advocate for the nearly four million youth served by the Boys & Girls Clubs each year, and all of America's young people.

The Bellevue Boys & Girls Club is proud to announce that Yana Shabanov is the recipient of the Bellevue's Club "Youth of the Year" program. Ms. Shabanov has been coming to the Club since she was four years old and has participated in nearly every program the Club has offered. The Club has seen Yana through her middle and high school career where she has been involved in Bellevue's "Be Great Graduate" program and has held various titles in the Keystone Leadership Program. Currently, Yana serves as the Keystone President. Yana has accumulated 674 community service hours in her senior year and an estimated 1700 in throughout high school. In March this year, Yana represented the City of Bellevue at the state-wide "Youth of the Year" competition for the Boys & Girls Club where she was recognized by Qualstar with their "Cooperative Spirit" Award for her dedication to community. Yana has developed an anti-bullying campaign that was featured on King 5TV "New Day Northwest" program and is working with the Bellevue School District to incorporate the campaign in the schools. Following graduation Yana will attend Bellevue College, with plans to pursue a degree in Clinical Social Work at a four-year university.

In addition to the recognition, Ms. Shabanov received a \$1000 scholarship from Qualstar and \$500 scholarship from the State of Washington. Nintendo contributed \$500 toward the Youth of the Year and the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club will match the amount, ensuring a total scholarship of \$2,500 will be available for school tuition and computer.

Please join us in recognizing Yana Shabanov as the 2018 Bellevue Boys & Girls Club "Youth of the Year".



Date: June 4, 2018

To: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

From: Patrick Foran, Director, 452-5377
Shelley Brittingham, Assistant Director, 452-7681
Parks and Community Services

Subject: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation

To bring attention to misconduct perpetrated against older adults, groups around the world are proclaiming June 15, 2018 as the thirteenth Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. This day is set aside in support of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA). Due to the timing of this international recognition and the Council meeting schedule, we are choosing this evening to recognize the importance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day by presenting this proclamation.

The main goal of this proclamation is to increase Bellevue society's ability, in accord with international collaboration, to recognize and respond to the mistreatment of older adults in whatever settings it occurs, so that each individual can achieve an optimal quality of life in keeping with his or her cultural values and traditions.

"Elder abuse" describes a range of offenses. The signs of abuse are sometimes hard to distinguish. In most cases, elder abuse is perpetrated by a known, trusted person, usually a family member. Neglect and self-neglect are the most common types of abuse, although emotional abuse and financial exploitation are common, too. Startling examples can be found all around us, including cases in Bellevue.

As community members, family, and friends, we all need to be vigilant. To identify mistreatment, experts recommend looking for clues like unexplained physical injuries or repeated accidents. Changes in behavior such as crying, isolation, deteriorating health, and hygiene sometimes point to mistreatment. Financial troubles that appear out of the blue can send up red flags signaling possible exploitation. Dilapidated homes with rodent infestations may indicate neglect or self-neglect.

If you suspect an older or disabled adult is being abused, neglected, or exploited, immediately call the State protective service hotline at 1-866-END-HARM (1-866-363-4276). Police also recommend calling 911 to request that the Police perform a "Welfare Check".

Also, we invite Council, staff, volunteers, and all members of the community to join us in raising awareness and educating our Bellevue residents about Elder Abuse.

Attachment:
Proclamation

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was established in 2006 to encourage public awareness and action against elder abuse; and

WHEREAS; Bellevue's older adults are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and

WHEREAS; Abuse of older adults is a tragedy inflicted on a growing number of vulnerable populations and crosses all socio-economic boundaries; and

WHEREAS; Combating abuse of older adults will help improve quality of life and will allow older adults to continue to live as independently as possible; and

WHEREAS; Bellevue's older adults should be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community.

*Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington do hereby proclaim **Friday, June 15, 2018** as:*

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

in Bellevue, and urge everyone to commit to building safer communities for our aging residents.

