

Parks & Community Services Board

Regular Meeting

February 12, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

450 110th Avenue NE

Bellevue, WA



AGENDA

Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

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

Tuesday
January 8, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-113
Bellevue, Washington

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

BOARDMEMBER ABSENT: Boardmember Unger

PARKS/CITY STAFF PRESENT: Shelley Brittingham, Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Glenn Kost, Shelley McVein, Nathan McCommon (Deputy City Manager), Camron Parker

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeri Albertini, Ann Breese, Dan & Marcia Edwards, Douglas Hoople, Bob & Iris Jewett, Harvey Kriloff, Ashley Kaiser, Chris Lona, Peter & Carolyn Maxim, Dave & Sue McCoy, Rob Mikelsons, Pearl Nardella, Dawn Novak, Erin Powell, Ryan Scott (Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue), Ginger Switzer, Sue Thomas, Kirsten Wlaschin,

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kumar at 6:06 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Trescases and second by Boardmember Synn 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 Hamilton to approve the November 27, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

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

Ginger Switzer

12649 NE 2nd Street, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Switzer is opposed to the proposed fieldhouse project for Wilburton Hill Park. She called attention to the 97 year old forest in Wilburton and the necessity to keep the tree canopy intact. Ms. Switzer also discussed the current parking challenges at Wilburton Hill Park and added that a fieldhouse would only exacerbate the issue.

Ms. Switzer discussed the proposed diagram of the fieldhouse project that was shown at the Wilburton Community Picnic. She said that the diagram was misleading and hopes that any future diagrams are drawn to scale and will depict the trees that will be cut down.

Douglas Hoople

10637 SE 22nd Street, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Hoople reminded Boardmembers that Phase 2 of Enatai Beach Park was never completed. This project includes a road to the park that allows for non-motorized boat launching. Mr. Hoople explained that the Enatai community believes it is the perfect time to complete Phase 2 of Enatai Beach Park to complement the other ongoing surrounding projects.

Erin Powell

1015 106th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Powell explained that the Bellecrest Neighborhood Association Board is in solidarity in their support of all of the concerns expressed regarding the proposed fieldhouse at Wilburton Hill Park. Of particular concern are the deforestation and traffic impacts.

Ms. Powell noted that the Mercer Slough Nature Park's access trails are no longer available due to the current construction projects. As a result, people have shifted their desires to experience the nature trails at Wilburton Hill Park. Wilburton Hill Park trails are free and open to the public to enjoy because of the past investments and care that tax payers safeguarded over the years. Ms. Powell feels that a fieldhouse located at Wilburton Hill Park would be a negative impact on the wildlife, trees, ecosystem, peace and enjoyment of the park as a natural area.

Ms. Powell explained that the Hidden Valley Park facility is only 2.1 miles in driving distance from Wilburton Hill Park. She feels that this is an over-saturation of fieldhouse space for the geographic area and suggested that an alternate site closer to the targeted population be considered. Ms. Powell also noted that Kathy Haggert, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue CEO, stated that the Crossroads community is the targeted population for the fieldhouse. She questioned why the fieldhouse would not be placed closer to Crossroads.

Sue McCoy
126 129th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. McCoy recalled promises that were made during the levy process to preserve park spaces. This also included keeping Wilburton Hill Park as green space. Ms. McCoy encouraged Boardmembers and City Council to look into the promises were made to the community and stay true to these promises.

Harvey Kriloff
12638 SE 7th Pl., Bellevue, WA

Mr. Kriloff reviewed the data of Bellevue demographics for residents under the age of 17 and noted that the Wilburton community has the least percentage if this age population, aside from the Downtown community. He suggested that the Sears building be considered as a potential site or that other locations be considered that won't turn open green space into buildings.

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

No report.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

No report.

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Vice-Chair Trescases enjoyed spending time at the Bellevue Ice Skating Arena at Downtown Park.

Boardmember Heath visited the Bellevue Botanical Garden d'Lights and discussed the parking challenges he experienced at this event. He also recently visited Whistler, British Columbia and discussed a swimming/wellness facility that he enjoyed during his trip. He hopes that Bellevue continues to explore the aquatic center concept.

Boardmember Synn enjoyed the Bellevue Botanical Garden d'Lights event and also visited a few other parks.

Boardmember Hamilton volunteered at the Youth Holiday Party at Crossroads Community Center. He was impressed by so many staff members, including Patrick Alina, Tiberius Puravet, and Gianni Calderon. Everyone that attended the event was treated with care and kindness from the staff.

Boardmember Clark enjoyed spending time at the Bellevue Ice Skating Arena at Downtown Park. He also visited Ashwood Park and suggested that Boardmembers tour Wilburton Hill Park in preparation for any fieldhouse discussions.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

Chair Kumar enjoyed the Youth Holiday Party at Crossroads Community Center. She commended the Crossroads Community Center staff for such a wonderful event. Chair Kumar also reported that she will be attending upcoming workshops to rename the Eastside Rail Corridor as well as preview designs for the Eastside Rail Corridor ridge. She will provide reports as needed to Boardmembers. Lastly, Chair Kumar visited Wilburton Hill Park.

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

No reports.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Potential Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue Fieldhouse Partnership**

Mr. Foran provided an overview for the proposed Boys & Girls Club of Bellevue (BGCB) Fieldhouse Process Map. He reminded Boardmembers that Council directed the Parks Board to prepare a process map to determine if the city should further proceed with this concept. Mr. Foran inquired if the proposed map reflects the appropriate decision points and correct sequence. Due to workload constraints, Mr. Foran also proposed a revised timeline for the process.

Chair Kumar, along with Boardmembers Hamilton, Clark, Synn, and Vice-Chair Trescases expressed their overall support and approval of the process map.

Boardmember Heath suggested that a box be added at the beginning of the process to hear from the BGCB so they can confirm their commitment to the fieldhouse project. He is concerned about the turmoil within the community and thinks the BGCB should confirm their interest before any steps of the project proceeds. Vice-Chair Trescases noted that it may be difficult for the BGCB to confirm their commitment level without the project being identified for capital campaign purposes. Mr. Foran suggested that the BGCB partnership be discussed under the “partnership structure” portion of the process map.

Boardmember Heath asked why other sites are being considered if the BGCB has already worked with staff to develop a preliminary proposal for Wilburton Hill Park. On the contrary, Chair Kumar thought that the BGCB had a wider net of locations that they were considering and that a specific site had not yet been determined. Boardmember Heath does not feel that the process is balanced or consistent. Vice-Chair Trescases thought that the initial proposal specified Wilburton Hill Park for the fieldhouse. Then, Council provided direction for the Parks

Board to establish a process to evaluate community need, public benefit, and site identification (if the community need and public benefit criteria are validated).

Boardmember Heath requested that the BGCB confirm their support of the fieldhouse project prior to evaluating the community need or public benefit. Mr. Foran explained that it is premature to ask the BGCB to commit to the project prior to determining the community need or public benefit.

Boardmember Synn requested clarification on the process that was used for the BGCB/Hidden Valley Park partnership. He suggested that the process be applied to the fieldhouse proposal and that lessons learned also be considered. Mr. Foran noted that although the projects may seem similar, each project is unique because they have their own set of circumstances. Vice-Chair Trescases reminded Boardmembers that there was information in the November Board Packet that provided historical information about the BGCB/Hidden Valley Park partnership

Boardmember Hamilton reminded Boardmembers that the proposed process map is intended to be at a high level. If more detailed steps need to be added after the process map has been approved, the Board will be able to do so.

Boardmember Clark requested further clarification about staff's bandwidth. Mr. Foran noted that the fieldhouse project will be very time consuming. Boardmember Clark questioned if the fieldhouse project should be a higher priority than Ashwood Park or other already scheduled park projects.

Vice-Chair Trescases asked staff to clarify the primary purpose of Hidden Valley Park Fieldhouse. Mr. Foran noted that Hidden Valley Park Fieldhouse's primary public benefit from the City's point of view focuses on adult programming, during the hours that the BGCB doesn't use the facility to provide programming for youth.

Boardmember Synn suggested that the proposed process map include touchpoints between each phase of the process and include threshold questions so that the Board would know when it is ready to advance to the next step.

Boardmember Heath requested that another step in the process map be added to ask Council to define the scope of the project. He added that Council did not make a formal motion for the Parks Board to create a process map and requested that they approve a formal Resolution before any further action be taken. He also would like to ask Council if they want the Parks Board to evaluate Wilburton Hill Park as a starting point for the fieldhouse project or should the Parks Board evaluate all potential sites. Boardmember Heath called attention to an email submitted by Boardmember Unger that highlighted specific questions. Other Boardmembers were in agreement that Council has already provided their direction to the Parks Board and a formal motion from Council is not necessary.

Boardmember Hamilton views the Council's direction as very clear. He supports the proposed process map because it emphasizes the importance of community input. The process is the guide to answering if there is value in joining the BGCB to build an indoor athletic facility.

