

# **Parks & Community Services Board**

## **Regular Meeting**

**January 9, 2018**

6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

Room 1E-113

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

Bellevue, WA



# AGENDA

## Parks & Community Services Board Regular Meeting

<p><b>Boardmembers:</b></p> <p>Mark Van Hollebeke, Chair</p> <p>Eric Synn, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Yu Deng</p> <p>Stuart Heath</p> <p>Debra Kumar</p> <p>Heather Trescases</p> <p><b>City Council Liaison:</b></p> <p>Jennifer Robertson, Councilmember</p> <p><b>Staff Contacts:</b></p> <p>Terry Smith – 425-452-5379</p> <p>Nancy Harvey – 425-452-4162</p>	<p>Tuesday January 9, 2018 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bellevue City Hall Conference Room 1E-113 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98004</p>																																
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10. <b>Discussion/Action Items</b> (time for presentation/discussion)	
a. <b>Recognition of Outgoing Boardmember Jared Nieuwenhuis</b>	N/A
b. <b>CIP Funding</b> (30/30) – Doug Sanner, Camron Parker	13
c. <b>Board Retreat Planning</b> (10) – Chair Van Hollebeke	N/A
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16. <b>Adjournment</b>	

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BELLEVUE PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
MEETING**

Most Parks & Community Services Board business is conducted in public, and citizens are most welcome to watch and listen.

In order to hold a meeting, a quorum of at least four Boardmembers must be present. The Board follows the City Council's example, which operates under its own Rules and Procedures, and conducts its meetings according to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Boardmembers may add items to the meeting's agenda for discussion or action, with a majority vote of those present, at the time when the agenda is approved.

Before any agenda item can be acted upon, the Chair will call for a motion to take action on that item. After the motion is seconded, the Board discusses the arguments for and against the motion.

Sometimes a Boardmember will propose a different course of action on a subject on the agenda. This is called a substitute motion and also requires a second. After discussion, the substitute motion is voted upon first. If a majority of the Boardmembers vote for the substitute motion, it passes and the matter is completed. If the substitute motion fails to obtain a majority, the Board returns to the original motion and continues to discuss and vote on it.

Other times, a Boardmember may wish to change a pending motion in some way. This is called an amendment. It also requires a second and is voted upon before a vote is taken on the main motion. If the amendment passes, the main motion is then voted upon "as amended." If the amendment does not receive a second or a majority vote, the main motion, as originally proposed, is voted upon.

When necessary, the Board may recess to an executive session. During these closed sessions, the Boardmembers are limited, by law, to discussing only such items as personnel issues, property acquisition and disposition; or to receiving advice from legal counsel on pending or potential litigation. The Chair or Vice-Chair will announce both the reason for any executive session and the anticipated time when the Board will return.



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

Tuesday  
November 14, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall  
Room 1E-113  
Bellevue, Washington

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Van Hollebeke, Vice-Chair Synn, Boardmembers Deng<sup>1</sup>, Heath<sup>2</sup>, Kumar, Nieuwenhuis, Trescases

**PARKS STAFF PRESENT:** Patrick Foran, Nancy Harvey, Emil King (PCD), Ken Kroeger, Camron Parker, Doug Sanner, Terry Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Betsi Hummer, Pamela Johnston

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Boardmember Heath and second by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis to approve the October 10, 2017 Parks & Community Services Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

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

Pamela Johnston  
3741 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Johnston discussed a petition that is being circulated to gather signatures to create a tree master plan. She stressed the importance of creating a tree master plan as soon as

<sup>1</sup> Arrived at 6:35 p.m.

<sup>2</sup> Arrived at 6:01 p.m.

possible, rather than incorporating the tree master plan in the neighborhood master plans. Ms. Johnston also encouraged the formation of an Urban Forestry Commission. She cited an example of a tree within the city and staff determining whether or not the tree is a landmark. Ms. Johnston recommends that the cultural and historic values of trees be evaluated by a citizen commission, rather than city staff, since the citizen commission would be more educated about tree values.

Lastly, Ms. Johnston requested that the proposed list of parks projects be revisited in relation to the budget process. She requested that some of the neighborhood projects be completed prior to some of the grander projects (i.e., Newport Hills, Bridle Trails, etc. versus Bel Red, Grand Connection, etc.).

