

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

October 9, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110th Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA



AGENDA

Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

Boardmembers: <i>Debra Kumar, Chair</i> <i>Heather Trescases, Vice-Chair</i> <i>Paul Clark</i> <i>Dave Hamilton</i> <i>Stuart Heath</i> <i>Eric Synn</i> <i>Pamela Unger</i> City Council Liaison: <i>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</i> Staff Contacts: <i>Camron Parker</i> <i>425-452-2032</i> <i>Nancy Harvey</i> <i>425-452-4162</i>	Tuesday October 9, 2018 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bellevue City Hall Conference Room 1E-113 450 110th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004																																	
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**CITY OF BELLEVUE
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Friday
August 31, 2018
2:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Bellevue, Washington

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

BOARDMEMBER ABSENT: Boardmember Synn

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Glenn Kost, Camron Parker

MINUTES TAKER: Nancy Harvey

1. PARK AND PROPERTY TOUR

The Board met at Bellevue City Hall and visited these parks:

- Meydenbauer Bay Park (under construction)
- Surrey Downs Park (under construction)

No official Board action was taken.

2. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 5 p.m.

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

Tuesday
September 11, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Kumar, Vice-Chair Trescases, Boardmembers Clark, Hamilton, Heath¹, Synn², Unger

PARKS STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Brittingham, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Shelley McVein, Camron Parker, Deborah Munkberg (Community Development Department)

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Pappalardo

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Trescases and second by Boardmember Synn to approve the July 10, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

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

None.

¹ Arrived at 6:05 p.m.

² Departed at 7:59 p.m.

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

Chair Kumar welcomed newest Boardmember, Pamela Unger.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Foran called attention to information included in the Board Packet regarding a recent proposal from the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue to develop, in partnership with the City, an indoor youth sports program facility at Wilburton Hill Park, similar to the Hidden Valley Park partnership developed several years ago.

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Vice-Chair Trescases received feedback from a citizen who is disappointed in Bellevue's wayfinding signs and suggested that they be linked to an online map.

Boardmember Synn visited several parks throughout Bellevue during the summer months and was impressed with how well the parks were utilized.

Boardmember Hamilton enjoyed the Parks Board tour of Meydenbauer Bay Park and Surrey Downs Park.

Boardmember Clark also enjoyed the Parks Board tour of Meydenbauer Bay Park and Surrey Downs Park. In addition, he enjoyed spending time at Lewis Creek Park and Downtown Park during the summer months.

Boardmember Unger visited many parks throughout the summer months, including: Downtown Park, Hidden Valley Park, Killarney Glen Park, and Wilburton Hill Park. She also enjoyed the Parks Board tour of Meydenbauer Bay Park and Surrey Downs Park, and attended the recent Grand Connection meeting.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

Chair Kumar attended the Grand Connection meeting. She also is looking forward to the NE Corner project at Downtown Park.

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

No reports.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Neighborhood Area Planning Program**

Ms. Munkberg explained that the Neighborhood Area Planning Program is a seven-year program to update neighborhood planning efforts. She noted that the Neighborhood Area Planning Program kicked off in August and has three pillars:

- Based on Comprehensive Plan
- Strategic, action-focused
- Ground-up community process

Ms. Munkberg discussed the relationship between the Neighborhood Area Planning Program and the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan includes the Neighborhood Area Planning Program and the Land Use Regulations. She added that within the Comprehensive Plan there is a neighborhood element that identifies the 16 neighborhoods throughout Bellevue. The overall goal is to determine how to help neighborhoods adapt to change, while preserving what is valued.

Ms. Munkberg explained that the neighborhood plans will be strategic and future focused. More specifically, the plan will include:

- Community profile
- Opportunities map
- Relationship to Comprehensive Plan
- Vision and strategies

Ms. Munkberg explained that the neighborhood plans will be completed in about a year. She reviewed the work program for the neighborhood plans and noted that they depend on a collaborative relationship between the city and residents. The first two neighborhood area plans to be updated are Northeast Bellevue and Northwest Bellevue.

Boardmember Unger inquired if there is a budget associated with the neighborhood plans. Ms. Munkberg discussed the process for getting neighborhood plan projects funded.

Boardmembers asked how they can be involved in the neighborhood planning efforts. Ms. Munkberg suggested that Boardmembers share in the outreach efforts and also act as sounding boards for community members.

Vice-Chair Trescases called attention to a letter included in the Board Desk Packet from Vernon Schrag regarding “Keep Ashwood Park Green.” Ms. Munkberg clarified that Ashwood Park is in the Downtown planning area and not part of the initial focus.

Boardmember Heath inquired if outreach efforts will be used to inform residents if their particular neighborhood falls short of national standards for how close they should live to a park. He suggested that this information be utilized to advocate for levies, etc. As neighborhoods are discussed, Boardmember Heath suggested that the Parks Board provide comments and make recommendations as necessary.

B. Aquatics Center Study

Mr. Foran recalled that the City conducted an Aquatic Center Feasibility Study in 2009 to assist the Council in determining whether it supports an aquatic facility. The study explored a range of options and operating models. He also described the renewed community interest in aquatics facilities, partnerships, and regional solutions. The 2009 Aquatic Center Feasibility Study explored the different types of facilities that could meet the demand, conducted a preliminary site analysis, completed a market analysis, conducted public outreach, and explored a range of financing options. The study was presented to the Council in 2009, and the Council expressed interest in Option D, a regional aquatic center, and directed staff to work with adjacent cities, school districts, and other potential partners. The effort was temporarily put aside, in part due to the recession.

Mr. Foran further added that the City of Kirkland placed a community and aquatic center proposal on the ballot in 2015, which the voters did not approve. The City of Redmond initiated public outreach in 2016 to study a range of facilities for community centers and aquatic centers. In 2017, the King County Parks Department convened a process to reexamine the viability of a regional approach for an Eastside facility. King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci secured approximately \$2 million to work toward a regional solution, and that process is ongoing. Mr. Foran noted direction from the City Council in May 2017 to continue to pursue local partnerships and opportunities.

Mr. Foran described the popularity of swimming and aquatic activities in Bellevue and on the Eastside. He reported that approximately 4,200 families are members of private outdoor pools in Bellevue, and 3,600 swimmers participate in more than 26 Eastside swim clubs. Mr. Foran said there are a number of private neighborhood pools and membership facilities in Bellevue. However, the Bellevue School District does not have water sports facilities. He noted that Kirkland and Redmond are served by older pools as well. Regional aquatic facilities that have been developed since 2011 include: 1) Snohomish Aquatic Center, 2) Lynnwood Recreation Center and Pool, 3) Sammamish Community and Aquatic Center, and 4) Rainier Beach Community Center and Pool. Those facilities serve a wide range of ages and types of activities.

Mr. Foran discussed a conceptual layout previously discussed with the Council that includes a leisure and recreation pool, competition pool, instruction and fitness pool, and a wellness/fitness/rehabilitation pool. He described how a movable bulkhead feature allows the facility to modify the configuration as needed.

Mr. Foran described the current King County regional process involving Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond to explore the range of funding and governing options (e.g., voted levies, voted/Councilmanic bonds, grants, private funding, and partnerships) and the potential for multiple facilities. There has been some discussion about developing a Metropolitan Parks District in which voters in each city would be asked to approve a taxing district. Mr. Foran said the Cities and King County executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which outlines the tasks to finish this work. In general, the work merges the independent efforts of the parties into a collaborative facility and program plan with recommendations for specific facility types

and sites, funding and governance. Mr. Foran clarified that exploring a regional approach through the MOU is not the only alternative. All alternatives to meet the aquatic needs for Bellevue and the region are being explored.

The sites previously reviewed in the City's feasibility study were Hidden Valley, Airfield Park, Marymoor Park, Bellevue Utility Site at Marymoor, SE Eastgate Way, Highland Park, Bellevue College and the Bel-Red corridor. Mr. Foran said an aquatic facility could be coordinated with the Grand Connection project, which would provide a tourism and family activity center. He said the Bellevue School District submitted a letter to the City indicating an interest in providing financial support to develop a facility that would accommodate the District's competitive swim programs. Bellevue College revised its campus master plan since 2009, and one component of their plan is a community partnership of some kind.

Mr. Foran discussed the following next steps:

- Finalize the scale and scope of the program elements and prepare a schematic drawing and architectural rendering.
- Update the estimated capital costs by program element.
- Update the estimated operating cost performance by program element.
- Conduct a site feasibility analysis for several sites (including Marymoor and Bellevue College).
- Propose a financing and operational plan that could include public/private/nonprofit partnerships.
- Prepare communication tools and conduct a public outreach process to include public meetings and presentations.

Vice-Chair Trescases requested that synchronized swimmers be considered when evaluating aquatic options. She clarified that there are specific depth requirements for synchronized swimming.

Mr. Foran explained that Council approved up to \$250,000 to develop more precise information to determine whether to proceed with an aquatic center. In addition, 10 firms submitted proposals in response to the City's RFQ. Four finalists have been selected for further evaluation. Mr. Foran noted that regional work is ongoing, as well as continued discussions with the Bellevue School District and Bellevue College. Strategies are also being developed to identify additional partners and sponsors.

There was a general discussion about aquatic revenue streams and whether or not most aquatic centers are able to cover their operating costs. Mr. Foran noted that the goal of the aquatic center is to operate at little or no deficit.

Boardmember Synn called attention to the Pacific Northwest's climate and the benefits of having an indoor aquatic center, particularly during the winter months.

Boardmembers discussed the various locations being considered for an aquatic center. Mr. Foran also noted that the advocacy group SPLASH Forward is assisting with helping the process.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Boardmember Unger requested an update be provided about Ashwood Park at a future Board meeting. Mr. Foran discussed the previous presentations that have been made to Boardmembers about Ashwood Park and suggested a written update might be more appropriate than a formal presentation, since there are no new updates. Boardmembers favored this option.

Boardmember Heath requested an update on Bellevue's efforts to address homelessness and how homelessness is impacting Bellevue parks.

Mr. Parker reported that the Pacific Science Center will provide a brief presentation at the next Board meeting to mark their 25 year anniversary at Mercer Slough. He also noted that King County will be conducting an open house for the Eastside Rail Corridor on the same night as the next Board meeting.

Staff is working on scheduling a joint meeting with the Arts Commission.

Boardmember Heath would like the Parks Board included in any neighborhood outreach sessions regarding the Neighborhood Area Planning Program.

Boardmember Clark noted that the Grand Connection has a high focus on young children and professionals but not on young teens (i.e., middle/high school aged). He requested that this age group be kept in mind during the planning efforts. Other Boardmembers agreed with this recommendation. Boardmember Hamilton added the Crossroads Community Center is a great facility for youth and could provide insight for the Grand Connection framework.