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

Boardmember Heath would like any response to Council to stress that the project is not focused solely on Wilburton Hill Park. Vice-Chair Trescases clarified that the proposed process map allows for multiple sites to be considered but Wilburton Hill Park cannot be ruled out at this time. Mr. Foran added that if community need and public benefit are affirmed and the project moves forward, the 'Site Identification' process allows for 'Additional parameters/sites'.

Boardmember Heath explained that he spent many hours researching the BGCB fieldhouse project. He recommended that the process include a way of working through different available products. He also suggested that the city evaluate and consider non city-owned and private properties. Boardmember Heath added that Council and the Parks Board are making an exception for a private party. The goal should be to integrate the fieldhouse into the long-term plans that the city is currently developing.

Boardmember Synn reminded Boardmembers that Council asked the Parks Board to complete a process map for the fieldhouse project. Therefore, this task needs to be completed. Vice-Chair Trescases added that it is not the Parks Board's job to be working on behalf of the BGCB to identify and establish private partnerships for their fieldhouse project.

Boardmember Heath stressed the importance of inventorying all comments that have been received regarding the fieldhouse project. Mr. Parker confirmed that all comments are being cataloged. Boardmember Heath feels the proposed process is not the appropriate process for the project.

Motion by Vice-Chair Trescases and second by Boardmember Hamilton to approve the proposed BGCB Fieldhouse Process Map as discussed with the following edits:

- **Adjust the proposed timeline**
- **Add clarity to the Community Need and Public Benefit processes about the BGCB commitment**
- **Add touchpoints after Community Need and Public Benefit**

Boardmember Heath expressed dissatisfaction with the overall process for creating the Process Map.

Boardmember Synn suggested that the name of the BGCB Fieldhouse Process Map be changed to reflect the BGCB partnership. Vice-Chair Trescases explained that Bellevue already has partnerships with the BGCB and the discussion is regarding a partnership for a fieldhouse. Therefore, she recommended keeping the name as proposed.

At the question, motion carried (5-1).

B. Park Construction Projects Update (Surrey Downs & Meydenbauer Bay Parks)

Mr. Kost provided a project update for Surrey Downs and Meydenbauer Bay Parks. Aerial photos were shown marking some of the progress of each project. Construction of Surrey Downs Park is nearly complete with a target opening of second quarter 2019.

Motion by Vice-Chair Trescases and second by Boardmember Clark to extend the meeting until 8:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Construction of Meydenbauer Bay Park should be complete in Spring, 2019. A soft opening is anticipated for the beginning of March, 2019.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

The February meeting agenda will include the following items:

- Update on Bellevue's Environmental Stewardship Initiative
- Visit Bellevue Tourism Economic Development Study

Boardmember Hamilton discussed some information that he recently received from Jurassic Parliament regarding parliamentary procedures and Robert's Rules of Order.

13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Email from Chris Lona re proposed fieldhouse
- C. Email from Dawn Novak re proposed fieldhouse
- D. Email from Dave McCoy re proposed fieldhouse
- E. Email from Diane Switzer re proposed fieldhouse
- F. Email from Daniel Renn re proposed fieldhouse
- G. List of upcoming Parks special events

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

Chris Lona

12424 NE 2nd Street, Bellevue, WA

Mr. Lona asked if there would be a fee required to use the proposed fieldhouse. He also asked if there is currently a fee charged to use the Hidden Valley facility. Lastly, Mr. Lona asked if there is currently a cloud over the fieldhouse process, since Wilburton Hill Park has been the primary focus.

Dawn Novak

618 124th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Novak expressed her appreciation to Boardmembers for their community service. She asked that all sites be considered for the proposed fieldhouse project and that one of the guiding principles be to preserve the tree canopy.

Erin Powell

1015 106th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA

Based upon Councilmember frustrations and the disheartening process for the homeless shelter, Ms. Powell requested that Wilburton Hill Park be removed from consideration for the BGCB fieldhouse project. The project is not consistent with what the neighborhood wants, which is a park with nature trails and a natural park that is beloved by its neighbors.

Ms. Powell suggested that Boardmembers consider North Bellevue Community Center as a preferred site for the proposed fieldhouse. This site is mentioned in the Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan as lacking a gymnasium. Ms. Powell encouraged Boardmembers to be creative and find a win/win solution for all.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Boardmember Synn and second by Boardmember Hamilton to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: February 12, 2019

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Colin Walker, Department Marketing Administrator, 452-7248

SUBJECT: Visit Bellevue Washington Update
(Information only; no Board action requested)

At your February meeting, Brad Jones, Executive Director of Visit Bellevue Washington (VBW), will provide an update on the organization's activities. In 2011, Council named VBW as the official destination marketing and management organization for the City of Bellevue. The organization's work supports City Council Priority #2: *Actively pursue business retention and growth at the local level, including diverse small, medium and large business with an emphasis on high-tech, tourism and international trade.*

VBW is at the brink of an exciting new phase; recently expanded hotel inventory, restaurants and developments throughout our community represent new opportunities. Mr. Jones will share the *Visit Bellevue Strategic Vision 2020* (attached), recently endorsed by the VBW Advisory Committee, and provide the Board with an overview of the organization's strategic priorities: attracting visitors to Bellevue, maximizing visitor spending, branding Bellevue as a destination, enhancing the Bellevue visitor experience, and managing the Destination Development Plan.

Parks & Community Services staff actively participate in the organization's planning and operations, including membership on the VBW Advisory Committee. In addition, Bellevue's parks, programming and events factor heavily into the organization's tourism promotion strategies. Department staff regularly work with VBW to promote activities and experiences – both free and paid – which are accessible to visitors, and VBW often features Bellevue's parks in its advertising collateral and visitor guide.

Mr. Jones joined VBW in September. Prior to moving to the Pacific Northwest, he served for thirteen years as the executive director and CEO of Experience Rochester (Minnesota) and ten years prior to that as executive director of the Mackinaw Area (Michigan) Visitors Bureau.

VISIT BELLEVUE

STRATEGIC VISION 2020



PREPARED FOR
CITY OF BELLEVUE,
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES

PRESENTED BY
BRAD JONES
Executive Director



ABOUT BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

Bellevue, Washington is an incredible city, and promoting it as a visitor destination is both exciting and rewarding. Our region is known far beyond its borders as a first class domestic and international visitor destination. Our region is renowned for its pacific coast, mountain and maritime recreation, high quality hotels and restaurants, economic and corporate headquarters, high quality of life, shopping, and unique people.

Tourism and hospitality is a critical industry to Bellevue and Washington State. Visit Bellevue is at the brink of an exciting new phase: recently expanded hotel inventory, restaurants, and developments throughout our community represent new opportunities. The hospitality industry is a key pillar in our economic development and working together is the only way to leverage our growth and elevate our destination to its full potential.



STRATEGY. GROWTH. SUCCESS.

Despite sustained growth in Bellevue's tourism and hospitality industry, our stakeholders are seeking more business on weekends and during shoulder periods. We have also seen a significant increase in regional supply that is having a measurable effect on Bellevue and its businesses. Increased marketing to draw more visitors to Bellevue can be realized with a strong, focused, financially sound and effective Visit Bellevue. To this end, we must focus attention on our strategic priorities and manage Bellevue as a destination.

This is not a marketing plan. Rather, it is a strategic road map to identify and take action on the critical tourism and hospitality industry opportunities that will drive Visit Bellevue forward for the next two years. Partnerships, along with a broader, collaborative approach, will be central to the delivery and success of this strategy. To lay the foundation for our future successes, we'll continue to work with local leaders, community partners, and industry associations to surpass our goals and objectives.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

WHO WE ARE

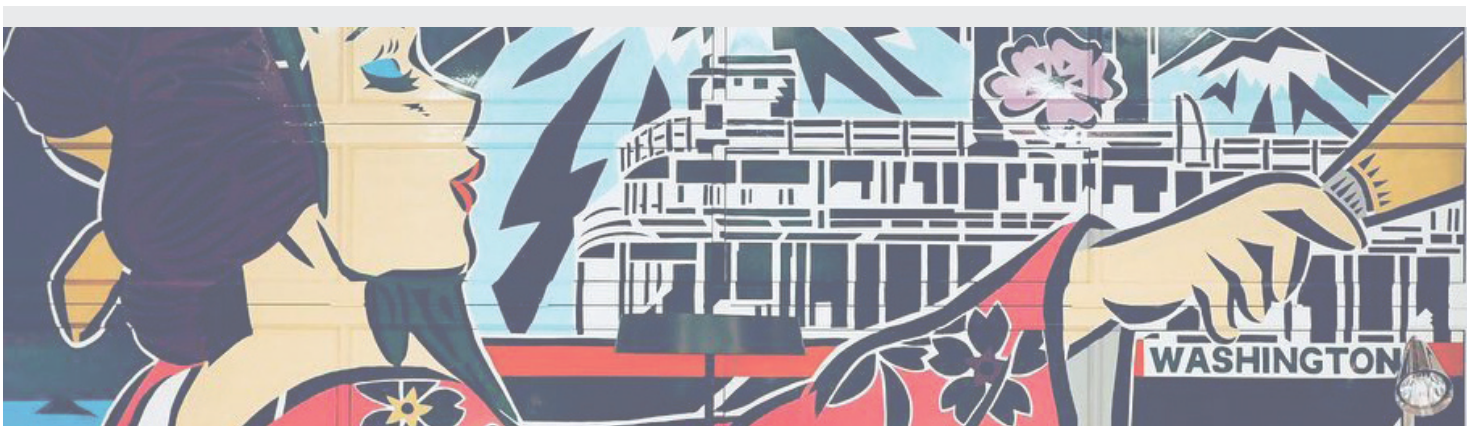
Visit Bellevue Washington serves as Bellevue's official Destination Marketing and Management Organization (DMMO).