John Chelminiak
Mayor

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JUNE 2018

- June 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Bat Loves the Night”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Did you know that a pipistrelle bat can eat over three thousand insects a night? During this story time, we’ll fly with Bat and explore the night like never before. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free!
Pre-registration: RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- June 2** **Garden Class: Top Ten Stalwart Shrubs in Summer, 10 a.m. - noon**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join George Lasch to learn about the best shrubs for certain situations and uses. George will do a quick overview of pruning shrubs as we walk through the Garden on a fine spring day. As always, he will share his opinions on successful and not-so-great plants. George was the Supervisor of the Perennial Border at the BBG for eight years and is well known for his humorous opinions on plants and gardening. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 2** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. - noon**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
Distance: Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 3** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the Slough. From there you can continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 3** **High-Flying Hawks**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Hawks can be found in almost any type of environment. Learn about the different raptor species that call Lewis Creek Park home before we head out on a hike to look for them. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- June 8** **Who's in Your Backyard – Big Animals**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
From black bears to mountain lions, the Pacific Northwest is home to quite a few big, furry creatures. Come to the Ranger Station to learn what large animals live in and around Bellevue, and what to do if you are lucky enough to see them. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- June 9** **6th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride**, 8 a.m. - noon
Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 165th Avenue SE
Enjoy a non-competitive, recreational ride for the whole family. The ride has two unique loops – the mostly flat, nine-mile Greenbelt Loop, and the Lake Loop, which is a more challenging 22-mile route. Routes are approximately 80% on-road and 20% off-road gravel. The routes take riders to and through Bellevue's award-winning park system, exploring hidden treasures of Bellevue. All participants will receive a custom "buff," and there will be goodies at the post-ride fest. **Ages:** Recommended for ages 9 and older. Kids under 9 should be on a trailer, tagalong or on a tandem. **Cost:** \$15 if pre-registered or \$20 on day of event (registration begins at 8 a.m.) if space is available. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for code 1802612. **Info:** bikeride@bellevuewa.gov, <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/lake-to-lake-bike-ride> or 425-452-4882.
- June 9** **Wilderness Tea Party**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you'll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 4-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- June 9** **Cultivating Clay: Garden Workshop**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make a ceramic flower, garden tiles or gnome. We will use a variety of hand building and decoration techniques to personalize your creation. Limit – one project per person. Materials and firing are included in class fee. Your item will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. **Ages:** 8 years to adults; ages 13 years and younger must be accompanied by adult(s). **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- June 10** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Highlands Open Space**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger at Lewis Creek Visitor Center to explore the Lakemont Highlands Open Space trail system. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (680 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 12** **Garden Class: Fern ID**, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Presented by the Hardy Fern Foundation. Led by fern expert, Sue Olsen, this is a hands-on class to help students learn to identify fern genera. There will be ferns for everyone to handle and see what the differences are between genera. After the classroom section, Sue will walk everyone down to the BBG fern area so students can test their new knowledge. If you have a magnifier, please bring it. **Cost:** \$25. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** hff@rhodygarden.org
- June 12** **Garden Lecture: Birds in Our Midst – Creating Gardens Filled with Life**, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Backyard Wildlife Habitat Steward and Master Gardener, Julie O’Donald will give an overview of the elements that create beautiful gardens for birds and people. Julie will emphasize the best native plants for birds and design features that create habitat. Photos of birds with their food plants will show how to bring nature home to any size property. Julie’s personal certified wildlife habitat contains over 200 species of native plants, attracting birds, butterflies, pollinators and beneficial insects. This lecture is presented by the Washington Native Plant Society and is open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission; donations will be appreciated! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://www.wnps2.org/calendar/195>