Motion by Boardmember Heath and second by Vice-Chair Trescases to extend the meeting until 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Memo and attachments from Patrick Foran re Wilburton Hill Park proposal from Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue
- C. Email re Bannerwood Park from Bellevue Chamber of Commerce
- D. Email re Bellevue Aquatic Center swim lessons from Wei Lu
- E. List of upcoming Parks special events

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

Susan Pappalardo, SPLASH Forward

On behalf of SPLASH Forward, Ms. Pappalardo expressed her support of an aquatic center for all ages and abilities. She added that SPLASH Forward is an advocacy group that is trying to provide value within their knowledge base, as well as an understanding of the depth of programming. This includes funding, community connections, aquatic and design consultants, etc.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Clark and second by Boardmember Unger to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).



MEMORANDUM

Date: September 28, 2018

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Dustin Van Nieulande, Park Ranger/Environmental Program Coordinator at MSEEC
Siri Nelson, Pacific Science Center Program Manager at MSEEC

Subject: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center programming update
(Informational – no Board action requested)

On Tuesday, October 9, 2017 at the Parks & Community Services Board meeting, we will present an update about the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center (MSEEC). This presentation will update the board on the ongoing programming and facility use at MSEEC, the status of the Joint Use Agreement, fundraising efforts by the Pacific Science Center (PSC), and the 25th anniversary of programming at the site.

MSEEC was originally developed in 1993 in a partnership agreement between the City and the Pacific Science Center. 2018 marks the 25th anniversary of that partnership. The purpose of the MSEEC was to synergistically utilize the resources of each organization to deliver environmental education programs to help build community support and increase citizen appreciation and understanding of freshwater wetland ecosystems. Originally only PSC delivered programs out of the Sullivan House. In 2008, the site expanded to its current campus, utilizing 8 separate buildings and a connected trail system in Mercer Slough Nature Park to deliver environmental programming. 2018 also marks the 10th year of the Joint Use Agreement at the site and is the half-way mark for that 20-year agreement. Current, ongoing programming includes family and adult ranger programs, school field studies, an internship program for high-school students, an on-site preschool, and day camps during summer and school breaks. In addition to regular programming, the Community Room is available for rent through the Parks Scheduling Office, and is utilized by COB staff for meetings, and by public for private events including trainings, parties, weddings, business meetings, and religious gatherings. With all the ongoing events, MSEEC stays busy year-round.

In addition to our program update, we'd also like to share some photos of new exhibits that went into the Visitor's Center, and an idea to utilize an area designated for a classroom building to instead be used to build an outdoor classroom, to be used jointly by PSC and COB for programming, as well as a place for public use during non-programming hours.

We look forward to the opportunity to share this information with you.

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: October 2, 2018

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Patrick Foran, Director

RE: Partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue (BGCB)

DIRECTION REQUESTED: No specific direction is being requested at this time. Tonight's agenda item initiates a formal review of the BGCB proposal which is intended to culminate in a Park Board recommendation to the City Council. The recommendation will address the questions of whether the City should continue to explore a potential partnership with the BGCB to construct and operate a fieldhouse, and if so, under what circumstances.

This memo includes basic background information relevant to the work necessary to thoroughly evaluate the proposal.

THE PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue (BGCB) have proposed entering into a partnership with the City that would allow them to fund design, construction, maintenance and operation of an athletic fieldhouse on City property similar to our gymnasium partnership at Hidden Valley Park. Community use of the facility would be a collaboration between the BGCB and the City with each party providing programs unique to their respective program goals.

FACILITY SIZE AND PURPOSE

The fieldhouse would be designed to accommodate a broad spectrum of field sports traditionally held outdoors, but would extend practice, training and playing opportunities to year-round for activities such as lacrosse, soccer, cricket, field hockey, baseball, softball and parkour. An indoor facility would have the flexibility to accommodate both traditional field sports and non-traditional recreational programming and could provide a wide range of culturally relevant recreational opportunities such as cricket training to better serve the City's changing demographics.

Year-round opportunities for sports increases the capacity to serve more youth and teens in programs that provide physical activity, which is critical to both healthy lifestyle and academic success, as well as overall community health and wellness. Though designed mainly for youth and teens, all ages could be accommodated, and many uses and amenities are being explored.

The facility is proposed to be approximately 30-40,000 square feet in size. No design has taken place, so even a preliminary layout plan has not been developed. However, for general size comparison, South Bellevue Community Center is about 34,000 sf, the Hidden Valley Gym is 23,000 sf, Robinswood Tennis Center is 30,000 sf and most City community centers are about 20,000sf.

BACKGROUND

Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue

The BGCB is a non-profit organization that operates recreational programs and activities throughout Bellevue. The City and BGCB have worked together in support of children and families for many years. The BGCB's main facilities include the main "Clubhouse" in downtown Bellevue, the Lake Hills teen center (former Library) and the Hidden Valley Gymnasium. They also operate after school and summer programs in elementary schools, operate satellite club locations in several public housing sites and conduct programs at the City-owned South Bellevue and Crossroads Community Centers and operate the Lake Hills "Tech Center." BGCB provides significant youth program subsidies and scholarships annually.

Funding

The BGCB has proposed that they will fund the design, construction, maintenance and operation of the fieldhouse. BGCB believes that their capacity to raise the funds is limited to the cost of the facility, thus acquiring land is not feasible if the project is to move forward. If BGCB is unable to raise the funds privately, the project will not proceed.

LEGAL/REGULATORY ISSUES

1. **Restrictions on the use of property.** Site analysis will include review of any property restrictions in the Deed. Funding mechanisms to acquire and development a site will also be reviewed for any potential restrictions.
2. **Authority to enter into this Partnership.** The Revised Code of Washington (RCW) provides the authority for a city to lease "all or any part of a multi-purpose community facility" to any municipality, government agency, private corporation, or individual. The terms and conditions of any agreement are at the discretion of the City Council. RCW further authorizes cities to lease land to agencies or private parties and then "lease back" or contract for space to conduct recreational programs.
3. **Gift of Public Funds to Private Entities.** State law prohibits gifting of public funds to private entities "except for the necessary support of the poor and infirm." Thus, the City cannot simply provide property to the BGCB without consideration received by the public. The form and amount of consideration is at the discretion of the City Council, though compensation must comply with the legal requirements established by state law. If this concept moves forward, the City would need to appraise the property needed for the fieldhouse, including required setbacks and the use of parking, to use as a benchmark for discussion. The value of the public benefits must equal or exceed the appraised value.
4. **Land Use Regulations.** All site evaluation will include review of the City's Land Use Code.

PLANNING AND POLICY GUIDANCE

Several relevant planning goals and policies can help guide the discussion.

1. The **Parks & Open Space System Plan** provides that multi-use community recreation centers be equitably distributed throughout the city. This facility could provide a component of

community/public recreation that doesn't currently exist. The Plan also advocates the use of partnerships to efficiently satisfy the needs of the community, suggesting the establishment or expansion of partnerships with the School District and other service providers to supplement programs and facilities provided in City-owned facilities. And finally, the Plan advocates tracking community preference to provide a wide range of alternative sport and recreation programs and facilities to meet diverse and changing needs of the community.

2. The **Comprehensive Plan** provides relevant policy guidance regarding the delivery of community recreational services, as follows:
 - Equitably distribute a variety of parks, community centers and other indoor and outdoor recreation facilities throughout the city.
 - Develop partnerships with other public agencies and the private sector to provide parks, open space, and cultural and recreation facilities in the city.
 - Encourage privately funded recreational and cultural facilities throughout the city, especially in major employment centers.
 - Encourage the development of facilities for special purpose recreation.
 - Provide a variety of services and programs accessible to all throughout the city with special emphasis on serving those with limited opportunities, including low-income households, youth, individuals with disabilities and older adults.
 - Develop partnerships with not-for-profit organizations in planning, developing, and utilizing facilities.
 - Collaborate with school districts and private and non-profit providers to deliver a coordinated array of recreation, athletic instruction, arts, gathering spaces, and community services.
 - Promote partnerships with public and private service providers to meet the cultural, recreational, and social needs of the community.

COMPARATIVE AGREEMENTS

Several existing agreements provide similarities to the current proposal, though the most similar is our 2013 Hidden Valley Agreement with the BGCB (Item #4 below):

1. **Ground Lease Agreements with Kinderling Center and Youth Eastside Services (1983, 1985).** Under the terms of two 50-year, \$1/year ground leases, YES and the Kinderling Center leased specific building areas and constructed facilities in Crossroads Park to provide ongoing social services. Both agreements include provisions for shared parking within the park. Both agencies met the Constitutional definition of supporting the poor and infirm. Both agencies fully funded the cost of their facility, and ownership of the buildings reverts to the City upon expiration of the ground leases.
2. **Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) with the BGCB at the South Bellevue Community Center (2003).** Under the terms of the 30-year JOA, BGCB contributed \$1.5 million towards construction of the \$12 million South Bellevue Community Center. The City owns and maintains the facility. BGCB is the primary provider of programs and services for youth and

teens, while the City primarily provides pre-school, adult, and senior programs as well as specialized recreation, fitness and wellness classes and special activities in accordance with schedules developed jointly by the parties.

3. **Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Use Agreement (JUA) with Pacific Science Center at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center (2004).** The City and PSC jointly obtained funding to construct MSEEC facilities through public and private sources. The City funded approximately \$5.5 million of the \$12 million project cost. Under the terms of the 20-year JUA, the City owns and manages all land and buildings. PSC has exclusive use of two buildings to conduct environmental education programs that complement City programs.
4. **Ground Lease, Joint Development and Joint Operating Agreement with the BGCB at Hidden Valley Park for the construction and use of a gymnasium (2013).** The BGCB identified the need for additional gymnasium facilities and worked with the City to identify an appropriate location. The City provided a 50-year lease that allowed the BGCB to construct and operate a gymnasium in Hidden Valley Park. Cost of the gym was approximately \$6.5 million, and ownership reverts to the City upon expiration of the lease. In return, the BGCB split the cost to complete park improvements (\$5 million total cost, \$2.5 million BGCB share) and provides the City a minimum of 70-hours/week to utilize the gymnasium for community recreational programs at no cost.
5. **Agreement with Seattle University regarding the use and improvements to Bannerwood Park (2014).** In return for Seattle University funding the installation of artificial turf on the infield of the Bannerwood Park baseball field, the City provides guaranteed use of the field for games and practices for their baseball team during times that do not conflict with the community use of the field.
6. **Agreement with the BGCB for the City's priority use of space in the BGCB Downtown Clubhouse (2015).** The City provided \$1.5 million to the BGCB toward construction of their new approximate \$9 million Clubhouse facility in downtown Bellevue. In return, the City receives a minimum of 100 hours/week of priority use in the facility to run community recreational programs for 40-years.
7. **Eastside Heritage Center.** Eastside Heritage Center provides in-kind services, payment of utilities, and routine maintenance to the City in exchange for use of City-owned McDowell House and Winters House (when it re-opens). The Center provides historic and heritage programming within the community and at Winters House. They coordinate and provide volunteers to enhance events such as Arbor Day/Earth Day, Natural Resources Week, Magic Season and others. EHC staff also consult with Parks staff on historical research and content for park interpretive signage and displays.