MISSION

Visit Bellevue stimulates economic growth and development by increasing visitor and convention business and inspiring memorable visitor experiences.

VISION

To make Bellevue Washington's visitor economy a \$1 billion industry by the end of 2020.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

ATTRACTING VISITORS TO BELLEVUE

Visit Bellevue will remain focused on its number one priority of generating demand for the destination. Visit Bellevue activities will always be focused on generating customers for the destination through Convention Sales, Visitor Marketing Programs, Festivals & Events, Public Relations & Innovative Communications programming.

MAXIMIZE VISITOR SPENDING

Growing the volume of visitors to Bellevue is our number one strategy but it is also important for Visit Bellevue to focus on growing revenue, addressing seasonality, lengthening duration of stay and diversification of visitor type. We will accomplish this through visitor services, communications, curation of content and maximizing attendees at conventions and events.

BRANDING BELLEVUE

Defining Bellevue's brand essence, position strategy to the world and providing a platform that inspires and raises the visibility of Bellevue as a visitor destination with a collaborative marketing and sales platform that is creative, authentic, unique, inclusive, friendly and unpretentious.

ENHANCING THE BELLEVUE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

We will collaboratively and strategically strive to bolster the visitor economy by bringing all visitor sectors together to create positive memorable visitor experiences at every Bellevue touch point. We will continually measure and monitor the Bellevue visitor experience and we will use this knowledge to address product gaps, create ongoing training and communication towards improving and delivering better visitor experiences. Visit Bellevue event services will provide planning assistance, attendance building, attendee engagement and insure Bellevue is aligned to event needs and expectations.

MANAGING THE DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Destination Development Plan will improve Bellevue's ability to attract visitors and new businesses to the city. The plan will support future infrastructure improvement, economic growth, enhance the visitor experience and spur employment growth.

TARGET AUDIENCES

To ensure that we remain focused and efficient, Visit Bellevue will understand and define each of our intended opportunity audiences that will enable us to achieve our strategic priorities. These audiences will be further developed and defined as part of the brand platform, strategy and future marketing plan.

VISITORS

- Convention Meetings & Corporate Event Attendees
- Business & “Bleisure”
- Food, Culinary & Wine
- Shoppers
- Weekend Getaways
- Pacific Northwest & Seattle Regional Leisure Visitors

CONVENTION, MEETING & EVENT PLANNERS

RESIDENTS (COMMUNITY)

- Hospitality Industry Professionals & Front-line Staff
- Community Leaders (Thought Leaders and Influencers)

STAKEHOLDERS

In order to be effective in destination marketing & management Visit Bellevue believes in a collaborative working partnership. Visit Bellevue will listen, understand and align its strategy. This will ensure effective and efficient leveraging of resources and provide focus toward important shared priorities, goals, and objectives.

- Hospitality Industry (Hotels, Restaurants, Attractions, Venues)
- Bellevue Convention Center Authority
- Meydenbauer Center
- City of Bellevue
- Industry Associations
- Regional Partners (Surrounding Cities & DMMO’s)
- Local Influencers (Companies, Thought Leaders, Groups, etc.)



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

It is important for Visit Bellevue to develop, communicate and bring understanding to our key performance indicators on an ongoing basis. Focusing our resources against the measures that can meaningfully communicate the accomplishment of key goals and assess whether we are on target as we work towards those priorities is essential.

- Visitor Spending
- Economic Impact of Visitors
- Number of Visitors to Bellevue (Overall Overnight Visitors, Visitor Inquiries & Visitor Engagement of Marketing and Communications)
- Lodging (Revenue, TOT, Occupancy & ADR)
- Sales (Economic Impact, Revenue & Room Nights Booked)
- Visitor Experience
- Visit Bellevue Partners (Retention, New Member Development & Member Engagement)

MAJOR PROJECTS

NEXT FOUR MONTHS

- Brand Platform, Strategy Development & Marketing Plan Development
- Destination, Market & Visitor Research Program
- Sales Department Program Re-Focus
- Advisory Board Development
- Visit Bellevue Partnership
- Event Services Alignment & Re-focus

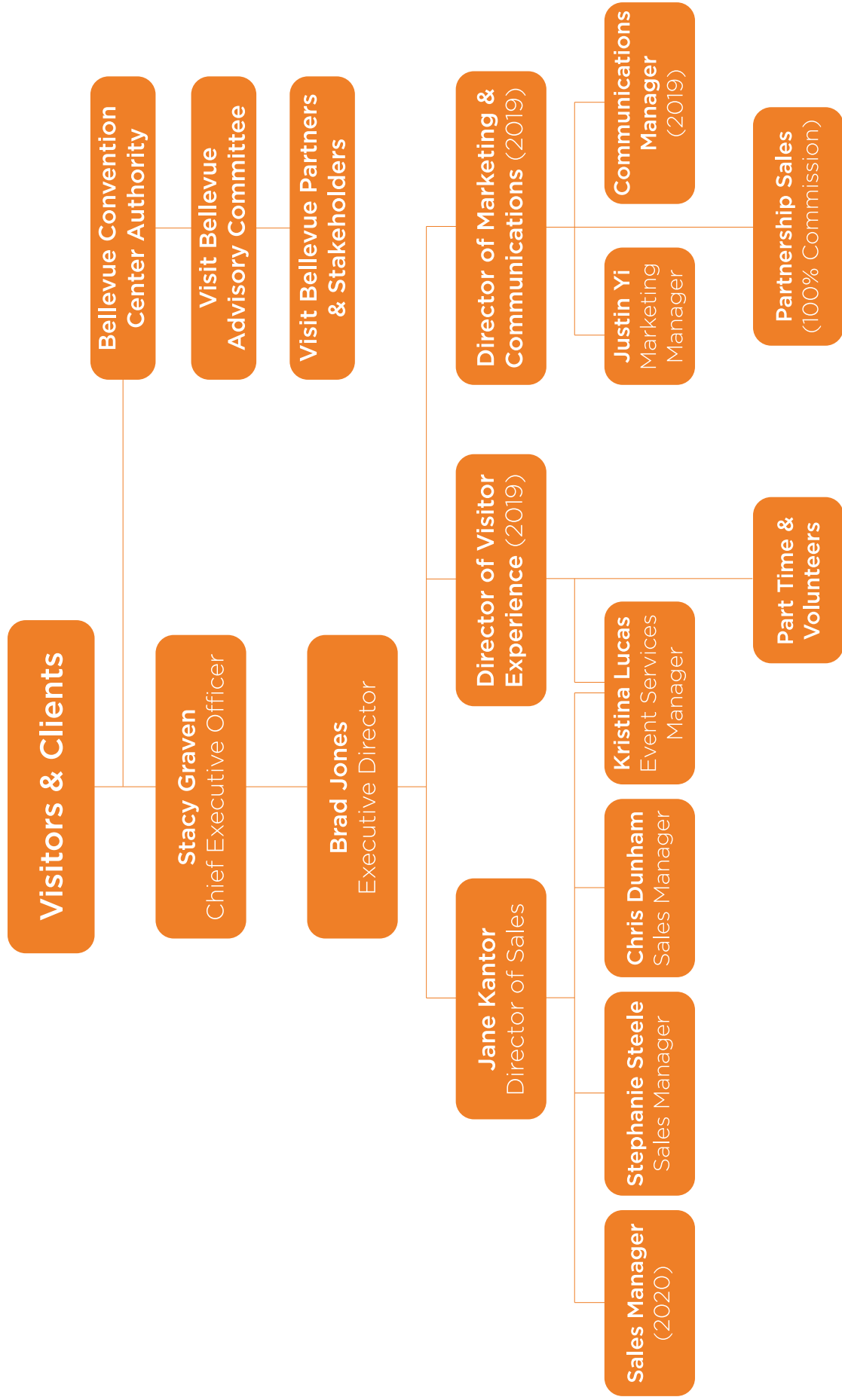
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- Brand Strategy Launch
- Marketing Plan Activation
- Website Rebuild & Launch
- Develop & Launch Certified Tourism Ambassador Program
- Develop & Launch Community Host Volunteer Program
- Develop, Refocus & Launch Promotional & Collateral Materials
- Develop, Refocus & Launch Communications Strategy & Program
- Redevelop Office Space & FFE
- Visitor Experience Program Strategy Development, Product Development & Launch
- Culinary Tourism Strategy & Action
- CRM/CMS Systems