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- June 15** **Alex Zerbe's Zaniac Comedy Show**, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
As part of SBCC's Indoor Play program, join Alex Zerbe: Professional Zaniac, for an awesome, free 45-minute show. With captivating amounts of energy, Alex moves like a rubber band from one end of the stage to the other. Beatboxing, juggling, dancing, signing, music and magic are just a few of the things that led Piers Morgan of *America's Got Talent* to call Alex "The total package." Enjoy free indoor play after the performance. **Ages:** 0 to 5 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- June 16** **A Day of Play with Dad**, 8:30 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Celebrate Father's Day by inviting Dad to a delicious pancake breakfast, then challenge him to fun family adventures. Ascend the climbing wall, enjoy a bit of exploration at the Bellevue Challenge Course, play disc golf, and finish the morning with an outdoor scavenger hunt through Eastgate Park. Moms and siblings are welcome too. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** \$8/person; free to ages 3 and younger. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1802744. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- June 16** **Garden Class: Food Fermentation**, 10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Tilth Alliance. Survey the spectrum of fermented foods including veggies, dairy, beverage and vinegars. You'll see, smell and taste some of these foods. In class, we'll make kimchi together that you can take home to watch ferment. **Cost:** \$35 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$45/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 16** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

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- June 16** **Family Discovery Series: Let's Have Some TREE Time**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that trees provide half of the earth's oxygen? Join a Park Ranger to get to the ROOT of tree facts. Enjoy an hour of games, activities and crafts, both indoors and out. Learn what you can do to return the favor. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 16** **Living with Wildlife: There's a Bear in the Yard!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Springtime in south Bellevue means roaming bears. Learn all about black bears in our area... including how to prevent conflicts in your neighborhood and what to do if you see one. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, kids but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 20** **Garden Class: Growing Fuchsias Successfully in the Northwest**,
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Tammy Brown. In the Pacific Northwest, fuchsia are both perennial and annual plants. They make great additions to mixed pots and baskets. Tammy Brown, from the Eastside Fuchsia Society, will discuss the range of fuchsia, as well as demonstrate the care of both hardy and non-hardy varieties. Participants will enjoy a short walk through the fuchsia display garden. **Cost:** \$10 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and Eastside Fuchsia Society members; \$15/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 22** **The Science Sunshine**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The heat of the summer is arriving, which brings many changes to our natural areas. But how does the sun work, and why is it warm in the summer? Learn about these and many more questions in our Summer Science class! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- June 23-24** **Bellevue Strawberry Festival**,
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Saturday), and 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Sunday)
Crossroads Community Park, International Area, 999 164th Avenue NE
Celebrate the region's agricultural heritage and its diverse cultural past, present and future at Eastside Heritage Center's annual Bellevue Strawberry Festival. Join us for a weekend of entertainment, family fun, strawberry shortcake, heritage exhibits and hands-on history experiences, food and vendor booths, and a classic auto show (Sunday only). **Ages:** All ages, family event. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for food and some activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center - <http://www.bellevuestrawberryfestival.org/Home.asp>

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June 29 **Nature Movie: “Caves,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This episode of *Planet Earth* explores “Planet Earth’s final frontier” – caves featuring the deepest cave with a depth of 1,300 feet. Its volume could contain the Empire State Building. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

June 30 **High-Flying Hawks,** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Hawks can be found in almost any type of environment. Learn about the different raptor species that call Lewis Creek Park home before we head out on a hike to look for them. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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JULY 2018

- July 1** **Mercer Slough Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 4** **Bellevue’s Family 4th of July**, 2 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Celebrate our nation's birthday with friends and neighbors in Bellevue Downtown Park at the Eastside's largest 4th of July event. Enjoy live music, children's activities, a variety of foods at the Food Court, the new Inspiration Playground, all leading up to the spectacular fireworks show. Synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra, fireworks will begin at 10:05 p.m. Bring a flashlight for safety. Free event parking is available at The Bellevue Collection after 6 p.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission! Costs vary for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-453-1223 or <https://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/family-4th>
- July 6** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Over and Under the Pond”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Have you ever wondered what is happening beneath the water’s glossy surface? To find out, we’ll read two books about the animals around a pond and about one special creature that spends part of its life under the pond before emerging. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- July 6** **Summer Science Series: Water You Know**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Park Ranger for this new summer pre-teen program to investigate the water 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. Please come prepared to spend two hours outside and hike on uneven terrain. Bring a day pack with a water bottle, sunscreen, hat and bug spray. **Ages:** Best for children ages 10-13 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 7** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 8** **Living with Wildlife: Backyard Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Washington is home to 15 species of bats! Every fall these bats find a place to hibernate, hopefully avoiding human structures in their search. Find out which species live in Bellevue and how to prevent your home from becoming a bat cave! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, kids but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 10** **Alt-Rock Retro Reboot Concert, presented by Rick Huddle** (Children's Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents entertainer Rick Huddle – storyteller, dancer and musician. Reboot your brain as you listen to parodies and stories based on alternative rock from the 70s, 80s and 90s. This is a great opportunity to introduce your little ones to bands like They Might Be Giants, REM, Blondie and The Clash! **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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