Chair Van Hollebeke asked that an update of the tree master planning process be provided at the January 2018 Board meeting.

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

*None.*

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Foran congratulated Boardmember Nieuwenhuis on his recent victory as a Bellevue City Councilmember.

Mr. Foran also encouraged Boardmembers to view the construction progress being made at the Meydenbauer Bay Phase 1 Park Development.

Mr. Foran encouraged Boardmembers to attend the joint holiday/volunteer recognition event on December 5, 2017 with the Human Services Commission.

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

*None.*

7. **BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

Boardmember Nieuwenhuis will no longer be a Parks Boardmember since he was recently elected to the City Council. Boardmembers invited Boardmember Nieuwenhuis to attend the January 9, 2018 Board meeting so that they can provide an official token of appreciation for his service to the Parks Board.

Boardmember Kumar expressed her fondness of the MyBellevue app.

Boardmember Heath reported that a written survey was distributed to City Councilmembers and four Councilmembers noted on the survey that they would be in favor of special zoning to protect parks.

Vice-Chair Synn recently enjoyed fishing on Lake Washington.

8. **CHAIR COMMUNICATION & DISCUSSION:**

Chair Van Hollebeke reported that City Council will be reviewing the Grand Connection plans at their December 11, 2017 meeting. Chair Van Hollebeke will present the Parks Board's memo regarding the Grand Connection along with Parks Board activities at the December 4, 2017 City Council meeting.

Chair Van Hollebeke noted that he is on the planning committee for the NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street park entrance.

Chair Van Hollebeke suggested that a Parks Board Retreat be held after Boardmember Nieuwenhuis' Board position has been filled. The retreat will focus on six month planning/visioning.

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

A. Wilburton Citizen Advisory Committee

Boardmember Kumar distributed a report from her recent Wilburton CAC meetings. The report discussed a presentation by James Henderson and Jesse Canedo from the Economic Development group. Boardmember Kumar noted that at the end of the meeting the CAC was asked to vote for either a public space or a catalyzing mixed-use development. The majority of the group voted in favor of a catalyzing mixed-use development. Boardmember Kumar voted for the public space.

Boardmember Trescases inquired if the CAC's visions are contrary to the Parks Board's visions. Chair Van Hollebeke suggested that Boardmember Kumar raise this question/concern at the next CAC meeting.

Mr. Foran explained that it is important to get educated about the terminology that was presented to the CAC. A recreation center/public space is more complex than an open space. There is clear interest in having a space with public amenities that can be incorporated into a larger mixed-use catalyst project, rather than instead of a larger mixed use catalyst project.

Boardmembers discussed parks and open space as a memorable feature for a catalyst development. Boardmember Kumar reminded Boardmembers about the October 10, 2017 memo that was sent to City Council regarding *Comments on the Draft Grand Connection Framework*

*Plan.* Boardmember Heath suggested that the October 10, 2017 memo be addressed and sent to the CAC.

Vice-Chair Synn expressed his concern about the vote that was taken during the CAC meeting and asked why the Parks Board was not involved in this process. Boardmember Kumar clarified that the vote that was taken during the CAC meeting was a straw poll vote. The CAC is starting to discuss preliminary design options for Phase 2. If Phase 2 is beginning, Vice-Chair Synn expressed his support of sending a memo to the CAC regarding the Parks Board's position on the project.

**Motion by Boardmember Heath and second by Vice-Chair Synn to address and send the October 10, 2017 memo regarding *Comments on the Draft Grand Connection Framework Plan* to the Wilburton CAC.**

Mr. Foran clarified that the October 10, 2017 memo addressed the Grand Connection framework. Boardmember Kumar's report is regarding the Wilburton CAC. Sending the memo regarding *Comments on the Draft Grand Connection Framework Plan* may be confusing to the Wilburton CAC. However, Boardmember Kumar thinks the memo might be appropriate, since it addresses the Grand Connection and Wilburton area.