2020

- Festivals & Events Planning & Program Development
- Cultural Tourism Planning & Program Development
- Visitor Information Center(s) Plan & Program
- Visitor Safety & Security Program Development

Visit Bellevue Organizational Chart



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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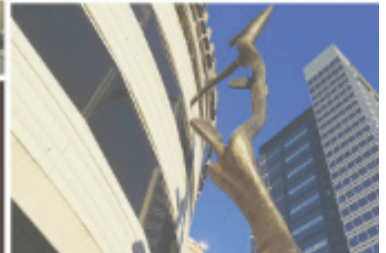
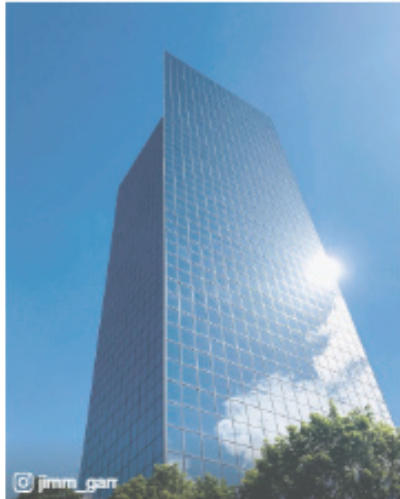
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MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &
Community Services

DATE: January 31, 2019

TO: Parks & Community Services Board

FROM: Toni Esparza, Assistant Director

SUBJECT: Community Services Planning Overview
(Information only; Board action not requested)

The Parks & Community Services Department provides a wide spectrum of services to the community. As we are nearing re-accreditation in 2020, we are providing an update to the Parks & Community Services Board on the types of services offered within department, specifically within Community Services. We are also providing brief information on a number of new plans and updates to existing plans. Each of these plans will be coming back to the Board at a later date for a fuller presentation and to seek input and/or endorsement.

The Continuum of Services: Achieving a Common Focus across Diverse Programs and Services
Bellevue Parks & Community Services combines parks, recreation, and cultural arts functions with community service functions including adult misdemeanor probation and funding for human service programs. The integration of these services creates a rich environment, full of opportunities for collaboration. It represents a fundamental strength of Bellevue's approach to community building.

The term "Continuum" helps describe the dynamic nature of our Mission of building a healthy community. This model recognizes that individuals and the physical environment are constantly in motion, at various stages of growth or development and sometimes decline. The Continuum describes a fluid condition ranging from the need for intervention to prevention to opportunities for enhancement. Our strategy is to align resources along this Continuum and create pathways that help navigate toward sustained enhancement.

As a management tool, the Continuum of Services Model provides a framework to:

- Reinforce the power of collective impact; the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.
- Identify how each of us fits within the whole to achieve our Mission.
- Craft clear pathways for movement toward enhancement.
- Evaluate the relevancy and effectiveness of the deployment of resources along the Continuum and make adjustments as necessary.
- Identify and leverage the interconnections among the resources arrayed along the Continuum.
- The Continuum of Services Model helps keep us focused on and aligned with our Mission.



In support of our department’s Community Services work, the following plans have either recently been updated, or will be completed/updated soon:

Choices for People with Disabilities Plan

The Choices for People with Disabilities Plan provides an outline of recreational choices available for residents with disabilities. The Plan describes the process that Parks & Community Services uses to support the inclusion process and adaptive recreation, thereby encouraging those living with disabilities to participate in the programs of their choosing. The Choices Plan was drafted after reviewing the needs of Bellevue citizens and researching inclusion plans from across the United States. Development of the choices Plan included a review of the City of Bellevue’s legal responsibilities regarding access and accommodations, discussions with program participants regarding acceptable modifications, as well as the review of inclusion models across the nation.

Department Diversity Strategic Plan

In 2014, the City of Bellevue adopted the Diversity Advantage Plan. As a key element to implement the 60 recommendations from the Diversity Advantage Plan, the City requires each department to develop a corresponding Diversity Strategic Plan. Parks & Community Services is

in the process of finalizing the department's Diversity Strategic Plan, which internalizes the recommendations from the Diversity Advantage Plan. The Department's Diversity Strategic Plan implements the following objectives:

- Examine current policies, practices, and procedures as it pertains to diversity and equity related issues.
- Incorporate strategies and best practices developed under the Diversity Advantage Plan as guiding principles for the mission and vision of all Parks & Community Services work plans.
- Develop and cultivate a department culture that understands and reflects the incorporation of equity and the celebration of diversity as standards. These standards are in conjunction with providing high quality programs and services for all communities and groups in Bellevue.

The Parks & Community Services' Diversity Strategic Plan will serve as guiding principles for the department's work plan and best practices for programs, policies, planning, and services.

Human Services Needs Update

Bellevue's Human Services Needs Update is an analysis of the health and human services trends and issues that affect the quality of life of Bellevue residents. It was first developed in 1989 and is updated every other year. The Needs Update is a compilation of qualitative and quantitative data from a wide variety of sources; i.e. community survey, community conversation, key informant interviews, and reviewing reports, such as the American Community Survey and Census data. The Needs Update is used by the Human Services Commission to guide the recommendation for allocation of our Human Services Fund and Community Development Block Grant to the City Council. The Human Services Division staff use the document to direct our work and forecast how the city can prepare for changes in human services.

Recreation Program Plan

Bellevue Parks & Community Services is one recreation provider among many in the City of Bellevue. The Recreation Program Plan defines the City's role as a recreational provider in this system. First developed in the late 1990s, the plan is updated every 5 years and establishes priorities to guide the investment of public resources in support of recreation programs. For the 2020 plan update, staff are working to expand the breadth of the plan's scope to integrate principles of equity, access, and inclusion and to more fully describe the department's work in community services.

Strategic Plan

The Parks & Community Services Strategic Plan establishes the vision, mission, guiding principles, and strategic goals that guide our work department-wide and direct our annual work plans. The Strategic Plan serves a pivotal role by integrating policy guidance from city- and department-level plans and initiatives, and then translating this guidance into a series of actionable steps to inform work planning and assess outcomes. Like the Recreation Program Plan, the Strategic Plan is revised every 5 years with an update due in 2020.



PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT January 2019

Aquatic Center Study

The team led by ARC Architects was awarded the feasibility study update and the contractual work is now underway. With the 2009 feasibility study as a foundation, initial work has started with setting up meetings with our potential partners and stakeholders. The feasibility work will continue through most of 2019.

Ashwood Park Master Plan Update

Work is underway on this project, as we are preparing a request for proposal to secure the services of a design team to work with us to conduct public outreach and prepare a plan. We expect to have a consultant on board by the end of the first quarter, and begin outreach in the second quarter of 2019.

Bannerwood Park

Amendments to our agreements with Seattle University and the Bellevue School District have been signed that allow further upgrades to the Bannerwood baseball facility. Construction is underway on the installation of a roof over the existing batting cages and a small multi-use/clubhouse building behind the 3rd base dugout. Work is expected to be complete prior to the spring baseball season, all at SU's cost.

Downtown Park – NE Gateway

No Change. The Arts Program manager is finalizing a contract with the artist, however, we are proceeding with the site design, alley vacation process, and are monitoring a potential development proposal adjacent to the Gateway project. Once the public art component of the plan has been finalized, we will schedule a joint Park Board/Arts Commission meeting to present the plan and request a joint recommendation to the Council.

Fieldhouse Study

In response to a City Council request, the Park Board recommended approval of a process to evaluate the fieldhouse proposal at their January meeting. However, in late January, the Boys & Girls Club submitted a letter withdrawing the proposal, citing the length of time necessary to determine the outcome. No further work is expected.

Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development

All major construction work is complete, though the completion of punchlist items and final clean-up will extend into February. Once the contractor has completed his contractual obligations, the staff will ready the site for the expected March 16 Grand Opening. Informational and regulatory signs will be installed, a parking plan developed, and the Whaling Building renovation will be complete. Staff is finalizing a contract with a vendor to manage the boat concession this summer in the Whaling Building.

Newport Hills Park

Work is underway on the planning, design and construction of a neighborhood park in the Newport Hills neighborhood. Initial contact has been made with the nearby homeowners associations, and we expect to conduct public outreach throughout the spring to determine the neighborhood aspirations for their park. This will be followed by design and construction of the park, which we hope to complete by late 2020.

Park & Natural Areas Levy Projects Summary

- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Wilburton Hill Park:** Project complete.
- **Synthetic Sportsfield at Newport Hills Park:** Project complete.
- **Lewis Creek Park Picnic Area:** Project complete.
- **BYT Construction:** Project complete.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Site analysis and initial schematic design is complete. The cost estimates for Phase 1 are significantly over the anticipated budget, so we continue to explore schematic design options and costs to determine the Phase 1 scope of work.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
 - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
 - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
 - **Bridle Trails/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 complete, with punch-list work continuing into February. Sound Transit still must complete the final sections of sound wall barrier and top safety rail, which they estimate will be complete at the beginning of March at which time the park landscape can be restored and the park readied for opening. Except for one property, the new boundary fence has been installed. The park is estimated to open for fun and play mid-March with a neighborhood Grand Opening Celebration later in the Spring.