SITE REVIEW

The BGCB's target service area for the fieldhouse is east Bellevue, though broadly defined as east of I-405 and north of I-90. Locating a facility of this size, given its parking requirements and the City's well-developed park system, is extremely challenging. Because of the estimated size of the facility,

we initially focused on our inventory of community parks, as they are generally larger and contain more generous residential buffers. To reduce the impacts/footprint of the facility, we then looked at community parks with the potential for shared parking. The following locations emerged: Robinswood, Airfield, Marymoor, Wilburton Hill, North Bellevue Community Center and Bannerwood.

Several factors should be considered when identifying a possible final fieldhouse location:

- The original Master Plan
- Compatibility with existing park amenities including impacts to the parks natural features.
- Proximity to the parking lot and the possibility for shared parking.
- The presence of adequate residential buffers is always a consideration in locating park facilities, but especially important when locating large buildings.
- Constructability. Can the facility be built without excessive costs to accommodate unusual building conditions or required mitigation of impacts?
- Timing. Can the facility be constructed in a reasonable time frame?

COUNCIL DIRECTION

The City Council was briefed at their October 1st Council meeting regarding the Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue's (BGCB) proposal to develop a fieldhouse in the City of Bellevue. They have directed the Parks & Community Services Board to establish a process to review the proposal including site analysis, and staff is to prepare a management brief outlining this process for Council. The board has been directed to engage the public, provide opportunities for feedback, and deliver a recommendation to the Council regarding this proposal.

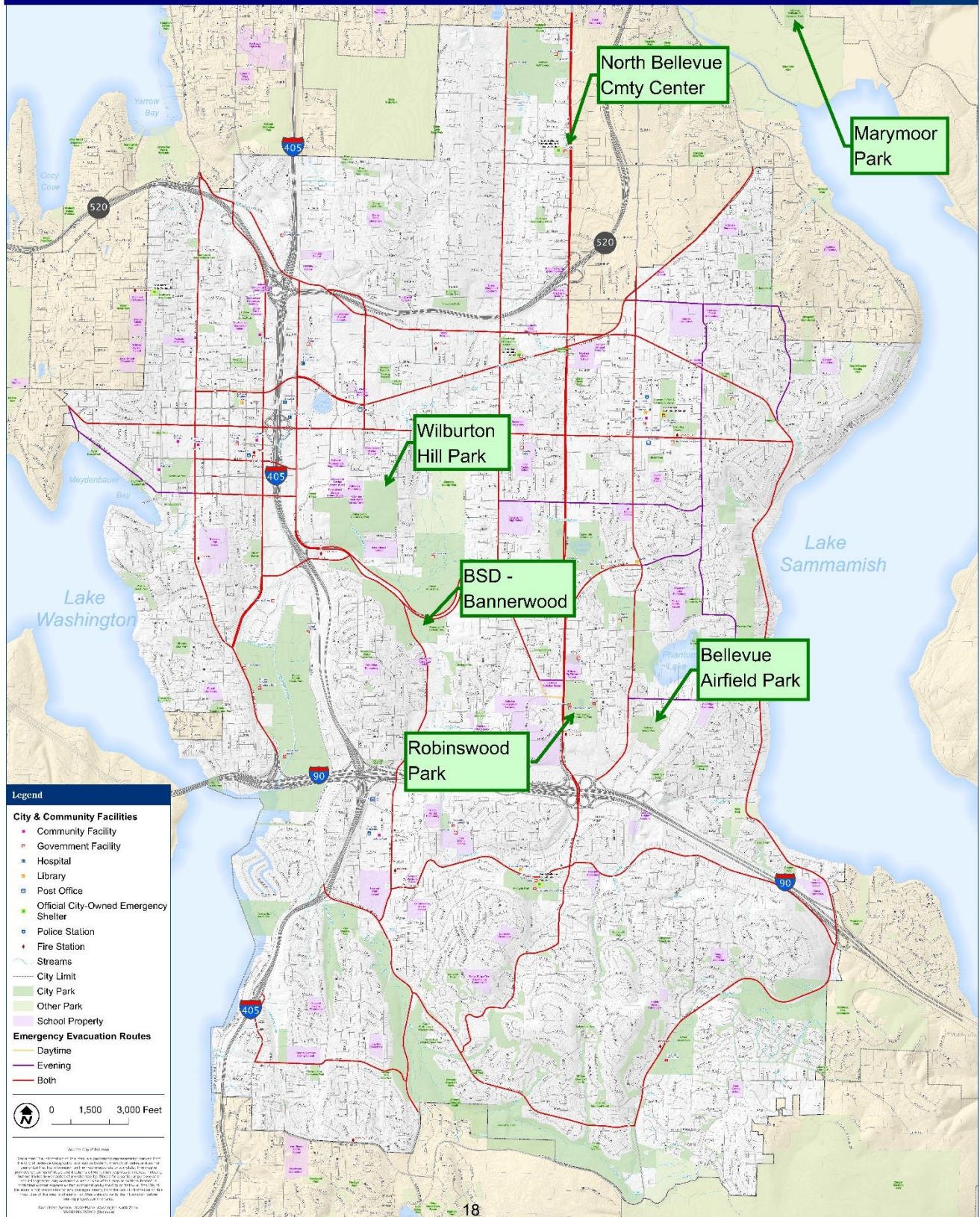
NEXT STEPS

The staff is providing basic background information relevant to the work necessary to thoroughly evaluate the proposal this evening. We plan to return to the Board in November to work with the Board in establishing the process for engaging the public and opportunities for community feedback, analyzing site locations, and preparing recommendations for Council.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Site Review Location Map

Fieldhouse Candidate Sites



MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

Date: October 9, 2018

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Curt Warber, Special Projects Manager
King County Parks and Recreation Division
Betsy Anderson, Senior Planner
Parks & Community Services Department

Subject: Eastside Rail Corridor, Wilburton Segment
Board feedback requested

FEEDBACK REQUESTED

The Parks & Community Services Board will be provided an update on the Wilburton Segment of the Eastside Rail Corridor, which runs from I-90 north through Bellevue to 108th Avenue NE. The Board will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the trail design concepts presented during the meeting and at a public open house, scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 on October 9 at City Hall.

BACKGROUND

King County is leading the planning and development of a multiuse pedestrian and bicycle trail along the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC). The ERC is a 42-mile rail line that was operated by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company until 2008. The line extends from Renton north into Snohomish County, passing through Bellevue, Kirkland, and Woodinville, and extending via a parallel spur to Redmond.

The first two segments of trail in Bellevue opened for use in early 2018: trail segments now extend north from the Spring District to Kirkland and south from Newcastle Beach Park to Renton. In addition, King County is working closely with WSDOT, who will construct a trail bridge over I-405 near Mercer Slough as part of its upcoming Renton to Bellevue Express Toll Lanes Project. WSDOT will provide connectivity for bicycles and pedestrians by constructing the bridge at the location of the former Wilburton train tunnel and will additionally construct 2.5 miles of paved trail in the ERC between Coal Creek Parkway and Ripley Lane. Design and development for the remaining stretch of trail through Bellevue is currently underway. King County is hosting an open house at Bellevue City Hall on October 9 to gather public feedback on concepts for the remaining sections, known as the Wilburton Segment.

King County owns most of the corridor through Bellevue and holds a continuous trail easement along segments that are owned by others. Sound Transit owns a 1.1-mile segment of the corridor in Bellevue and holds an easement for transit along other segments; and Puget Sound Energy also holds an easement for utility use along the corridor. The corridor is "rail-banked," which means that it must be preserved as a continuous route and there is the potential for reactivation of the corridor for freight rail under certain circumstances. Since 2013, the ERC owners have worked together through the Eastside

Rail Corridor Regional Advisory Council (RAC) to maintain a collaborative, regional planning process for the ERC. In 2017, the RAC structure was revised to include adjacent non-owner jurisdictions (Bellevue and Renton) and the Eastside Greenway Alliance (a coalition of seven community non-profit organizations). Although Bellevue is not an ERC owner, it is the permitting authority for the segment passing through the city's limits. The city is also working to advance the ERC trail by supporting design and development of key trail crossings and connecting links into the corridor.

WILBURTON PLANNING SEGMENT





PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT

September 2018

Aquatic Center Study

No Change. Staff has reviewed ten proposals and have developed a short list of four teams to interview in order to select a consulting team to explore the potential scale and scope of an aquatic facility, estimated capital and operating costs, site feasibility, and potential partnerships. The initial feasibility study done in 2009 will be updated to serve as a foundation for this new work. We anticipate the feasibility work to begin this fall.

Bannerwood Park

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

The Park Board approved a letter to the City Council endorsing the 2019-25 CIP budget projects. The Leadership Team delivered a recommendation to the City Manager in August. The 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 and construction of future phases of Meydenbauer Bay; supplemental funding for Downtown Park's NE Gateway; and initial funding for Bel-Red parks and streams.

Downtown Park – NE Gateway

No Change. The Park Board was briefed July 10th on the site conditions, strategies, and challenges facing the Gateway project. The four options presented included strategies for the placement of the Union High Arch, interaction with the adjacent commercial properties, integration of public art, water feature options, gateway plaza, and connections to the DTP. We are now developing a preferred plan based on the comments received and hope to present a preferred site plan to the Board at a joint Park Board/Arts Commission meeting this fall. We met with the artist in August and will be refining the initial concepts for review by the Arts Commission.

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

Construction is now 80% complete, with expected completion at the end of 2018. The beach house exterior and interior work is near completion, final finishes are underway. The swimming platform and the floating pier sections are now installed. Final beach construction and shoreline restoration is underway. Concrete retaining walls are now complete, and the rock retaining wall and terrace work is also nearing completing. Pedestrian pathways will be paved in the next several weeks. Right-of-way work along 99th Ave. and Lake Washington Blvd (LWB) is complete except for driveway and parking lot approaches, which will be complete in September. A pedestrian crossing at LWB and 99th St. is being installed. Irrigation and landscape improvements will continue through November. The Whaling Building renovation is underway. We are developing a parking plan to address the busy summer season, as we expect that parking will be challenging during hot summer days.

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 about 85% complete and on track for completion by year’s end. We continue to coordinate park work, construction access and utility infrastructure with Sound Transit. Concrete work is being finished up, topsoil spread, and landscape planting including lawn seeding has begun. Play equipment and picnic shelter installation work continue. Water and sewer to the park has been completed and final electrical work is in-process. 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 the new boundary fence. The last (3rd) letter prior to fence installation work has been sent to neighbors notifying them that fence removal and replacement will occur this fall.