Boardmember Trescases views the *Comments on the Draft Grand Connection Framework Plan* as a different project and agrees that forwarding the memo to the Wilburton CAC may be confusing. If a memo is desired, she suggested that a new memo be prepared so that Boardmember Kumar can present the information as documentation in support of the Board's position. Chair Van Hollebeke suggested that the *Comments on the Draft Grand Connection Framework Plan* memo be forwarded to the Wilburton CAC as presented.

If the Board would like to communicate with another entity, Boardmember Heath suggested that a formal motion be made so the direction can be clearly communicated.

**At the question, motion failed (3-4).**

If an official communication is desired to the Wilburton CAC, Boardmember Trescases requested clarification on when and how the communication should be presented. Boardmembers suggested that Boardmember Kumar present the October 10, 2017 memo that was sent to City Council regarding *Comments on the Draft Grand Connection Framework Plan* to the Wilburton CAC in an informal manner.

**B. Bylaws Subcommittee**

The Bylaws Subcommittee will schedule a meeting with City Attorney's Office and City Clerk's Office staff to review the proposed Bylaws. Additional information will be shared at the January, February, or March Board meeting. Mr. Smith noted that the City Attorney's Office and City Clerk's Office had requested that Bylaws be complete by the end of 2017.

Boardmember Trescases requested clarification regarding the Board's concerns with the draft Bylaws. Boardmembers requested that the Bylaws Subcommittee obtain clarity on the draft Bylaws. Vice-Chair Synn noted that the Board was not able to validate that all of the questions/concerns previously raised were included in the current draft of the Bylaws. The Subcommittee will continue its review process.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Downtown Parks NE Entry Design and Process**

Mr. Kroeger provided an update on the design process of the Downtown Park – NE Corner Entry funded CIP project. This project will create a park entry at the NE corner of the Downtown Park. Mr. Kroeger added that the project will seek to incorporate the City's Grand Connection and public art concepts into the project.

Mr. Kroeger stated that staff will return to the Parks Board in the new year to review the status of the public artist selection and gather feedback. Approximately 98 artist applications have been received for the project with 54 qualified applicants. As mentioned earlier in the meeting, Chair Van Hollebeke will be the Parks Board's representative for the artist selection process.

Boardmember Trescases discussed the archway that was preserved from the old school that was at one time located at Downtown Park. She inquired if the archway will be incorporated into the Downtown Park entry. Mr. Kroeger clarified that planners are looking at integrating the archway into the formal garden area. He also pointed out that there is a bronze marker in the middle of the park that denotes where the school used to be located. Boardmember Trescases stated that there was a commitment from City Council and the Parks Board in the 1980s to put the archway back up in the park. It would be very disappointing if the NE Corner Entry project is completed prior to the archway project.

Boardmember Kumar inquired if there is continuity between the entrances to Downtown Park. Mr. Kroeger clarified that there may be some variations but the goal is to provide some continuity.

Vice-Chair Synn inquired if there will be a public comment aspect for the project. Although community input may be gathered, Mr. Kroeger noted that it is not required since the NE Entry project was part of the Master Plan Update. Mr. Foran added that a contemporary approach may be utilized to gather community feedback (i.e., social media/online surveys). Chair Van Hollebeke expressed his support of including public outreach.

B. **CIP Funding**

Mr. Parker provided an overview of the City's Incentive Zoning system and the Parks Board's public outreach process in support of the 2008 voter initiative.

Currently, Bellevue has two incentive systems in the code. These include:

- Bel-Red (adopted 2009)
- Downtown (newly adopted October 2017)

Mr. Parker noted that incentive systems are one tool to advance Bellevue's urban parks systems. There are other mechanisms that also contribute to publicly-accessible space.

Mr. Parker reviewed the overall process for an incentive.

Boardmember Kumar asked how fees are allocated if fees are collected in-lieu of an incentive. Mr. Parker clarified that the fees typically stay within the project area. He also noted that foundations and underground parking are not included in the ratio calculations.

Mr. King explained that the Downtown Incentive System was created in 1981 and has been updated and edited to include 18 items on the amenity list. Approximately 75% of the incentive points must come from the first 8 amenities. The remaining 25% of the incentive points could come from the second tier of amenities.