Renovation Program

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

The following projects were deferred into 2019:

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

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

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

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Patrick Foran
Parks & Community Services
City of Bellevue
450 110th Ave. NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

Dear Patrick:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue would like to thank the City of Bellevue, the Parks and Community Services Board and members of the community who have expressed their support of the Club's heritage of service to all kids in Bellevue.

We do believe there is a need for more indoor recreation space to better serve kids in East Bellevue, but the process that must occur to validate this need and the location will likely take several years with an uncertain conclusion. These are factors we must consider as the funding for the project would be private donations.

Therefore, we are withdrawing our partnership proposal for a new indoor recreation facility at this time in order to continue to explore new ways to meet the indoor recreation needs of Bellevue's youth.

Thank you for your continued support of our partnership.

Sincerely,

Kathy Haggart
President/CEO

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution authorizing Resolution authorizing execution of all documents necessary for the acquisition of an approximately 3.5-acre portion of a property located at 5642 Lake Washington Blvd SE.

Patrick Foran, Director, 452-5377

Camron Parker, Parks Property & Acquisitions Manager, 452-2032

Parks & Community Services

Toni Call, Director, 452-7863

Ira McDaniel, Real Property Manager, 452-4182

Kim Bui, Real Property Agent, 452-5269

Finance and Asset Management

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes acquisition of an approximately 3.5-acre portion of a property located at 5642 Lake Washington Blvd SE. If approved, a boundary line adjustment is required to add this portion of land to adjacent City-owned parkland (Tyler and Patterson Properties) in the Newport Hills neighborhood.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9541

If approved, effective date: 01/22/2019

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**Background – Property Information**

The need for additional neighborhood park facilities in the Newport Hills area has been identified in the Parks & Open Space System Plan for many years. Working toward meeting this objective, five acres on SE 60th Street were purchased in 2010 from the Tyler Homes Corporation. This grew to ten acres in 2015 with the acquisition of the neighboring Patterson Property.

The subject property shares its eastern boundary line with the Patterson Property (see Attachment A). It consists of 4.2 acres with one single family home located on the western edge. The property owner has been in communication with Parks & Community Services regarding a possible sale since the Patterson Property was acquired. They desire to have the majority of their property added to the existing park land for future public use and enjoyment. In December 2018, a purchase and sale agreement was signed by the owner, contingent upon review and approval by the City Council.

The proposed purchase and sale agreement is structured such that the City would acquire approximately 3.5 acres of the overall property, not including the home (see Attachment B). The site adds to existing park property and is an attractive location for trail development and natural area preservation as it includes a deep ravine bisected by Lakehurst Creek.

As part of the recently approved budget, the City Council approved funding to develop a new

neighborhood park at this location as part of the 2019 - 2025 CIP budget. This acquisition could complement and enhance the overall impact of that future park development with the additional space and natural features that it offers.

Next Steps

To segregate the portion of the property to be acquired, the City and the current property owner must apply for a Boundary Line Adjustment permit that will be reviewed and approved administratively through the City’s Development Services Department. This application will be made only if the proposed purchase and sale agreement is approved by the City Council. Assuming the boundary line adjustment is approved, the property owner will transfer the 3.5-acre area of the property to the City of Bellevue to incorporate into the existing Patterson Property.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Comprehensive Plan, Parks, Open Space, and Recreation Element

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.

PA-5. Obtain, for preservation, natural areas that are sensitive to urbanization or represent a valuable natural and aesthetic resource to the community.

Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan 2016

Capital Project Objective PRK-4: Add Neighborhood Park: Newport Neighborhood Area

Bellevue City Code

Under Bellevue City Code 4.30.010, City Council approval is required to purchase property or property rights when the acquisition is not a part of a previously approved project and the purchase price exceeds \$25,000.

Fiscal Impact

Adopting this Resolution obligates the City to a one-time payment of \$220,000 for the land plus related costs for escrow and completing the boundary line adjustment. This acquisition is funded by CIP Project P-AD-82, Parks and Open Space Acquisition, with 50 percent of the acquisition reimbursed by a grant secured from the King County Conservation Futures Program (KCCF Amendment O, approved under Ordinance 6371). The acquisition was anticipated, and sufficient funding exists within the CIP project.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of all documents necessary for the acquisition of an approximately 3.5-acre portion of a property located at 5642 Lake Washington Blvd SE.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Property Map
- B. Proposed Acquisition
- C. 2019-2025 CIP Project P-AD-82 Description
Proposed Resolution No. 9541

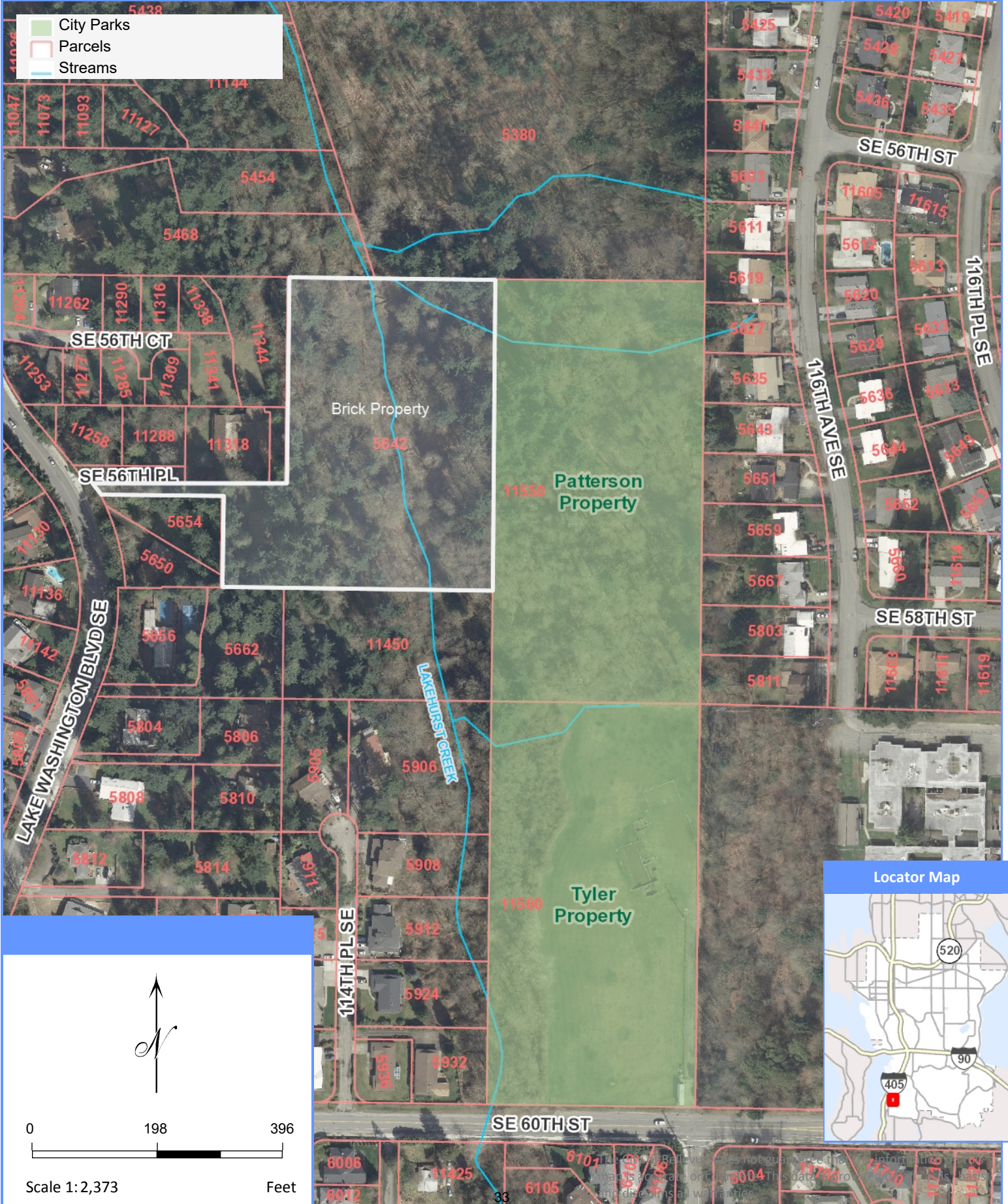
AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Copy of proposed purchase and sale agreement