Renovation Program

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

The following 2017 projects were deferred into 2018:

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

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

Programmatic	• Park furnishings (U) • Robinswood House ADA (D) • Multi-site asphalt repairs (U) • Energy Conservation (U) • Outdoor Skate Park Refurb. (C)	• NPDES requirements (U) • Natural Area Restoration (U) • Urban Forestry Park Sites (U) • Streetscapes (U) • Greenways & Trails (U)
Bannerwood Ballfield Park	• Parking Lot Improvements (U) • Concession Stand Improvements (C)	
Chism Beach Park	• Parking Lot Sealcoat & Curb (C)	• Burrows Cabin Insurance (DB)
Coal Creek NP	• Lower Bridge Replacement (U)	
Crossroads Park	• Spray Park A&E (DB) • Air Handler Replacement (DB)	• Comm. Center Carpet & Paint (C)
Downtown Park	• Dumpster, Fence & Gator Storg (U) • Irrigation Improvements (C) • Canal pump replacement (DB)	• Playground Restroom Floor (C)
Eastgate Park	• Little League Field Irrigation Replacement (U)	• Challenge Course Improvements (DB)
Forest Glen Park	• Playground Equipment Repl. (U)	
Goldsmith Park	• Sport Court Repair & Fence Replacement (C)	
Highland Community Center	• Irrigation Replacement (U) • Exterior Painting (U)	• A&E for 2019 Boiler Repl & AC at Gym (P)
Kelsey Creek Farm Park	• Parking Lot Lighting Repl (U) • Boardwalk Foot Bridge Replacement Phase 1 (U)	• Chicken Coop Roof Repl & Rabbit Hutch Improvements (U)
Lake Hills Nursery	• Exterior Painting (C)	
Lakemont Park	• Replace Sewer Pumps (C)	
Lattawood Park	• Replace Play Equipment (U)	
Lewis Creek	• Visitor Center Exterior Coatings (C)	
Mercer Slough	• Siding, Decking & LED Imp. (U)	• Flooring Replacement at Classrooms, Labs (Def)
Environmental Education Center & Nature Park	• Visitor Center A/C (DB)	• A&E for Overlake Blueberry Drainage (C)
Meydenbauer Whaling Building	• Interpretive Signage (DB)	
Newcastle Beach Park	• Picnic Shelter, Caretaker House Painting (U)	
Northwest Arts Center	• Boiler Replacement (DB)	
Odle Trail	• Paving (C)	
Robinswood Park	• Tennis Center Fire System (DB)	
Robinswood Park North	• Cricket Pitch Replacement & Practice Pitch Install (U)	
Sunset Park	• Pickleball Court Conversion (Cancelled)	
Spiritridge Park	• Irrigation System Replacement (U)	
Westwood Highlands	• Sport Court Resurface (C)	
Wilburton Hill Park	• BBG Ground Cover Garden Irrigation (C) • WHP Field 1 Drainage Install (U)	• BBG Shorts House Security FA Panel (C)



Date: October 2018

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Hannah Liss, Lillian Baillie, Whitney Bowman, Jesse Katz: Well K.E.P.T. Supervisor Team
Curtis Kukal: Park Ranger & Environmental Programs Coordinator
Jammie Kingham: Environmental Programs Supervisor

Subject: 2018 Well Kids Environmental Project Training (K.E.P.T.) Program Brief



Trail crew (above) and Forest Crew (below)



INTRODUCTION

The City of Bellevue's Well K.E.P.T. (Kids Environmental Project Training) program has completed another successful summer serving the Bellevue community. For 31 years, Bellevue Parks & Community Services has engaged youth and invested in our city's future by providing valuable employment opportunities to Bellevue youth through Well K.E.P.T.

The Well K.E.P.T. program is a summer youth employment opportunity offered through the Bellevue Parks' Natural Resource Division. The program is designed to provide Bellevue youth with education, job skills, and career development training in the field of park resource management. The work focuses on parkland restoration and maintenance. This summer, typical projects included forest enhancement, trail construction, and wetland restoration. Well K.E.P.T. combines on-the-job work experience with environmental education and career development to instill strong self-esteem, good work habits, and sound environmental ethics. Trainees developed and strengthened technical experience related to natural resource best management practices and trail construction techniques.

2018 PROJECTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bellevue Community Partner Projects: *Community Partner projects strengthen community connections with local ecosystems and C.O.B. services. Through involvement with these projects, trainees gained a deeper understanding and appreciation for sustainable urban agriculture and equitable access to fresh foods while supporting C.O.B.'s facilitative role.*

- **Mercer Slough Nature Park:** Harvested **18 gallons** of blueberries for enriched community access.
- **Farmer Frog:** Removed and composted various herbaceous weeds from Farmer Frog plots.



Before (above) and after (below) removal of English Ivy ground cover at Viewpoint Park



Noxious Plant Removal Projects: *Noxious plant removal projects help develop an understanding of plant physiology, introduce techniques of plant identification, and teach the importance of vegetative management for maintaining healthy forest and wetland ecosystems in urban environments.*



Trainees removed ground ivy at Viewpoint park

- **Weowna Park:** Removed English Ivy from **76 native trees** in one day.
- **Viewpoint Park:** Removed ground English Ivy from an area of **10,200 ft²**.
- **Wilburton Hill Park:** Removed English Ivy from **129 native trees**.
- **SE 6th Street:** Removed English Ivy from **77 native trees**.
- **Horizon Highlands:** Removed ground English Ivy from an area of **3,500 ft²**.
- **Hillaire Park:** Removed Himalayan Blackberry from an area of **14,100 ft²**.
- **Mercer Slough Nature Park:** Removed **720 gallons** of Purple Loosestrife (Class A noxious weed) and **120 gallons** of Bittersweet Nightshade.



Trainees participated in on-site training and implementation of C.O.B. trail construction specifications

Trail Construction Projects: *Trail construction projects provide trainees a hands-on opportunity to apply trail construction techniques while developing proficient skills with tool usage and care. Through this experience, trainees gain a deeper understanding of the pivotal role integrated trails have in the holistic management of Bellevue's green space system. Trainees developed a deeper understanding of Bellevue's natural environment while strengthening environmental stewardship.*

- **Lower Coal Creek:** Removed and replaced **15 retaining wall structures** between 8' and 64' in length. Manually transported **2.25 tons** of new structure material to remote locations including: **61 poles** and **115 posts**. Redefined and widened **2,640 ft** of trail surface using **14 yd³** of gravel and **7 yd³** of mulch. Resurfaced **263 ft** of trail using **10.6 yd³** of mulch at Washout Way.



Trainees transported and spread gravel at Lower Coal Creek



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

The Well K.E.P.T. training program provides educational opportunities to Bellevue youth. Educational seminars provided the students with more information about their projects, improved their environmental awareness, and developed their professional skills. Through quantified evaluations, supervisors found that trainee's professional skills improved dramatically.

Educational seminars and workshops completed during the 2018 program are listed below:

Trainees investigated macroinvertebrates at Mercer Slough

Seminar or Workshop Topic(s)

Urban Forestry
Professionalism 101
Trail-Building Techniques
Noxious Plant Species
PNW Ecology and Native Plants
Aquatic Invasives
Aquatic Invertebrates & Stream Health
Resume & Cover Letter Workshop
Healthy Relationships & Sexual Harassment
Mock Interviews
Wildlife Science
Personal Finances

Instructor(s)

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Quality Community Outcomes

The City of Bellevue's Well K.E.P.T. program is committed to providing exceptional public service and community stewardship. The 2018 Well K.E.P.T. program addresses the following city outcomes.

Responsive Government:

- Addressed community needs including park maintenance and youth unemployment.

Improved Mobility:

- Resurfaced **2,903 ft.** of trail in Lower Coal Creek Natural Area.



Trainees enjoyed lunch at Lower Coal Creek Natural Area

Economic Growth & Competitiveness:

- Trainees gained technical and professional skills for future employment
- Provided local youth with a first job opportunity and career development education

Healthy & Sustainable Environment:

- Worked to restore natural ecosystem functions and values by removing noxious weeds
- Fostered environmental awareness in Bellevue youth and their parents

Safe Community:

- Increased the safety and comfort of local trails
- Provided a productive and safe summer activity for local youth

Innovative, Vibrant, & Caring Community:

- Mentored local youth dedicated to improving sustainability and environmental stewardship
- Engaged young adults in community pride through local park improvement projects

Quality Neighborhoods:

- Local youth became more active members of their community
- Helped to slow the spread of the noxious weeds that degrade neighborhoods
- Improved quality of local greenspaces adjacent to neighboring communities