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- July 20** **A Midsummer Eve’s Hike**, 8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
You may have heard about diurnal and nocturnal animals, but when dusk takes over, crepuscular species rule the evening! Find out more about the crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Park Ranger on an evening hike through the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for youth and adult participants. **Info and to register:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- July 21** **Bobcats and Bunnies**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that Bellevue is home to bobcats and cougars? Come discover how our stealthy neighbors help keep the ecosystem balanced by playing a game of “bobcats and bunnies”! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 21** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- July 21** **Family Discovery Series: Butterflies, Bees and Birds, Oh My!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that hummingbirds flap their wings 80 times per second? And that butterflies and bees are perfect pollinators? Join a Park Ranger to discover more fun facts about some of nature’s greatest gifts, enjoy some crafts and explore the trail. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- July 22** **Wilderness Tea Party**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you'll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 4-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- July 24** **The Bing Bang Boom Show, presented by Duo Finelli, Luz Gaxiola and Molly Shannon** (Children's Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Robinswood Barn in Robinswood Park, 2432 148th Ave SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a fabulous performance by three great entertainers. When Molly and Luz join forces to put on a spectacular circus show with dance and music, there will be plenty of mishaps, but also a lot of fun! Discover how they find funny solutions to their problems through curiosity, playfulness and working together. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 24** **Downtown Movies in the Park: "The Lego Ninjago Movie"**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue's Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit's wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- July 27** **Nature Movie: "Shallow Seas,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This episode of *Planet Earth* is devoted to the shallow seas that fringe the world's continents. Although they constitute 8% of the oceans, they contain the most marine life. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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July 31

Downtown Movies in the Park: “Goodbye Christopher Robin”

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

Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street

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

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

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AUGUST 2018

- August 1** **Theatre on the Green: “The Day Zero Left Dodge,”** 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Enjoy the summer evening outdoors while being entertained by a live theatre experience presenting a unique mathematical Western musical for children. Children’s art and bubbles activity will be available from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Theatre presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. This classic theatre is presented by Last Leaf Productions. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 2** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Coco,”** 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue Parks & Community Services has partnered with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring you four Thursday night movies in Crossroads Park. Join your friends and family for a night of free admission, free pre-movie activities, and free popcorn. Family activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Movies begin at dusk (around 9 p.m.) and are shown under the stars on a huge, 40-foot inflatable screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Voices of the Wild”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Ride along with a kayaker as he discovers that every animal around him has its own story. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- August 3-19** **“The Jungle Book” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Play),**
August 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 at 7 p.m.; August 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Rudyard Kipling’s famous tale of Mowgli and his relationship with the animals who raise him from a small child. Set in India, this is a great show for all families. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- August 4** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
Distance: Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 5** **Mercer Slough Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- August 5** **Forest Fire Tag**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to learn about forest fires this month. We'll play some fun games to explore the science behind wildland fires, how trees protect themselves from fire, and even how some forests need fire to keep the ecosystem healthy. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for kids ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 7** **The Battle of the Bands, presented by The Brian Waite Band** (Children's Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents the energized Brian Waite Band. Visit the "musical land of Rockmania" and sing, dance and laugh as you journey to this magical and musical place! The natives of Fastopolis, Beatborough and Lowburg like to argue but quickly learn that working together and playing in harmony makes for a better and happier country. **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- August 7** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Paddington 2”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause.
Ages: All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 8** **Theatre on the Green: “The Emperor and the Nightingale,”**
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Enjoy this live children’s musical theatre experience while you relax outdoors with your family. Children’s art and bubbles activity will be available from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Theatre presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. This classic theatre is presented by Last Leaf Productions. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 9** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Wonder,”** 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue Parks & Community Services has partnered with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring you four Thursday night movies in Crossroads Park. Join your friends and family for a night of free admission, free pre-movie activities, and free popcorn. Family activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Movies begin at dusk (around 9 p.m.) and are shown under the stars on a huge, 40-foot inflatable screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 11** **Wilderness Tea Party, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you’ll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don’t mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 4-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- August 12** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds alongside a creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (2 miles with 700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 14** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Greatest Showman”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 15** **Theatre on the Green: “Twelfth Night,”** 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Enjoy this live Shakespeare comedy while you relax outdoors with your family. Children’s art and bubbles activity will be available from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Theatre presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. This classic theatre is presented by Last Leaf Productions. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be accepted by Last Leaf Productions. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 16** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Cars 3,”** 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue Parks & Community Services has partnered with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring you four Thursday night movies in Crossroads Park. Join your friends and family for a night of free admission, free pre-movie activities, and free popcorn. Family activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Movies begin at dusk (around 9 p.m.) and are shown under the stars on a huge, 40-foot inflatable screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Movie is rated G. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park/>