Brick Property

- City Parks
- Parcels
- Streams



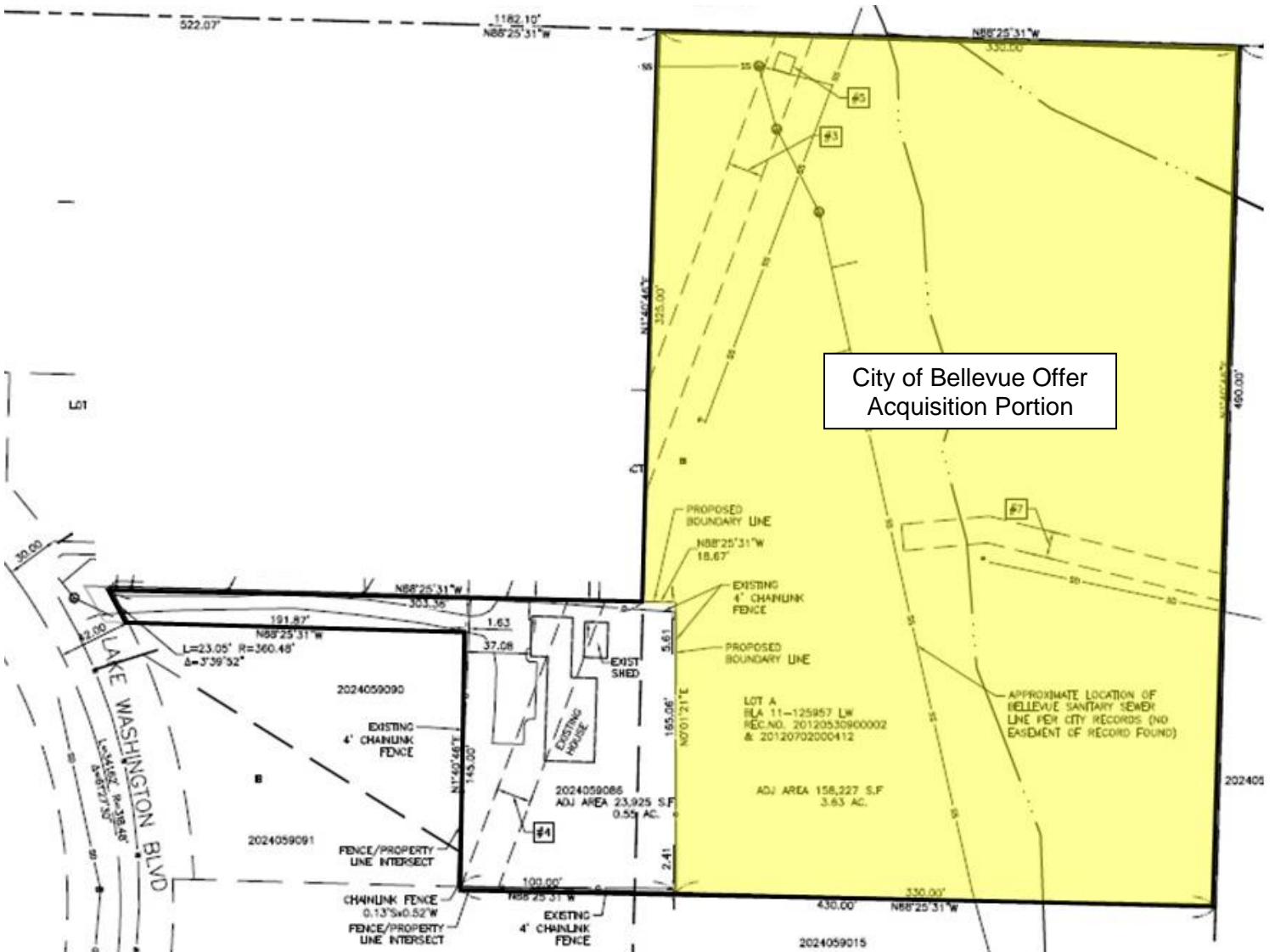
Locator Map



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Area to be Acquired

This depiction is for visual information only and the property lines shall be determined through an approved boundary line adjustment.



From: Judy Matthew <jpmatt1013@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 2:10 PM
To: Council <Council@bellevuewa.gov>; Parker, Camron <CParker@bellevuewa.gov>; Harvey, Nancy <NHarvey@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Reducing Light Pollution at night

Hello,

As a member of the **International Dark Sky Association**, I thought the Council and the Parks Commission might be interested in their latest newsletter. I call your attention to the article on Community-Friendly Sports Lighting and to the article about France adopting a progressive light pollution policy. Community-Friendly Sports Lighting could be "one small step" for Bellevue toward adopting a Dark Sky Certification. The IDA is dedicated to preserving the night sky for all of us and offers many solutions toward that end.

Thank you,
Judy Matthew
16110 SE 46th Way
Bellevue 98006

Note: Here are the links to the articles mentioned in Ms. Matthew's email:

https://www.darksky.org/ida-accepting-applications-for-community-friendly-sports-lighting-design-certification/?utm_source=Nightwatch+Master+List&utm_campaign=cab3d748a0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_09_19_03_11_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3af7d737e8-cab3d748a0-206482329

https://www.darksky.org/france-light-pollution-law-2018/?utm_source=Nightwatch+Master+List&utm_campaign=cab3d748a0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_09_19_03_11_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3af7d737e8-cab3d748a0-206482329

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
(This list is a guide. Details may change.)**

FEBRUARY 2019

- Feb 1** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:**
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908463.
- Feb 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Great Kapok Tree”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Learn about the different animals of the Amazon Rainforest as they come together to tell the story of the kapok tree and hopefully save their home. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:**
LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Feb 2** **Garden Class: Winter Watercolor**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Molly Hashimoto. Come and learn how to celebrate the late winter season through art! We’ll create watercolor sketches of individual botanical specimens, as well as paint a landscape. All supplies will be provided. **Cost:** \$35 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$45/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:**
<http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Feb 2** **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.

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- Feb 2** **Cocoa and Canvas**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Join your child for a fun afternoon on the farm! You and your child will each create a farm-themed painting to take home. Cocoa, cookies, and all art supplies will be provided. Painting will be inside the heated barn, but come dressed to get messy. Each registration fee includes one child and one adult. **Ages:** 6-10 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$60/resident and \$72/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1980541.
- Feb 3** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 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.
- Feb 6** **Kiddy Klub Indoor Playground and Art Club**, 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Come in from the cold to spend the morning with your child, playing and working together on an art project. There's a new theme every week! Parents and caregivers get an opportunity to meet and make new friends while your child plays and meets new friends too. **Ages:** 18 months to 3 years old. **Cost:** Free! Drop-in program. **Pre-registration:** Not required; however, attending parent must sign a waiver. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 8** **Movie with a Ranger: "Wild Kratts: Falcon City"**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
In this episode, Aviva is working on Peregrine Falcon Discs, when Jimmy Z takes the Wild Kratts to a city where there are pigeons – a potential prey for peregrine falcons. Enjoy this educational show with a Bellevue Park Ranger, and then we will expand our learning with a program on raptors and other birds of prey. **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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- Feb 9** **Valentine Fun**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Adult and child will team together to create beautiful Valentine cards, share their love with a farm animal, and participate in some fun holiday activities. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 3-6 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 #1900777.
- Feb 9** **Family Fun: Funny Little Valentine**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make a special gift for your special pal to take home! Sing songs, do a little dance, and complete the morning decorating a sweet Valentine treat. Karen Renfroe-Gielgens will be the instructor. Come join the fun! This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** Best for ages 2 to 5 years with accompanying adult. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106 for course 1900369.
- Feb 9** **Lunar New Year Celebration**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Please join us to celebrate Lunar New Year, the fifth day of the New Year, to welcome the Fortune God. In the Aaron Education Center, enjoy the display stations for regional costumes, folk arts, botanical displays, and Chinese tea demonstrations. Watch performances in Tai-Ji, Chinese folk dance, and musical concerts. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Feb 9** **Tracks, Scratch & Scat**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals leave all kinds of clues that tell us which critter has been visiting and what they were up to. Join us to learn some of Bellevue's animal signs before we head out to search for prints, feathers, and even scat to see what has been happening in Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Feb 10** **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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- Feb 12** **Garden Lecture: Crown Jewel Wilderness: Creating North Cascades National Park,** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture, by Laura Danner, will be presented by the Washington Native Plant Society. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info and to register:** <https://www.wnps.org/>
- Feb 15** **Story Time on the Farm,** 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908464.
- Feb 15** **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 1900161. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 16** **Garden Class: The Hidden Half of Your Garden – A New Way to Think About Soil,** 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Dave Montgomery and Anne Bilke. Come and learn about how the smallest creatures on Earth are upending practices in gardening, agriculture and medicine. We will talk about human and plant microbiomes and the role of living soil in keeping gardens, farms, and even our bodies humming along like they should. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members or Northwest Perennial Alliance Members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- Feb 16** **Pioneer Life on the Farm**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Learn all about pioneer life in our unique 19th-century historic log cabin. Participants will try their hand at pioneer chores, create a pioneer craft, and read stories about early settlers and farming. The session will conclude with a visit to one of our resident ponies, and we will learn how horses were an essential part of pioneer farm life. **Ages:** 5-7 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 #1900786.
- Feb 17** **Tracks, Scratch & Scat**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals leave all kinds of clues that tell us which critter has been visiting and what they were up to. Join us to learn some of Bellevue’s animal signs before we head out to search for prints, feathers, and even scat to see what has been happening in Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Feb 18** **Holiday Farm Tour: Presidents’ 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
If you’ve always wanted a tour of the farm to meet our resident farm animals, this is your opportunity! You will get to meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits. You’ll also be able to pet some of the animals, while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted as space allows. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. Each attendee must register. **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 #1907951 for the 11 a.m. tour, and course #1907952 for the 1:30 p.m. tour.
- Feb 22** **Nature Movie Night: “A Murder of Crows”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Although cultures around the world may regard the crow as a scavenger, bad omen, or simply a nuisance, this bad reputation might overshadow what could be regarded as the crow’s most striking characteristic – its intelligence. New research indicates that crows are among the brightest animals in the world. *A Murder of Crows* bring you these so-called feathered apes, as you have never seen them before. **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.