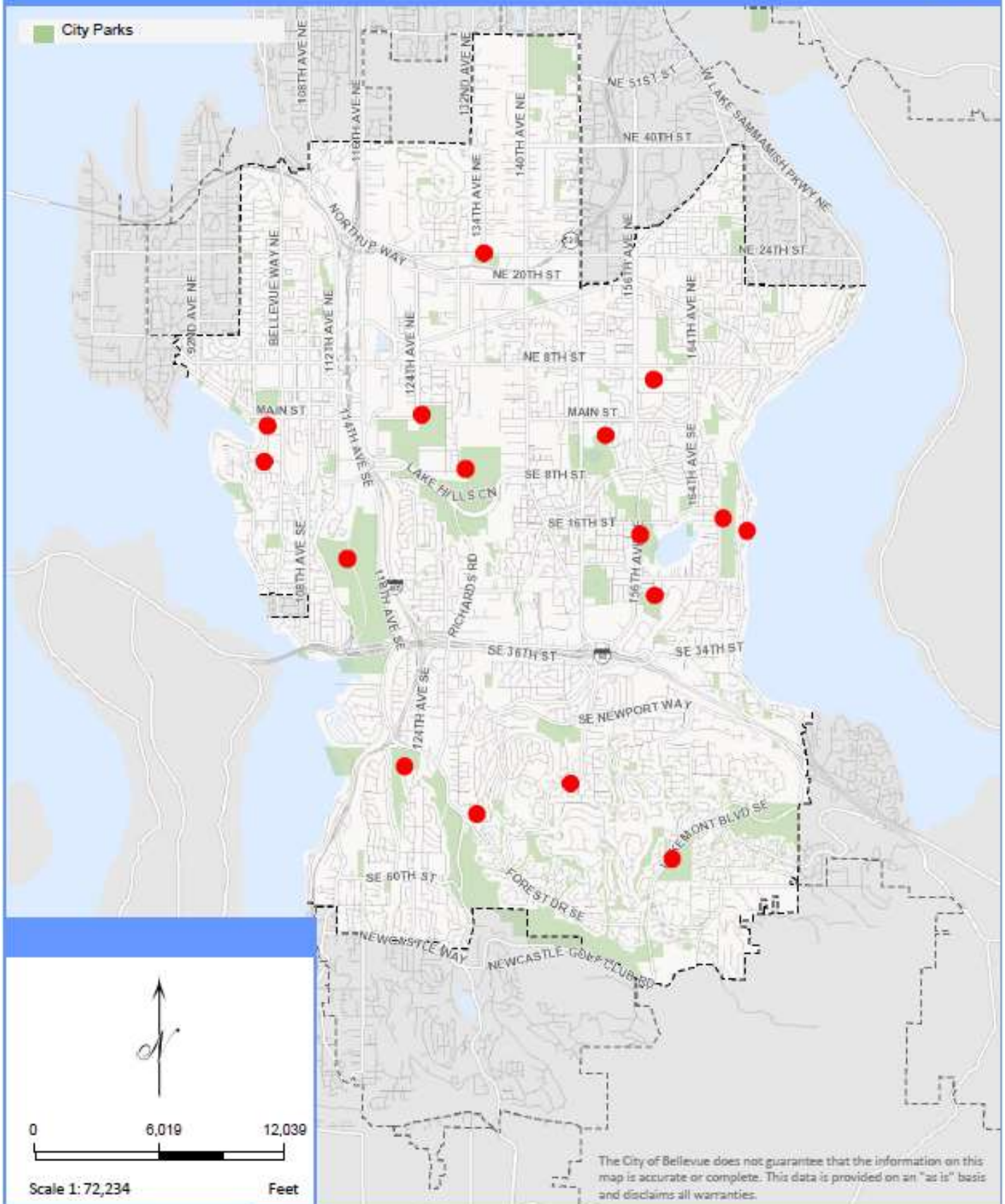


Trainees transported noxious weeds for safe disposal

CONCLUSION

Bellevue's Well K.E.P.T. program is an innovative program that provides an exceptional first employment opportunity for Bellevue youth. The program serves many adolescents who may otherwise have limited opportunities for career development. Well K.E.P.T. is an integral component of the Natural Resource Division's environmental education and community outreach that inspires citizens to engage in the stewardship of Bellevue's Parks. By instilling strong environmental values and a positive work ethic in tomorrow's leaders, the Well K.E.P.T. program provides cost-effective stewardship of our City in a Park.

Well KEPT Work Sites 2018



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DEAR PARKS BOARD CHAIR DEBRA KUMAR

Cc: PARKS STAFF CONTACTS CAMERON PARKER/NANCY HARVEY

Subject: Downtown Bellevue Ashwood Park - undeveloped Park Property

September 10, 2018

We've enclosed two color print documents in support of our email sent to the entire Parks & Community Services Board in preparation for your Regular Monthly meeting tomorrow. Please share these documents with others in attendance; plus the old, outdated Master Plan that was to be revised and completed during 2012.

Mary and I trust that you will find our photo-shoots intriguing, enlightening and informational, especially linkages to the enclosed Parks Policies that apply. We know that probably none of this current Board recalls or remembers the history or years of community efforts by residents and Retirement Centers nearby to **"KEEP ASHWOOD PARK GREEN"**. But none of that has made any difference so far.

Strange result lacking meaningful actions; and many excuses but no follow-thru. However, the Parking Lot was upgraded with many trees, irrigation, re-paving, sidewalk improvements, plus surrounding shrubs or grasses extending along the 112th Street sidewalk. Take a tour of the parking area. You can see Ashwood's "Master Plan" does NOT reflect the City of Bellevue's steps taken. Puzzling to all?

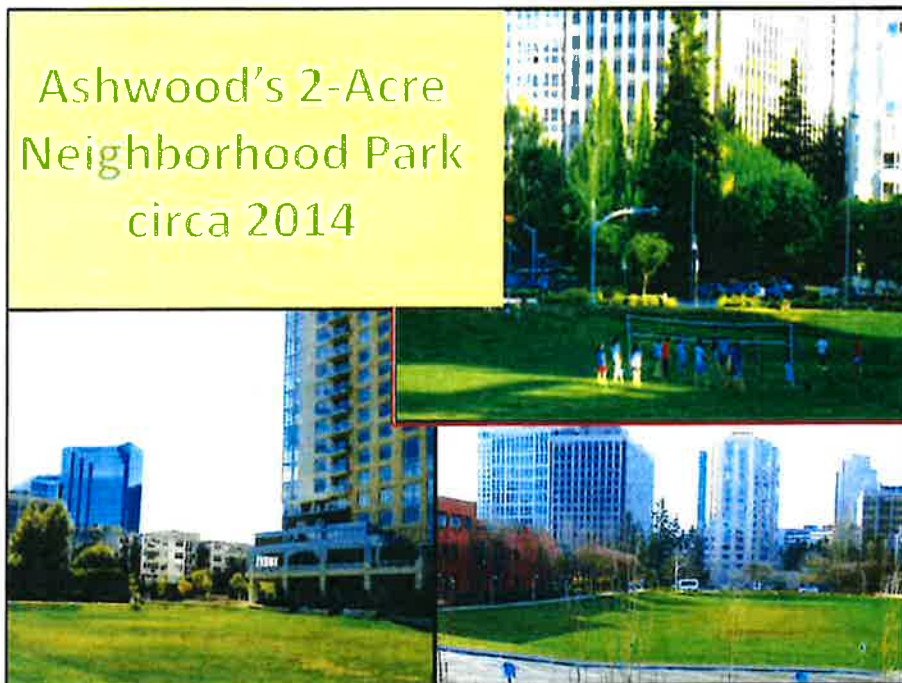
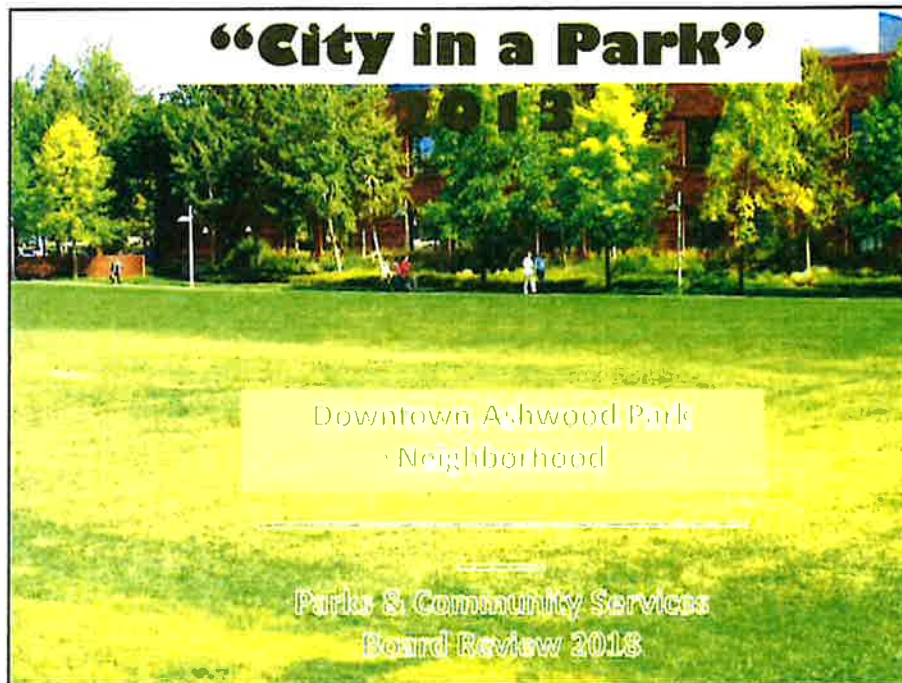
Take a look at the photos to see that the Park Space has been spiraling into a poorly maintained "field" that it is a total embarrassment for our Downtown Community space. Foreign visitors from around the globe stay in multiple hotels within two blocks. They turn their heads in disgust as they rush quickly by. "City in a Park?" they must muse. Why is this, we wonder?

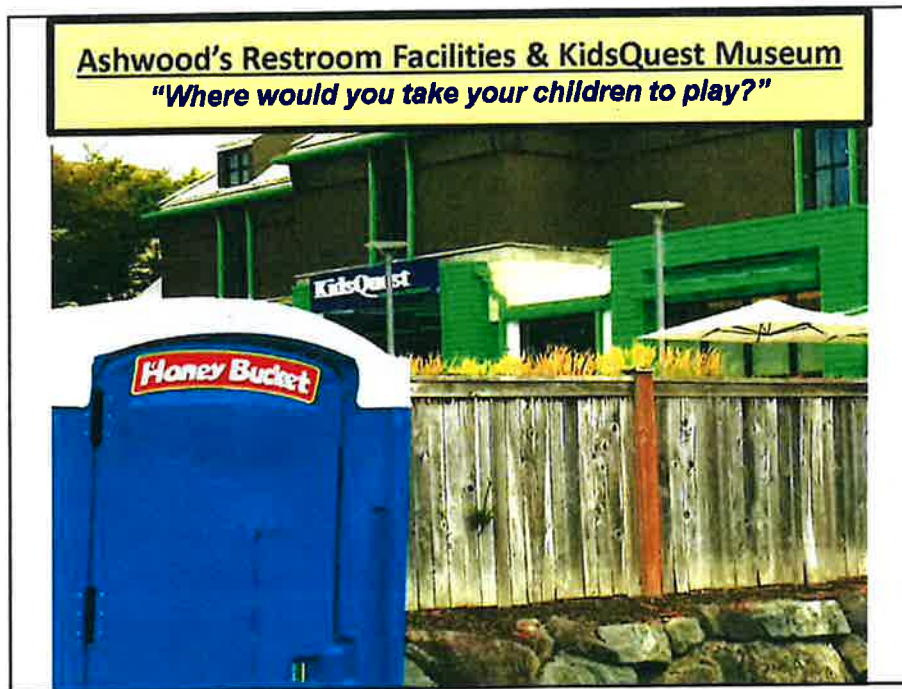
Meanwhile, we drive almost two miles to Bellevue's quaint and lush Clyde Beach Park, almost the same acreage. But most community residents in wheelchairs, with disabilities or older seniors and young children can't escape like we do. And there are at least five (5) Retirement Centers within two blocks. Doesn't make sense to let this drag on for too many more years. Thank you for your service.