Mr. King clarified that there previously was not a fee in-lieu of component in the Downtown area. He discussed Ordinance No. 6377 amending the Bellevue Land Use Code, Title 20 of the Bellevue City Code. Any fees collected will be used for publicly accessible space. Mr. Parker clarified that developers decide, based upon the city's plans and the Land Use Code, whether to construct amenities onsite or pay an in-lieu fee. If the in-lieu fee is opted, the amount is calculated as the project is reviewed for compliance with the Land Use Code. Mr. Parker added that the payment is due when the building permit is issued. Then, based upon the timing and amount of collection, the City can determine the appropriate capital project to which fees can be applied as part of the CIP budget process.

Mr. Parker reviewed the fund collections in Bel-Red for the incentive system. He clarified that the funds are reviewed during the Parks CIP budget process.

Mr. King noted that all new applications or expired applications will be reviewed under the new Downtown Land Use code. If an application was completed prior to October 16, 2017, the old Land Use Code will apply. Vice-Chair Synn inquired if there are any other exceptions that might supersede the Land Use Code. Mr. King cited an example of a variance that is a very unique exception. In addition, Amenity #18 in the new Land Use Code provides more flexibility for exceptions.

Mr. Sanner discussed the Parks Board's role during the 2008 Voter Initiative. In particular, the Parks Board conducted public outreach to gauge community support for the 2008 ballot measure. This was done in an advisory capacity to City Council.

Boardmember Trescases requested additional information regarding the amount of funding needed to complete the desired projects.

Chair Van Hollebeke would like the January Parks Board meeting agenda to include discussions regarding the need for parks and open space funding.

Boardmembers discussed the Bel-Red area and how the Land Use Code will impact this area, particularly regarding fee generation. Mr. King noted that the Bel-Red area will take multiple development cycles before it is fully built. In addition, some of the residential projects may not have enough space so incentives may be more advantageous for this sector.

Mr. King noted that there was an important improvement in the Land Use Code for catalyst projects in the Bel-Red and Spring District areas.

Boardmember Heath called attention to the available \$1.3M in incentives for streams and park funding. Boardmember Heath inquired if there might be a project that this funding could accommodate. Mr. Parker clarified that the incentive revenue stream is one funding source that may be used. There are other funding sources that may be utilized to leverage money.

Mr. Foran noted that the Bel-Red Plan includes a list of unfunded capital projects. Staff will forward this information to Boardmembers.

Chair Van Hollebeke expressed his appreciation to staff for the thorough presentation. This will help the board determine where to focus their efforts.

11. **NEW BUSINESS:**

*None.*

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

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

- Roadmap for the next 4-5 months.
- How much funding is needed—how much is the Board short to put their plans in place?
- What is next up on the project list?
- What is the Parks Board's role in getting people to donate land in their trust to the city/parks?
- What are advocacy pressure points?
- What are the advocacy opportunities?
- Determine the current stage of the Wilburton CAC.
- Director's Follow-up regarding trees and canopy. Also include an educational session on a 2018 meeting agenda about this subject matter.
- Downtown Park NE Entry Project.

13. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CIP Project Status Report
- B. Board's memo to Council re Grand Connection
- C. Memo from Assistant City Attorney re Board Bylaws
- D. Memo from staff re Well-KEPT program
- E. Email re parks

14. **INFORMATION:**

- A. List of upcoming Parks special events
- B. Next regular Parks Board meeting—January 9, 2018

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

**Motion by Vice-Chair Synn and second by Boardmember Nieuwenhuis to extend the meeting until 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

Betsi Hummer, East Bellevue Community Council  
14541 SE 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Hummer is a member of the East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC). She would like the East Bellevue Community Council to be apprised of activities happening in their jurisdiction before they actually happen (e.g., Robinswood Park, Larsen Lake, Spiritwood, etc.). There were a few activities that recently occurred at Robinswood that the EBCC was not made aware of, including artwork that was recently added, a crime sign that was recently added.

Ms. Hummar distributed an election advertisement for Stephanie Walter that discussed the EBCC activities. She also recently attended a Bellevue Essentials course and enjoyed learning more about Bellevue's tree canopy.