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- Feb 22** **Night Hike: An Evergreen Evening**, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join us for an evening hike in the Lake Hills Greenbelt. Bring your flashlight and a warm coat as we learn about native Washington trees and listen for creatures that get active in the dark hours! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Feb 23** **Family Discovery Series: Breakfast for Birds**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The Mercer Slough provides critical habitat for both residential and migratory birds year-round. Limited resources for these birds during the winter months can make survival challenging. Join us to find out more about our winter birds and what you can do in your own backyard to help them survive tough times. **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.
- Feb 23** **Tracks, Scratch & Scat**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals leave all kinds of clues that tell us which critter has been visiting and what they were up to. Join us to learn some of Bellevue's animal signs before we head out to search for prints, feathers, and even scat to see what has been happening in Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the event. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Feb 24** **BBGS Garden Special Lecture: The Queen's Gardener**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
What's it like to garden for the Queen? We are delighted to welcome John Anderson, the Keeper of the Gardens at Windsor Castle and Savill Garden in England. He is going to create a special lecture for us that focuses on working for the royal family, but also on his experience gardening with plant groups that are popular in the Pacific Northwest. **Cost:** \$15 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and Heronswood members; \$25/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Feb 24** **Adult Enrichment Series: Wondrous Wetlands**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you ever wondered about the different wetlands around Bellevue? Join a Park Ranger for a presentation about what makes wetlands special before heading outside to visit Lewis Creek's own marsh. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This hike's difficulty is rated as easy (.5 mile). This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1900174. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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Feb 28 **Garden Class: Layering the Landscape for Less Maintenance: Clematis, Shrubs and Groundcovers that Love Our Climate, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Marianne Binetti, radio host, author and columnist. Marianne will talk about designing with the best plants for Western Washington, including the easiest to grow clematis. Brought to you by Cascade Water Alliance and the City of Bellevue. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required.
Info and to register: <https://layering.brownpapertickets.com/> **For other Cascade Gardener classes:** <https://cascadewater.org/water-efficiency/cascade-gardener/>

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- March 1** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Crafty Crows”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Join Bellevue Master Naturalists for an hour of stories and crafts featuring the crafty crow. 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.
- March 2** **Introduction to Backyard Chickens, 10 a.m. – noon**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn Farm Room, 410 130th Place SE
If you’re interested in keeping pet chickens in Bellevue, the staff at Kelsey Creek Farm can help you get started! We’ll cover setting up a chicken coop, where to get chickens, what breeds to choose 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 will need, and practice picking up and holding a chicken. **Ages:** 14 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$20/resident and \$25/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 #1901015
- March 2** **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.
- March 3** **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.

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- March 8** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:**
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908465.
- March 9** **Northwest Perennial Alliance March Mania Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Shop for spring ephemerals and choice garden plants not readily available at other times of the year. Learn from nursery experts and let them help you choose some of the earliest bloomers of the season. Most of the sale is held indoors, where the kids can enjoy fun activities just for them while you shop. **Cost:** Open to the public; no admission fee.
Info: http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/march_mania.php
- March 9** **Cocoa and Canvas**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Join your child for a fun afternoon on the farm! You and your child will each create a farm-themed painting to take home. Cocoa, cookies, and all art supplies will be provided. Painting will be inside the heated barn, but come dressed to get messy. Each registration fee includes one child and one adult. **Ages:** 6-10 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$60/resident and \$72/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:**
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1980542.
- March 9** **Home Is Where You Lay Your Fuzzy Head**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals all over Bellevue come up with creative solutions when it's time to find a home. Would you like to sleep at night in a spiderweb and moss nest? How about in a house built under a hill of logs, a gravel tunnel home, or one made of saliva and chewed plants? We'll head outside for some inspiration before tapping into some of that creativity ourselves. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- March 13** **Garden Class: Spring 101 Gardeners Question Time**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join a panel of four King County Master Gardeners who will present a powerpoint of what you should be doing in the garden in Spring. We will be talking, planting, pruning, propagating, soil and compost care, and taking questions from the audience. This class is presented by the Northwest Perennial Alliance. **Cost:** \$25/Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$35/non-NPA members. **Info and tickets:**
http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/classes_signup19.php
- March 15** **Farmer for a Day**, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, House, 410 130th Place SE
Come join us at Kelsey Creek Farm for a fun day off school and become a farmer for a day! Experience farm life firsthand as you go behind the scenes and see what it really takes to be a farmer. Help us collect eggs, make animals' meals, clean out stalls, and brush a pony! Bring a lunch, snack and drink. **Ages:** 8-10. **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1906032.
- March 15** **Garden Class: Mindfulness in the Garden – Nourishing Peace Within**,
10:30 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Experience the healing power of nature. Stroll through the solitude and sanctuary of the winter garden while Deborah and Jessica guide you in Mindfulness Meditation while opening your senses with Shinrun-Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing). Taught by Deborah Wilk, LMFT, and Jessica Volpentesta, LMHC. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:**
<http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 15** **Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call 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 1900162. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- March 16** **St. Patrick's Day at the Farm**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Adult and child team together to make fun crafts, get up close with one of Kelsey Creek Farm's farm animals, and hunt for a pot of gold in the barnyard. Adult/child teams only. **Ages:** 3-6 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 #1900801.
- March 16** **Garden Class: Hydrangea How-To**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Kit Haesloop. In this class you will learn the distinguishing traits between species, and how best to keep your hydrangeas beautiful with the proper care, growing conditions, and pruning. Bring your questions and be prepared to go outside in the second half of the class. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 16** **Lucky Leprechauns**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Top o' the mornin' to ya! Join us for art, games, music, and all things green! Don't forget to have your leprechaun wear something green so you won't get pinched! There a pot of "gold" waiting for you at the end of the rainbow. This is a child and caregiver class. **Instructor:** Miss Karen. **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 for course 1900370.
- March 17** **Home Is Where You Lay Your Fuzzy Head**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals all over Bellevue come up with creative solutions when it's time to find a home. Would you like to sleep at night in a spiderweb and moss nest? How about in a house built under a hill of logs, a gravel tunnel home, or one made of saliva and chewed plants? We'll head outside for some inspiration before tapping into some of that creativity ourselves. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 18** **Naturalist for a Day**, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, House, 410 130th Place SE
Spend your day off from school exploring Kelsey Creek's wetlands and Douglas fir forests. Learn about the local ecosystem, look for wildlife, and start your own nature journal! We'll study trees, do art projects, and play outside. Bring a lunch, snack and drink. **Ages:** 8-10. **Cost:** \$45/resident and \$54/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900802.

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- March 20** **BBGS Garden Lecture: Plants Are Back in Landscape Architecture: The Increasing Diversity of Plants in Public and Private Projects**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Richard Hartlage is the founding principal and owner of Land Morphology, www.landmorphology.com. His award-winning, innovative designs are renowned as emotive, immersive spaces that incorporate sophisticated horticulture, artful detailing, and historical knowledge that heighten the human experience of the natural world. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 21** **Garden Class: Garden d’Lights Orientation**, 10 a.m. – noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Have you wondered how they make all those flowers out of holiday lights? If you’re interested in learning about volunteering for our Garden d’Lights crew, come to this orientation to find out all about it! The crew meet on Thursday mornings throughout the year. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; space is limited. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 22** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908466.
- March 23** **Painting with Chickens**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 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 #1901016.