Regards, Dwight and Mary Schrag
Ashwood Community Residents
Supporters of "Keep Ashwood Park Green"



Enclosures (2): Parks Policies + Master Plan & 2018 Parks Board Review Photos









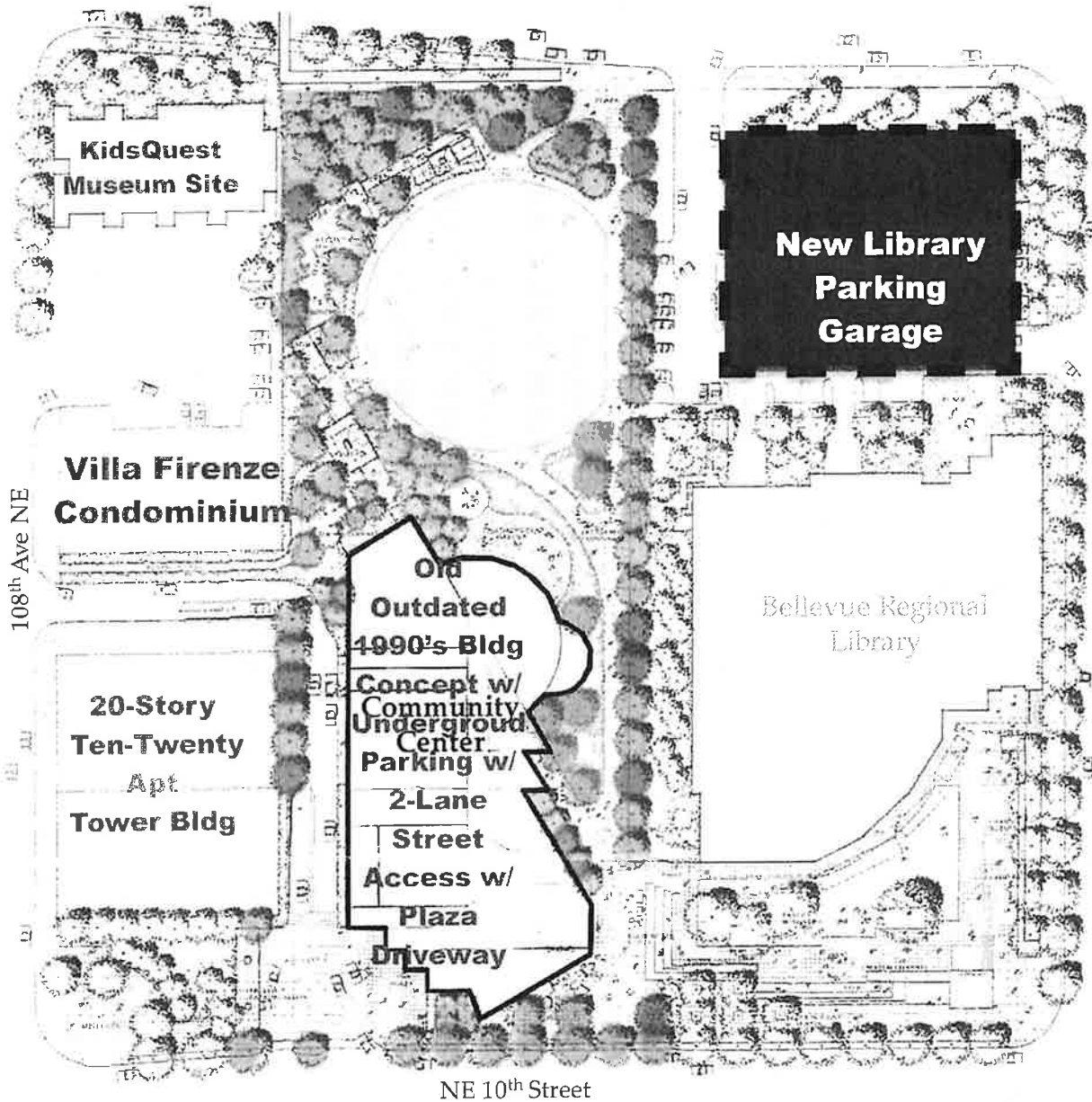


Non-Functional & Outdated 25-Years Old Parks Department Planning

Ashwood Park Master Plan



Things Changed in the Ashwood Neighborhood Over Decades!



Bellevue Parks & Open Spaces Planning Policies

~~POLICY PA-24.~~ Encourage the development of facilities for special purpose recreation.

~~POLICY PA-29.~~ Evaluate existing parks and facilities, and renovate, where appropriate, to maximize efficient maintenance and operating practices, improve safety and accessibility for all users, and to reduce, where feasible, the impacts on adjacent properties.

~~POLICY PA-27.~~ Actively solicit community input in the planning and delivery of services and programs to ensure that they are convenient and beneficial.

~~POLICY PA-34.~~ Provide a variety of services and programs throughout the city serving the general population and placing special emphasis on programs and services for youth, seniors, the disabled, and the disadvantaged.

~~POLICY PA-35.~~ Promote partnerships with public and private service providers to meet cultural, recreational, and social needs of the community.

~~POLICY PA-36.~~ Provide opportunities for individuals to develop a sense of community through services and programs.

POLICY PA-1. Establish a coordinated and connected system of open space and greenways throughout the city that provide multiple benefits including preserving natural systems, protecting wildlife habitat and corridors, and providing land for recreation.

POLICY PA-2. Support a region wide park and open space system.

POLICY PA-3. Obtain land throughout the community to meet present and future open space needs.

POLICY PA-4. Equitably distribute neighborhood park and recreation opportunities by type throughout the city.

POLICY PA-19. Develop parks and facilities in a quality manner to assure attractiveness, full utilization, and long term efficiency.

Parks Policy Sections

- **POLICY PA-26. Require a public review process for the conversion to non-recreational use of lands and facilities that were acquired, purchased, and developed with voter-approved funding, CLP project funding, or private donation.**
- **POLICY PA-27. Designate active and passive recreation uses and cultural use of parkland through the master plan approval process.**
- **POLICY PA-28. Establish a funding plan for long term maintenance and operation before constructing park-related facilities.**

PLEASE REVIEW ATTACHED ASHWOOD MASTER PLAN

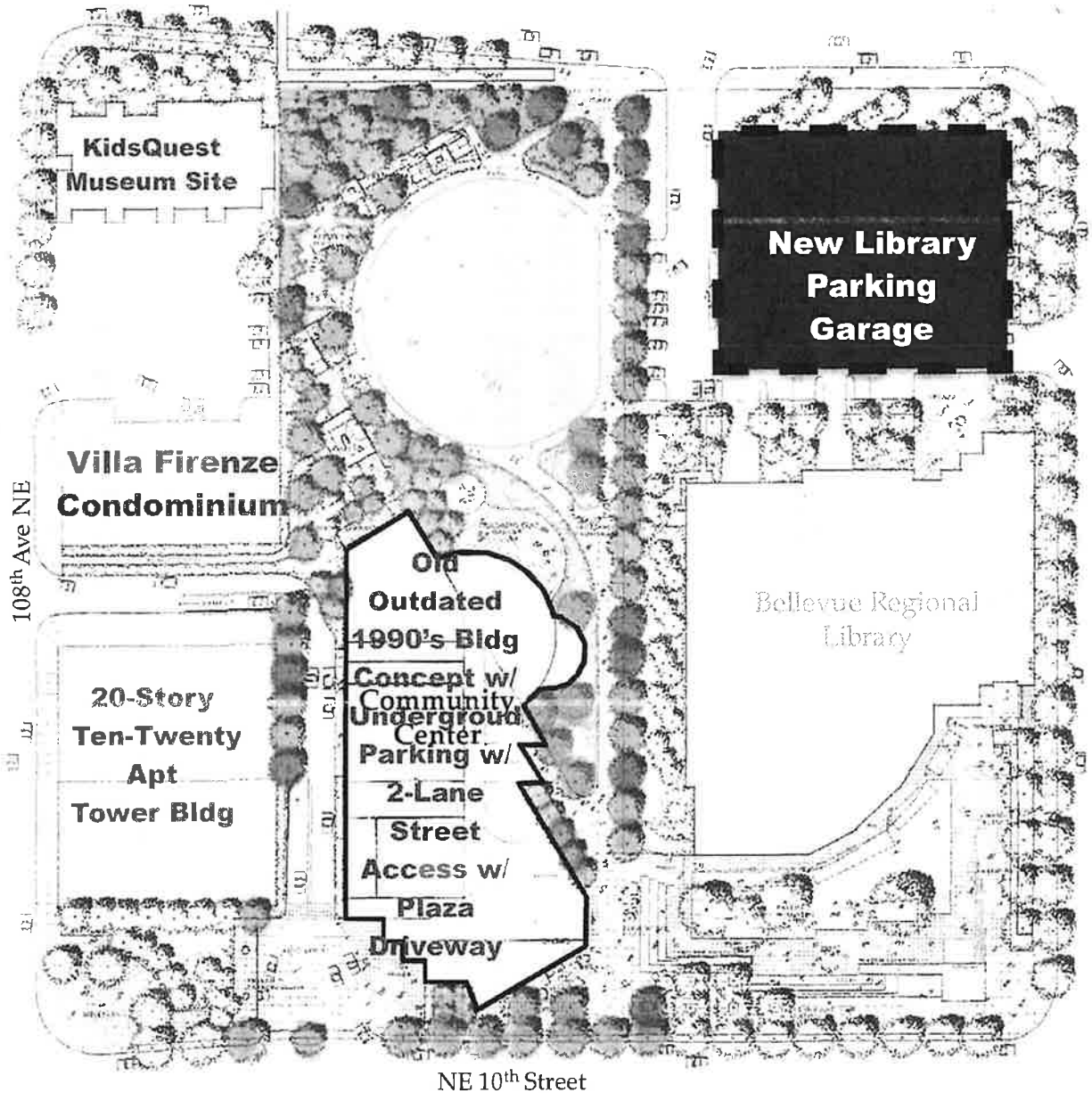
Does BELLEVUE Intend Violating Parks Policy? OR NOT???

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OCTOBER 2018

- Oct 5** **“Wild Kratts: Masked Bandits” (Nature Movie)**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The Wild Kratts team starts to notice strange things happening in the Tortuga HQ. Jimmy is sure there is a ghost living with them, but they soon discover it’s a raccoon family causing all the trouble. Watch this family educational show with a Bellevue Park Ranger, and stick around afterward for a raccoon program! **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Oct 5** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Creative Web Weavers”**
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! Spiders might seem scary and weird, but once you learn more about them, you’ll see they’re an important part of our lives. After we read our stories, we’ll tap into some of the spider’s creative abilities for our craft. 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.
- Oct 6** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 6** **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Bring your family to the farm and enjoy our Fall Festival. The Farm Fair features live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, pick-a-pumpkin (gathered from the vine but in a farm pasture), and farm animals. No pets please. Free shuttle services from Wilburton Park & Ride and Bannerwood Sports Park. **Ages:** All ages – family event. **Cost:** No entrance fee; cost varies by activity. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Oct 6** **Volunteer for Special Event - Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Earn community service hours! Assist with children's activities and other event tasks. Volunteers need to be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds, and be on your feet in all types of weather. Participants must register by Oct. 5, 2018, and be enrolled in high school at date of event. All volunteers will be required to complete a Criminal Background check and provide their Social Security number. **Ages:** 14-18. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required by October 5. No day-of-event registrations will be accepted. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1803642.
- Oct 6** **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. This event is part of Kelsey Creek Farm's annual Farm Festival. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children 3 must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- Oct 7** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine
Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 7** **Nature's Recyclers**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Where do the autumn leaves go after they fall? Do park rangers rake the forest at night, or does the wind sweep the leaves all away? If not for nature's cleanup crew, we would all be buried under leaves and fallen trees. But if you want to see this team in action, you'll have to watch the ground closely. Come along with a Park Ranger as we look around fallen logs and under old leaves to see if we can spot some pro recyclers and learn a few recycling skills too! 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.