Lastly, Ms. Hummer thanked Boardmembers for their continued leadership.

Pamela Johnston

3741 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA

Ms. Johnston inquired if there is a map that indicates when Parks projects will begin (i.e., Airfield Park).

Ms. Johnston encouraged Parks staff and Boardmembers to view REI as an ally. REI has high expectations for bike trails in the Bel-Red area but Ms. Johnston is concerned about how these projects will be funded.

She also encouraged city planners to be mindful about the equestrian community within Bellevue.

Lastly, Ms. Johnston inquired if space in Bel-Red is an urban oasis or an active zone.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by Boardmember Heath and second by Vice-Chair Synn to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**



**CITY OF BELLEVUE  
PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Holiday Dinner/Volunteer Recognition**

Tuesday  
December 5, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

MSEEC  
1625 1185h Avenue SE  
Bellevue, Washington

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Van Hollebeke, Vice-Chair Synn, Boardmembers Heath, Kumar, and Trescases

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Vice-Chair Kline, Commissioner Ma

**PARKS STAFF PRESENT:** Dee Dee Catalano, Teri Ekstrom, Patrick Foran, Glenn Kost, Nancy Harvey, Shelley McVein, Cynthia Morena, Alex O'Reilly, Terry Smith, Christy Stangland, Viki Stover

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Guests of Boardmembers, Commissioners, and staff.

**MINUTES TAKER:** Nancy Harvey

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Dinner was served at 6 p.m.

2. **YEAR IN REVIEW:**

Chair Van Hollebeke reviewed the Parks & Community Services Board's work during the past year. He welcomed Boardmember Trescases as the newest Boardmember.

Vice-Chair Kline reviewed the Human Services Commission's work during the past year and welcomed Commissioner Ma as the newest Commissioner.

Councilmember Robinson congratulated the Board and Commission on their work and commitment as volunteers serving the community.

Mr. Foran thanked both groups for all of their work.

3. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting portion of the evening was adjourned.





Date: January 2, 2018

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Doug Sanner, Fiscal Manager, Parks & Community Services

Subject: Unfunded Parks Capital Project List  
(*Information Item*)

On January 9<sup>th</sup> we will review a list of unfunded Parks capital projects as identified in the [Parks & Open Space System Plan](#). The “Capital Project Objectives” section can be found on pages 41-84 of the plan, and provides the fullest description of community needs organized around seven major focus areas.

This is the third Board discussion on long term Parks capital needs and potential funding options, and this topic was requested at the November meeting (“what is the size of the nut”). Prior presentations have focused on current and potential revenue sources for Parks capital, including general City taxes, voter initiatives, developer contributions, and private fundraising. The topic of Parks capital funding has been identified as a priority for the Board, and this ongoing discussion may lead to further work items or Board action on this topic.

Please review the Capital Project Objectives chapter (p. 41) of the *Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan*. The Board reviewed and recommended these projects to the City Council in 2015. A summary of the Capital Project Objectives is attached to this memo. You should each have a hard copy of the Park Plan, or you can view it online from this web page - <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/planning-and-development/parks-open-space-system-plan>.

**Attachment**

- Recommended Capital Project List, Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan 2016 (pp. 82-84)



## RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROJECT LIST AND MAP

### Open Space, Greenways, Wildlife Corridors and Trails

- OST-1 Mountains to Sound Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
- OST-2 Lake to Lake Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
- OST-3 S. Bellevue / Coal Creek Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
- OST-4 Marymoor to Cougar Mtn Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
- OST-5 Bel-Red Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
- OST-6 Richards Valley Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
- OST-7 Eastside Rail Corridor Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections
- OST-8\* Connect / Extend Trails: Enhance Connectivity and Walkability
- OST-9\* Native Growth Protection Area Stewardship
- OST-10\* Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan Implementation