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- August 17 Aloha Picnic and Dance**, 5 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This event is facilitated for individuals living with intellectual disabilities. Highland presents warm breezes and tropical beach wishes at this annual summer picnic and aloha dance. Celebrate your summer with friends, as there will be grass skirts a-plenty, on this warm summer evening. The picnic starts at 5 p.m., with the dance to follow at 7 p.m. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Contact Mary Boyle at Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- August 18 Fuchsia Show and Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
See fuchsia blossoms of all shapes and colors, and purchase hardy fuchsias for your home garden. This event is hosted by the Eastside Fuchsia Society. Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission and parking; costs vary for plants. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**
<http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/societies.htm>
- August 18 Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- August 18 Family Discovery Series: Dragonflies – Ferocious Sky Hunters**,
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Dragonflies are beautiful and intriguing to watch, but did you know they are also ferocious predators? They can judge the speed and trajectory of their prey with such precision that they adjust their flight accordingly and ambush unsuspecting insects in mid-air. Join a Park Ranger for a fun-filled hour to learn more about these aerial hunters. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free!
Pre-registration: Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- August 18** **Forest Fire Tag**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to learn about forest fires this month. We'll play some fun games to explore the science behind wildland fires, how trees protect themselves from fire, and even how some forests need fire to keep the ecosystem healthy. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for kids ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 21** **Downtown Movies in the Park: "Ferdinand"**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
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- August 23** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: "Beauty and the Beast,"** 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue Parks & Community Services has partnered with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring you four Thursday night movies in Crossroads Park. Join your friends and family for a night of free admission, free pre-movie activities, and free popcorn. Family activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Movies begin at dusk (around 9 p.m.) and are shown under the stars on a huge, 40-foot inflatable screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 24** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come test your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We'll learn all about our Northwestern bat species before taking a dusk hike to watch for bats as they leave their roosting sites to forage for insects! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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Events List

(This list is a guide. Details may change.)

- August 25 Forest Fire Tag, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to learn about forest fires this month. We'll play some fun games to explore the science behind wildland fires, how trees protect themselves from fire, and even how some forests need fire to keep the ecosystem healthy. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for kids ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 25-26 Garden Event: Arts in the Garden, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Enjoy this opportunity to see art in a natural setting, meet the artists, and get inspired to bring art into your own home and garden. Discover about 40 artists and a wide variety of sculpture and garden art available for purchase among the flowerbeds and woodlands of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Purchase art for your home and garden, while enjoying music, food and libations. **Cost:** Free admission and parking; prices vary for artwork for sale. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.artsinthegardenbellevue.org/>
- August 28 Downtown Movies in the Park: "Ghostbusters"**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
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- August 31 Nature Movie: "Ocean Deep," 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This final installment of *Planet Earth* concentrates on the least-explored area of the planet – the deep ocean. The last sequence depicts the largest animal on Earth, the blue whale. At one time 300,000 blue whales once roamed the world's oceans. Now fewer than 3% remain. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.