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- Oct 9** **Garden Lecture: What Everyone Should Know about Lichens,**
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join us for this lecture by Dr. Katherine Glew. Common lichens will be presented and discussed to facilitate our understanding of what they can tell us about the health of our environment and how they are used as indicators of clean air. Presented by the Washington Native Plant Society and open to the public. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://wnps2.org/>
- Oct 10** **Garden Class: Fall Care for Your Peonies,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Kit Haesloop. During this class, you'll spend time outdoors in the perennial border for some hands-on time with peony plants, learning winterizing techniques and how to divide them. Kit is the president of the Northwest Perennial Alliance. This class is presented jointly between the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and the Northwest Perennial Society. **Cost:** \$15 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$25/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Oct 12** **Spiders!** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Spiders! They're building webs and catching bugs. You can find a variety of different spiders in the Pacific Northwest. Whether you think they are creepy or cool, join us for this family spider class and even make a spider craft! **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Oct 12** **Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park,** 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call the park home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! 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 at <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1803882. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 13** **Introduction to Backyard Chickens**, 10 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn Farm Room, 410 130th Place SE
Are you interested in keeping pet chickens in Bellevue? Kelsey Creek Farm staff can help you get started! We'll cover setting up a chicken coop, where to get chickens, what breeds to pick from, and how to care for them at all stages of life. You'll also tour our chicken coops, see the kind of equipment you'll need, and practice picking up and holding a chicken. **Ages:** Ages 14 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$20/resident and \$25/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1803535.
- Oct 13** **Nature's Recyclers**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Where do the autumn leaves go after they fall? Do park rangers rake the forest at night, or does the wind sweep the leaves all away? If not for nature's cleanup crew, we would all be buried under leaves and fallen trees. But if you want to see this team in action, you'll have to watch the ground closely. Come along with a Park Ranger as we look around fallen logs and under old leaves to see if we can spot some pro recyclers and learn a few recycling skills too! 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.
- Oct 14** **Garden Class: Top Ten Evergreens**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
In this seasonal class, taught by George Lasch, we will talk about the plants that shine as backdrop plants during the winter months. We will discuss why plants are evergreen and how to best use them in your garden. Conifers and their pruning will be touched upon, but we won't limit "evergreen" to "conifers." Come and enjoy a winter garden stroll with George. He was the BBG's Perennial Border Supervisor for eight years and shares his extensive knowledge of plants and gardening with humor and wisdom. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Oct 14** **Living with Wildlife: Crouching Bobcats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
How can you tell the difference between a bobcat, cougar, and a housecat? Bobcats are reclusive and sneaky, but sometimes we're lucky enough to see them! Find out how to recognize these short-tailed cats, and how we can coexist with our shy neighbors. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** This program is best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Oct 17** **BBG Society Lecture: The New Perennial Movement - Bringing the Highline Home**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Tony Spencer is the creative force behind *The New Perennialist*, an award-winning blog exploring the frontiers of naturalistic garden design. Join us for his fascinating lecture. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Oct 18** **Garden Lecture: Fall Dahlia Care**,
6:30 p.m. demonstration; lecture from 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture is presented by the Puget Sound Dahlia Association. Come for a digging demonstration at 6:30 p.m., with the lecture following at 7:30 p.m. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.pugetsounddahlias.org/>
- Oct 18** **Workshop for The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race**, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
New to pumpkin racing? Want to sign up for The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race? Learn tips and tricks to building a fast pumpkin racer, and see past entries for creative decoration ideas. We'll provide a resource handout at the end of the workshop. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4240 for course 1803726.
- Oct 19** **Halloween Howl**, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This event is facilitated for individuals living with intellectual disabilities. Start planning your costume now! Come dance the night away if you dare. Our annual costume showcase will highlight the event. We'll have witch's brew and spooky delights for all. **Ages:** 16 years and older, individuals living with intellectual disabilities. **Cost:** \$10/resident and \$12/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Contact Mary Boyle at Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. **Info:** 425-452-7686.

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Oct 19, 20 **Zip Scare Zip-Lining Tour,**

Zip tours start every 15 minutes between 6 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

*Bellevue Challenge Course at South Bellevue Community Center,
14509 SE Newport Way*

Step off the platform into the dark if you dare! It is scary, creepy, crazy fun, zip-lining in the dark! Feel your heart in your throat as you ride in the night.

Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines. Imagine stepping off a platform and zipping to the other end that you cannot see. Riders and platforms will be brightened with glow sticks. Participants must be at least 9 years old and weigh between 60-275 pounds. Check in at the SBCC Front Desk 20 minutes prior to your scheduled Zip Scare Tour. **Ages:** At least 9 years old. Participants ages 9-13 must be accompanied on the tour by an adult. An adult can accompany a maximum of two 9-13 year-olds. **Cost:** \$30/youth (ages 9-17); \$45/adult (18 years and older). **Pre-registration:** Encouraged. **Registration closes each evening at 7 p.m.** **To register:** Visit <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> (search in Activities for Zip Scare) or call 425-452-4240. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

Oct 20 **Painting with Chickens, 10 a.m. – noon**

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

Create a painting with a chicken! Children will work with a chicken to create a fun, colorful piece of artwork, combining your child's creativity with the footprints of one of our resident chickens. Children will also get to pet the chicken artists and feed them some yummy treats. All activities will be inside, but dress warmly because the barn is not heated. The nontoxic children's finger paint is washable, but have your child wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. **Ages:** 5-9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1835362.

Oct 20 **Family Discovery Series: All About the Bats, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

Bats play a vital ecological role all over the world. Several species of bats call the Mercer Slough Nature Park home. Come learn some fun facts about these mammals. Enjoy a spooky bat story, and put your artistic skills to use to take home your own batty creation. **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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- Oct 21** **Nature's Recyclers**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Where do the autumn leaves go after they fall? Do park rangers rake the forest at night, or does the wind sweep the leaves all away? If not for nature's cleanup crew, we would all be buried under leaves and fallen trees. But if you want to see this team in action, you'll have to watch the ground closely. Come along with a Park Ranger as we look around fallen logs and under old leaves to see if we can spot some pro recyclers and learn a few recycling skills too! 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.
- Oct 25** **Soup, Salad and Artisan Bread**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Farm House Upper Room, 410 130th Place SE
Learn to make two delicious soups, scrumptious salads, and artisan bread that will nourish your family through the winter. No cooking experience is necessary. We'll provide recipes and hearty samples. **Ages:** Adults only. **Cost:** \$40/resident and \$48/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1803564.
- Oct 26** **Nature Movie: "The Secret World of Bats,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bats are often feared and misunderstood. However, without these amazing mammals, our ecological systems would be significantly altered; life as we know it would drastically change. This film captures all aspects of bat behavior across five continents with remarkable slow-motion photography. You don't want to miss it! Bat costumes encouraged. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages are welcome, but movie is best for ages 5 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Oct 26-Nov 4** **"Snow White" (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**
October 26, 27, November 2, and 3 at 7 p.m.
October 28, November 3, and 4 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
This delightful retelling of the classic tale includes all your favorites. Come join us for a fantasy-filled fairy tale suitable for the whole family. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** \$15/ticket. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- Oct 26, 27 Zip Scare Zip-Lining Tour,**
Zip tours start every 15 minutes between 6 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.
Bellevue Challenge Course at South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Step off the platform into the dark if you dare! It is scary, creepy, crazy fun, zip-lining in the dark! Feel your heart in your throat as you ride in the night. Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines. Imagine stepping off a platform and zipping to the other end that you cannot see. Riders and platforms will be brightened with glow sticks. Participants must be at least 9 years old and weigh between 60-275 pounds. Check in at the SBCC Front Desk 20 minutes prior to your scheduled Zip Scare Tour. **Ages:** At least 9 years old. Participants ages 9-13 must be accompanied on the tour by an adult. An adult can accompany a maximum of two 9-13 year-olds. **Cost:** \$30/youth (ages 9-17); \$45/adult (18 years and older). **Pre-registration:** Encouraged. **Registration closes each evening at 7 p.m.** **To register:** Visit <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> (search in Activities for Zip Scare) or call 425-452-4240. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 27 Fall Farm Fun: Pigs and Pumpkins, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Pigs love pumpkins, and we think you will too! Children get to make pumpkin treats, go on a scavenger hunt, do a craft, and learn all about pigs. Each child will pick out a pumpkin to take home. Come dressed for the weather. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1803645.
- Oct 27 Pumpkin Pals, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Spend a fun-filled morning pondering the perfect pumpkin! Art, music, a yummy snack and a pumpkin relay race are some of the happy activities planned for the morning. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. Each additional family member is \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 1803616.
- Oct 27 The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race, 10 a.m. – noon and noon to 2 p.m.**
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Bring your decorated pumpkin, complete with wheels, to compete in the 8th Annual Great SBCC Pumpkin Race, part of our Halloween on the Hill line-up of events! Upon registration, you will receive basic directions to prepare your pumpkin for race day. Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to register. Families and groups must designate only one person to register. Race Kits are available for purchase for \$25, but are not required. **Race times:** 10 a.m. and Noon – register for only one. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4240.

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- Oct 27 Carnival on the Hill, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Expect classic carnival games with a Halloween twist, food for the family and entertainment for all to enjoy. Tickets can be purchased at the SBCC Front Desk on the day of the event for the climbing wall, inflatables and games. The carnival will end with free entertainment from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission with some paid activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 27 Carnival Entertainment, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.**
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Come enjoy our free Halloween-themed performance by the Magical Ventriloquist Vikki Gasko Green! Vikki is an award-winning ventriloquist who delights audiences nationally and internationally with her unique blend of drama, magic, education and audience participation, exciting young and old alike. Check her out at www.vikkigaskogreen.com **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 27 Dessert Theatre on the Hill, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Celebrate Halloween this year at our annual Dessert Theatre on the Hill. This year you will be captured by the story of “Nightmare Funhouse.” Come enjoy some wonderful dessert and a great show, presented by the Bellevue Youth Theatre. **Ages:** 7 years and older. **Cost:** \$10/person. **Pre-registration:** Required by Oct. 26. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> or 425-452-4240, course 1803727. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 27 Haunted Movie on the Hill, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Join us to watch “Hotel Transylvania” on our 17-foot inflatable screen! Bring your blankets, pillows or chairs for a fun night out. This will be fun for the whole family! We'll provide free popcorn throughout the movie. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Oct 27 A Batty Evening, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
Meet at - Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Spend the later part of your day going on a walk with a Bellevue Park Ranger. We will listen for nocturnal animals, smell the cool evening air, and see the park in a different light. Also, learn about local bats that live in Bellevue and make our parks their home in the evening hours. **Ages:** Families with children ages 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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Oct 28

Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area, 10:30 a.m. - noon

Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)

Join a Park Ranger 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.