### Park Facilities

- PRK-1 Add Neighborhood Park: Crossroads
- PRK-2 Add Neighborhood Park: Eastgate
- PRK-3 Add Neighborhood Park: Factoria
- PRK-4 Add Neighborhood Park: Newport
- PRK-5 Add Neighborhood Park: Wilburton
- PRK-6 Improve Undeveloped Sites: Bridle Trails
- PRK-7 Improve Undeveloped Sites: Newport
- PRK-8 Improve Undeveloped Sites: Northwest Bellevue
- PRK-9 Improve Undeveloped Sites: Wilburton
- PRK-10 Continue Phased Development: Bellevue Airfield Park
- PRK-11 Continue Phased Development: Bellevue Botanical Garden
- PRK-12 Continue Phased Development: Crossroads Park
- PRK-13 Continue Phased Development: Kelsey Creek Park
- PRK-14 Continue Phased Development: Lewis Creek Park
- PRK-15 Continue Phased Development: Mercer Slough Nature Park
- PRK-16 Continue Phased Development: Robinswood Park
- PRK-17 Continue Phased Development: Surrey Downs Park
- PRK-18 Continue Phased Development: Wilburton Hill Park

\*This project may not display on the project map as it could occur city-wide or does not yet have a physical location.

## Active Recreation Facilities

- AREC-1 North Bellevue Community Center Addition
- AREC-2 Community Center Serving Northwest, Downtown and West Bellevue
- AREC-3\* Sportfields: Synthetic Field Surfaces
- AREC-4 Sportfields: Two Lighted Ballfields at Marymoor Park
- AREC-5 Sportfields: Lighted Fields at Bellevue Airfield Park
- AREC-6\* Sportfields: Lighted Fields at Community and School Sites
- AREC-7\* Sportfields: Improve School Sportfields
- AREC-8 Sportfields: Ballfield at Wilburton Hill Park
- AREC-9\* Off-leash Dog Areas: Expand Robinswood and add additional sites
- AREC-10\* Facilities Serving Diverse Cultures, Ages and Abilities
- AREC-11\* Public Golf-Related Facility Improvements
- AREC-12 Robinswood Tennis Center Improvements
- AREC-13 Bellevue Aquatic Center Improvements
- AREC-14\* Add shelters and facilities to large group picnic areas

## Urban Park Systems

- URB-1 Downtown: Add Neighborhood Park in NW Quadrant
- URB-2 Downtown: Downtown Park
- URB-3 Downtown: Add Neighborhood Park in SE Quadrant
- URB-4 Downtown: Ashwood Park
- URB-5 Downtown: Main Street Linear Buffer Greenway
- URB-6 Downtown: Add Community Center
- URB-7\* Downtown: Urban Trail System
- URB-8 Downtown: Grand Connection from Meydenbauer Bay to ERC
- URB-9\* Bel-Red: Open space and Off-Street Trail Development
- URB-10\* Bel-Red: Multi-purpose Trail Development
- URB-11\* Bel-Red: Park System Acquisition and Development
- URB-12\* Eastgate I-90 Corridor: Open space and Off-Street Trail Development
- URB-13\* Eastgate I-90 Corridor: Multi-purpose Trail Development
- URB-14\* Eastgate I-90 Corridor: Park System Acquisition and Development

\*This project may not display on the project map as it could occur city-wide or does not yet have a physical location.

### Waterfront Access

- H2O-1 Meydenbauer Bay Park
- H2O-2 Meydenbauer Bay Park to Downtown Park Connection
- H2O-3 Connect Enatai Beach Park to Mercer Slough Nature Park
- H2O-4 Complete Enatai Beach Park Phased Development
- H2O-5 SE 40th Boat Launch Addition
- H2O-6 Lake Sammamish Waterfront
- H2O-7 Chism Beach Redevelopment
- H2O-8 Clyde Beach Redevelopment
- H2O-9 Swayolocken Boat Launch Redevelopment
- H2O-10\* Additions to Existing Waterfront Parks

### Partnership Opportunities

- PTNR-1\* Elementary, Middle and High School Site Improvements
- PTNR-2\* Partner with Other City Departments to Create Parks
- PTNR-3\* Partner with School Districts and Other Public Agencies
- PTNR-4\* Partner with Private Non-Profit or For-Profit Organizations
- PTNR-5\* Aquatic Facility
- PTNR-6\* Historic Building Preservation
- PTNR-7\* Cultural Arts Center

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## **PARKS CIP PROJECT STATUS REPORT December 2017**

### **Congregation for the Homeless (CFH) Temporary Center**

The renovation of the interim homeless shelter at the City-owned Lincoln Center is now complete. The facility was fully open and operational December 22, in time for the holiday season. Special thanks to BOMA (Building Owners and Managers Assn), who volunteered time and equipment to help reduce project costs, and Forma, the contractor that organized the work and worked hard to meet the deadline. This facility will operate at this location until a permanent shelter is constructed.