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- March 23** **Coal Mining at Cougar Mountain (Eastside Heritage Center Program),**
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This program focuses on 100 years of local coal mining. In 1888, there were 20 mules and 200 men employed here! Exporting coal to San Francisco turned Seattle into a dominant seaport. Learn what is underneath a mountain that is older than Rainier. This program is presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but participants ages 13+ are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 23** **Bunny Ball, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.**
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Create lasting memories with your child at this night-out opportunity for parent and child. Dress up in your finest clothes and enjoy celebrating an evening of dancing, tea time with scones and cookies, and a commemorative photo with your date. Child and parent can decorate their own picture frame for their photo to remember this special evening. Register early, as space is limited. **Ages:** 2 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$20/child (includes tax). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 1801577.
- March 24** **Northwest Perennial Alliance Film Event: “Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf,”** 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Revolutionary landscape designer Piet Oudolf is known for designing public works like New York City’s popular High Line and the Lurie Garden in Chicago’s Millennium Park. These spaces redefine our conception of gardens as works of art in themselves. This gorgeous, meditative documentary immerses viewers in Oudolf’s work, taking us inside his creative process. From his aesthetic theories to his strikingly abstract sketches to the ecological implications of his ideas, the film poetically reveals how Oudolf upends conventional notions of nature, public space and, ultimately, beauty itself. Film begins at 1 p.m. **Cost:** \$5 for Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$20 for non-members. **Info:** <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Lectures.php>
- March 28** **BBS Special Lecture: The Botanical Gardens of Eastern Russia,**
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
With Tony Allison. Come and enjoy a rare opportunity to learn about the flora and botanical gardens of eastern Russia! We will have several botanist-educators from Russian gardens who will share photographs and descriptions of their gardens, and how they are different from and similar to gardens here in the Northwest. There will also be a chance to hear about the environmental education exchange program that brought the educators to the Seattle area, and an opportunity to chat with native Russian speakers. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- March 29** **Nature Movie Night: “Big Blue”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
So much remains a mystery as to how many of the ocean’s creature survive. This episode focuses on some of the toughest predators of the ocean. The researchers and film crews go to great lengths to give us a rare glimpse into the lives of these survivors. This film is part of the *Blue Planet Series II*, narrated by David Attenborough. 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.
- March 29 – April 7** **“The Little Prince” (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**
March 29, 30, and April 6 at 7 p.m.;
March 31, April 6 and 7 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
This show captures the magic of a story of a pilot downed in the desert and his encounters with the little prince. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- March 30** **Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area, 10:30 a.m. – noon**
Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Course Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Explore Coal Creek at the Cinder Mine Trailhead to discover Bellevue’s largest park. Get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife you’ll learn about while being guided by a Bellevue Park Ranger. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (240 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 30** **Family Discovery Series: Camouflage Critters, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
In nature, every advantage increases an animal’s chances of survival. One of the most widespread and varied adaptations is natural camouflage, an animal’s ability to hide itself from predators. Join a Park Ranger for some fun activities, crafts, and to discover some of the techniques that animals in the Mercer Slough use to survive. **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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March 31 **Home Is Where You Lay Your Fuzzy Head**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals all over Bellevue come up with creative solutions when it's time to find a home. Would you like to sleep at night in a spiderweb and moss nest? How about in a house built under a hill of logs, a gravel tunnel home, or one made of saliva and chewed plants? We'll head outside for some inspiration before tapping into some of that creativity ourselves. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- April 4** **Garden Class: Creating Your Dream Garden, Part 1**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This workshop will be taught by Lisa Bauer and George Lasch. During this two-part workshop, you will plan the garden of your dreams with methods used by industry professionals. Learn processes, tips and tricks the pros use to create a functional, beautiful and sustainable garden. You will then have some time to take those ideas home and work on your own design. **The second session is on Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, where you will get feedback and discuss design solutions. **Cost:** \$65 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$75/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- April 5** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908467.
- April 5** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Lorax”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Learn how you, too, can “speak for the trees” as we read this classic story and learn the basics of environmental stewardship. 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.
- April 6** **Garden Class: Expressive Acrylic Painting**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Terry MacDonald. Come and create a brilliant botanical artwork! Acrylics are a very versatile medium with bright colors, infinite techniques and are easy to use. In this class, we will create two projects: a small warm-up project on a wood surface and a larger painting of a geranium on canvas. Students should have some basic painting skills, but not necessarily much experience. The instructor will provide the materials. **Cost:** \$75 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$85/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- April 6** **What is Woolly, Wiggly, and Snuggly All Over?** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
A sheep! Come to the farm to meet our sheep and find out what it takes to be a shepherd. Help us clean the sheep stall, feed out hay, and pet a sheep! Each child will do a craft with wool from one of our sheep. Come dressed for the weather. **Ages:** 5-7 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 #1900803.
- April 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.
- April 6** **Garden Class: Beneficial Bugs for Kids, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
What are Beneficial Bugs? Why do we need them, and how do we attract them to our garden? Join us as we examine live insects, read a story, create a bug craft, and go in search of pollinators. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-8 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** \$12 per child. Accompanying adults are free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- April 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.

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- April 7** **Best Buds**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All winter long the trees have been holding onto their buds; but now that spring is here, leaves will be opening everywhere! Join a Park Ranger to discover what's hiding inside the protected buds, see some that have already opened, and dig deeper into a closed bud. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 9** **Washington Native Plant Society Lecture: Alpine Flowers of Mt. Rainier**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture, by Donovan Tracy, is presented by the Washington Native Plant Society. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://wnps.org/>
- April 13** **Peep! Peep!**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs as well as other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt will round off our morning of fun! This is a child and caregiver class. **Instructor:** Karen Renfroe-Gielgens. **Ages:** Best for ages 2 to 5 with accompanying adult. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 1900372.
- April 13** **Spring Egg-Stravaganza**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Come to Kelsey Creek for a fun morning on the farm with our lovable farm animals, and learn all about eggs. Children will get to collect eggs from our chicken coops and compare chicken, duck, and goose eggs. They will also pet a bunny, pet a chicken, and go on an egg hunt! **Ages:** 5-7 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 #1900804.
- April 13** **NW Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Rock Garden Society members and regional specialty growers will offer a wide range of plants that grow in the mountains, forests and deserts of the West, along with plants from Europe, Asia and South America. Members will be available to demonstrate growing conditions and to give advice. Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of plants will vary. **Info:** <https://www.nargsnw.org/>

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- April 13** **April Pools Day** – 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Children will have the opportunity to learn basic self-help skills in a water emergency with water safety demonstration, lifejacket fitting, and a visit from Mercer Island Marine Patrol and their rescue boat. There will also be free raffles for prizes! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** 12 and under swim for free; 13 and older swim for \$7. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Contact Patrick Simmons at 425-452-4444 or psimmons@bellevuewa.gov
- April 17** **BBGS Lecture: Ten Questions to Ask About Your Garden’s Design,**
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture is presented by Steve Aitken. Steve is the Editor of *Fine Gardening*, a magazine devoted to making readers better gardeners. Steve spends much of his time talking with and visiting horticulturalists and avid gardeners around the country. The knowledge he gains from these activities not only helps the magazine, but also provides solutions to everyday challenges he faces in his own garden. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- April 19-28** **“Exile of Lord Rama/What About Us” (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**
April 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 7 p.m.;
April 27 and 28 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Come join us for an evening of two one-act plays. “Lord Rama” is a classic tale told with dance and the passion of India. “What About Us” examines the timely topics impacting our young people today. This will be a wonderful time of enlightenment in the theatre. **Ages:** “Lord Rama” is suitable for all ages, which “What About Us” may handle material not suitable for under 10. Audience members attending “Lord Rama” will be able to leave at intermission. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- April 19** **Story Time on the Farm, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your child, seeing the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required but recommended; space is limited. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1908468.

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- April 20** **Arbor Day-Earth Day Family Festival**, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bellevue’s annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event will also mark the city’s 28th year of being recognized as a “Tree City USA” community by the Arbor Day Foundation. At 11:30 a.m., Bellevue park rangers and elected officials will plant a ceremonial tree and recognize environmental volunteers. Local environmental stewardship organizations will host free activities and eco-demonstrations. Plant a tree with your family! Kids can grab an Arbor Day-Earth Day activities passport from a Park Ranger and journey through various eco-stations. Completed passports will be entered into a prize drawing. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 26** **Nature Movie Night: “Our Blue Planet”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This episode examines the role of human anthropogenic activity on the oceans. Microplastics and pollution are an increasing problem for the world’s seas, threatening the lives of marine life and ultimately affecting the ecosystem. Can human reverse their activity to protect these threatened ecosystems and the wildlife dependent on them? This film is part of the *Blue Planet Series II*, narrated by David Attenborough. 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.
- April 27** **Kelsey Creek Farm Sheep Shearing**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Watch the sheep being shorn of their winter coats. Enjoy wool spinning demonstrations, children’s activities, tractor/wagon rides, pony rides, food, and animal viewing areas. Free shuttle service will be available at Wilburton Park & Ride and Bannerwood Sports Park. Please note: No pets are allowed in the barnyard area (service animals only). **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for food and activities. No ATM is on site. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 27** **Volunteer for Kelsey Creek Farm Event**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children’s activities at Kelsey Creek Farm’s special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds, and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work outside with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. Volunteers must pre-register. **Ages:** 14-18 years old and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1901017.

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- April 27** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is part of Kelsey Creek Farm's Sheep Shearing event and is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- April 27** **Living with Wildlife – There's a Bear in the Yard!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Springtime in south Bellevue means roaming bears. Learn all about black bears in our area, including how to prevent conflicts in your neighborhood, and what to do if you see a bear. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but participants ages 13+ are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 27** **Family Discovery Series: Spring into Nature**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
As the seasons change, so does nature. Many creatures, big and small, are emerging from their long winter's nap in search of food and friends. Branches and shrubs are coming to life. Learn more about the plants and animals that indicate the first signs of spring. **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.
- April 28** **Northwest Perennial Alliance Spring Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This is the NPA's biggest plant sale of the year. **Cost:** No admission fee; open to the public. Cost of plants will vary. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/plant_sales.php
- April 28** **Best Buds**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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