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- Nov 2** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Warm Winter Beds”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! When the air gets chilly, our animal friends find homes for the winter. Some animals will find their winter beds close to home, but others will go on loooooong journeys. 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.
- Nov 3** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
Distance: Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 3** **History of Wilburton and Kelsey Creek Farm, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
For a few decades, Wilburton was a larger town than nearby Bellevue. It had several hundred residents, its own culture, and a rich history. Come to Kelsey Creek Farm to learn about local Native Americans, early logging operations and the Twin Valley Dairy, all in the context of early Eastside history. Pre-register to guarantee your spot. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1803534.
- Nov 4** **Running – Bellevue Youth Cross Country Event, noon - 2 p.m.**
Robinswood Park, near the playground, 2432 148th Avenue SE
Come join Bellevue Youth Sports on Sunday, November 4 for an exciting outdoor cross-country race at beautiful Robinswood Park. The race will take you through some of the wonderful and well-maintained trails in the park. Runners in grades K-12 can choose to race in either the 1/2-mile or 1-mile races. On-site registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. Parking is limited, so please arrive early.
Ages: Kids in kindergarten through 12th grade. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4627.

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- Nov 4** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine
Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 4** **Let's Plant a Tree!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn why tree leaves change color and why some trees don't. We'll try some experiments on tree leaves, go for a short walk through the forest at Lewis Creek Park, and then each participant will plant a willow tree! Please wear waterproof shoes. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Nov 9** **Movie with a Ranger: "Wild Kratts: The Blue and the Grey,"**
10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger to learn about our local ecosystem and how the animals interact in it. The Wild Kratts episode will show us a fun example of how important everything is in an ecosystem. When one of the characters turns into an oak tree, the team needs to use knowledge of gray squirrels and blue jays to save the day. Watch this family educational show with a Bellevue Park Ranger, and then the Park Ranger will follow with a fun program! **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Nov 9** **Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call the park home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! 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 at <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1803883. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 9-18** **“Wendy and Peter: Into Neverland” (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**
November 9, 10, 16, and 17 at 7 p.m.
November 11, 17, and 18 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
We’ve all heard the story of Peter Pan. Now it’s time to hear from Wendy! In an original twist of a classic tale, *Wendy and Peter: Into Neverland* explores the world of fairies, pirates and children who never grow up, all through the eyes of Wendy. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** \$15/ticket. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 10** **Salmon Sense, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Each year, salmon migrate inland throughout our region... but have you ever wondered why they make this perilous journey or how they find their way? Join us at Lewis Creek Visitor Center as we dissect an adult salmon and discuss this incredible journey. Afterwards, we’ll head outside to learn about stream habitat. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 9-14 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for youth and adult participants by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 11** **Living with Wildlife: Cunning Crows, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Crows are one of Bellevue’s most commonly-seen wildlife residents. They have more advanced cognitive abilities than many mammals, have amazing memory and are very social. Find out why crows gather in enormous numbers and what the fuss is all about. Learn what crows know, and discover how we can get along together. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** This program is best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 12** **Holiday Farm Tour: Veterans’ Day, 11 a.m. – noon or 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 410 130th Place SE
Bring the whole family to come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them! **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #18353911 for the 11 a.m. tour, and course #18353912 for the 1:30 p.m. tour.

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- Nov 17** **Turkey Trot**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Y'all come on down to the Northwest Arts Center to dance and play! Create a colorful fall turkey centerpiece to enjoy for your holiday table. Snacks included. Caregiver is required to be in class. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Nov 17** **Grateful for Goat and Happy for Horses**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
There's a lot to be thankful for at Kelsey Creek Farm! Children will ride a pony, take our goats on a walk, give treats to the animals for a job well done, and then come into the barn for a craft and a treat of their own. Come dressed for the weather. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$36/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1803646.
- Nov 17** **Family Discovery Series: Swim to Spawn**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Salmon were once abundant here in the Pacific Northwest, but they've been on a rapid decline in most of our region. Come learn more about the salmon that make the arduous journey from the ocean to the Mercer Slough, where they will eventually spawn in the shallow waters of Kelsey Creek. Learn about the different stages of our salmon and what you can do to help aid in their survival. **Ages:** 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.
- Nov 17** **Let's Plant a Tree!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn why tree leaves change color and why some trees don't. We'll try some experiments on tree leaves, go for a short walk through the forest at Lewis Creek Park, and then each participant will plant a willow tree! Please wear waterproof shoes. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Nov 18** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Meet at: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds alongside a creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Nov 22** **Fit for the Feast Masters Swim Workout**, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Join us for this two-hour Masters swim workout on Thanksgiving Day. All abilities are welcome. **Ages:** 19 years and older. **Cost:** \$12/person; includes a designer t-shirt. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – 425-452-2806.
- Nov 23** **Youth Appreciation & Safety Day**, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
This event promotes water safety and proper lifejacket use. Come for swimming, raffles and water safety demonstrations. Free t-shirts for the first 50 children (12 years and younger)! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** 12 years and younger – free! 13 years and older - \$7/person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4444.
- Nov 23 – Dec 2** **“Elf the Musical, Jr.” (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**
November 23, 24, 30 and December 1 at 7 p.m.
November 25, December 1 and 2 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
This is the Broadway musical of the movie that featured Will Ferrell. BYT’s version offers wonderful fun as the Elf saves Santa Claus, his father, and brings light and happiness to us all. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** \$15/ticket. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 24 – Dec 30** **Garden d’Lights**, 4:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., every evening including holidays
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Garden d’Lights features over half a million sparkling lights formed into the whimsical shapes of plants, flowers, birds, animals and cascading waterfalls, set amid the natural beauty of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. **Cost:** \$5/person; children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the event. **Free nights:** November 24-29. **Parking:** \$5 for on-site parking; free parking at Wilburton Hill Park. **To buy tickets ahead of time (beginning October 15) and for driving, parking and general information:** <http://www.gardendlights.org/>
- Nov 25** **Let’s Plant a Tree!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn why tree leaves change color and why some trees don’t. We’ll try some experiments on tree leaves, go for a short walk through the forest at Lewis Creek Park, and then each participant will plant a willow tree! Please wear waterproof shoes. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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Nov 28-Dec 1 Hilltop Holiday Craft Show, November 28-30, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; and
December 1, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

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

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

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

information: hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or

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

Nov 30 Mice and Rabbits, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Sprinting or hopping through the green grass and between the tall trees, mice and rabbits are abundant in our parks through the whole year. How do these little creatures keep themselves safe from predators, and how do they prepare for winter? Enjoy a class about these critters with a Bellevue Park Ranger, and then join us for a craft! **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.

Nov 30 Nature Movie Night: “Salmon: Running the Gauntlet,” 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

Salmon play a vital role in sustaining millions of miles of diverse ecosystems here in the Pacific Northwest. Unfortunately, human interference, over fishing and habitat loss have led to the drastic decline in their numbers. Their imminent disappearance will have lasting negative effects on the richness of our entire region. This film forces us to take a closer look at our conservation efforts. It will shed new light on how we are all connected and play a vital role in the overall health of these iconic creatures and the health of our ecosystems. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:**

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

MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Nov 30 Argosy Christmas Ship Viewing, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.; ship arrives at 7:10 p.m.

Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE

Join us on shore to welcome Christmas Ships, presented by Argosy Cruises.

Come with family and friends to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's performance. Beach fire provided! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event.

Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
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- Dec 1 Let It Snow, Let It Snow**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Winter is coming, and we have to get ready! Come to the farm to learn how we keep the animals comfy all winter long. Children will get to ride a pony, do a farm chore, pet one of our adorable bunnies, and do a craft. We’ll finish by snuggling up in the barn with cocoa and a story. Come dressed for the weather. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$36/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1803647.
- Dec 1 Garden Class: Holiday Wreathmaking – Elements from Nature**,
10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Start the holiday season right with a beautiful holiday wreath! Attendees will decorate and take home a lovely wreath made of natural greens. Decorations, ribbon, directions and ideas will be provided. **Cost:** \$60/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$70/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- Dec 1** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
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.
- Dec 2** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine**
Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5 miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 2** **Seafair's Holiday Cruise, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.**
Meydenbauer Yacht Club, 9927 Meydenbauer Way SE
This annual event serves individuals over 16 years old living with intellectual disabilities. Meydenbauer Yacht Club provides the ships and volunteers to join the parade along the Lake Washington shoreline. Individuals interested in attending must pre-register. Those using a wheelchair or walker need to register directly through Seafair. Space is limited. Interested volunteers should contact Mary Boyle at 425-452-4118. **Ages:** 16 years and older, individuals living with intellectual disabilities. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Contact Mary Boyle at Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- Dec 2** **Snoozing Bears, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bears are snuggled up in their dens snoring away the winter, so now is a perfect time to discover more about them. Come find out about the different bear species that call North America home, and learn which kind you might see in Bellevue if you're lucky. We'll even try hibernating! 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.

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- Dec 7** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Snowflake Bentley”**
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! Wilson Bentley had a fascination with snowflakes – he spent his whole life studying snowflakes and pioneered a new way to photograph them. Find out more about how snowflakes are made, and what Wilson “Snowflake” Bentley’s photographs show us about snow during this story time. 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.
- Dec 7** **Holiday Ball, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Get out your holiday best, pack your festive spirit, lace up your dancing shoes, and join us for our annual holiday ball. The Highland Community Center facilitates this event each year for adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older, individuals living with intellectual disabilities. **Cost:** \$10/resident and \$12/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Contact Mary Boyle at Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- Dec 7 - 16** **“Clara and the Nutcracker” (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**
December 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m.
December 9, 15 and 16 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Before the Nutcracker was a ballet, there was a book by the same author of *The Three Musketeers*. Now see the story that inspired *The Nutcracker* and all the fun that comes from a live production. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** \$15/ticket. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Dec 8** **Whoooo’s Hooting? 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that a barn owl can find its prey in total darkness? Or that great horned owls can clasp their talons with 28 pounds of force? Join us as we learn all about our favorite silent flying friends, try out our hoots, and dig deeper into an owl’s diet by dissecting owl pellets! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- Dec 14** **Ranger Program: A Warm Winter Home**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
As the winter days become shorter and colder, many animals bundle up inside their little homes for protection. All sorts and sizes of animals build unique shelters to winter through the cold season. Come learn about these animals, their homes, and what we can do to help them keep safe until the spring. **Ages:** 3 to 8 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.
- Dec 15** **Sugarplum Fairies**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season by making a gingerbread house, singing songs, dancing and eating yummys for your tummies! Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome fun. Caregiver is required to be in class. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 15** **Family Discovery Series: Whooo is Hooting?** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue's Parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that's yours to keep. **Ages:** 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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- Dec 28** **Nature Movie: “The Animal House,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Animals build their homes for a variety of reasons, including safety from predators, availability of a nearby food source, and protecting their young. These places are often the site of great drama and extraordinary behaviors. *The Animal House* provides a fascinating look at the “home life of wildlife.” We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome - best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Dec 30** **A Winter Wander,** 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Head outside this winter to reflect on the passage of time in nature. We’ll ponder seasonality, forest changes, and the bygone residents of the area. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.