### **Downtown Park – Complete the Circle and Rotary Inspiration Playground Expansion**

All project work is complete. Final corrections to the donor recognition is expected to be complete by year's end.

### **Downtown Park – NE Entry**

Design is underway, which will create a park entry at the NE corner of the park (SW corner of Bellevue Way and NE 4<sup>th</sup>). The project will also seek to incorporate the City's Grand Connection and public art concepts into the project. A consultant team is preparing design alternatives, and an artist has been selected to be part of the design team.

### **Marymoor Park Transfer**

The project remains on-hold.

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

Construction is approximately one-half complete, with expected completion at the end of 2018. Beach house walls are complete, and the major retaining walls are under construction. Stream bed construction is complete with the exception of landscape planting which will occur in spring. Most in-water work is complete, including shoreline restoration and installation of all pier pilings. The pier structure is in place, and the floating sections will be completed over the winter. Work along the Lake Washington Boulevard right-of way is underway with the installation of a new water line completed. The work to bury the overhead wires along LWB is underway and is expected to be complete by February. Work along 99<sup>th</sup> Street is expected to begin in January with the installation of underground utilities followed by a series of retaining walls. We continue to work with Whalers Cove to develop plans to restore their privacy once we remove a city-owned landscape hedge in the 99<sup>th</sup> Avenue right-of-way. The Whaling Building remodeling, which will include public restrooms, a meeting room and boat rental facility, is expected to begin first quarter of 2017.

### **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. Construction is underway to convert a storage room into second rehearsal space with the assistance of a 4Culture grant.
- **Bellevue Airfield Park:** Site analysis and initial schematic design is complete. The cost estimates for Phase 1 are significantly over the anticipated budget, so we continue to explore schematic design options and costs to determine the Phase 1 scope of work.
- **Botanical Garden Projects:**
  - **Ravine Garden:** Project complete.
  - **Visitor Center:** Project complete.
- **Neighborhood Parks:**
  - **Bridle Trails/140<sup>th</sup> Ave Property:** Project complete.
  - **Bridle Trails Corner Park:** Project complete.
  - **Newport Hills Tyler/Patterson acquisition:** Project complete.
- **Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” Development:** Project complete.
- **Hidden Valley/Boys & Girls Club Partnership:** Complete
- **Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park:** No activity.
- **Surrey Downs Park Development:** Design revisions and permit review continue. Light rail construction is on schedule to allow park construction to begin April 2018. Park construction will be let for public bid in January. Staff continues to work with the adjacent neighbors to address property encroachment issues and to identify an appropriate boundary fence to install. The second set of letters to the neighbors will be sent in January. We continue to coordinate with Sound Transit, who is providing excess soil for park landscape berms and coordinating utility infrastructure.

**Renovation Program**

**Project Status:** Planning: (P) Under Construction: (U) Complete: (C) Deferred: (D)

**The following 2016 projects were deferred into 2017:**

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|------------------------------------|---|
| Coal Creek Nature Park             | • Trail head construction (C)   |
| Highland Park                      | • Fire escape replacement (C)   |
| Kelsey Creek                       | • Playground replacement (C)  |
| Mercer Slough Nature Park          | • Sweyolocken boat launch A&E (U)   |
| Robinswood Park                    | • Shelter for Small Dog OLA (C)   |
| SE 40 <sup>th</sup> St Boat Launch | • Parking lot repairs (C)   |
| Various Beach Parks                | • Dock repairs at Chesterfield, Newcastle, SE 40 <sup>th</sup> St, Enatai & Chism (C) |

**60 projects are approved for the 2017 program, as follows:**

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|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Programmatic            | • Re-coring of parks facilities (U)             | • NPDES requirements (C)        |
|                         | • Multi-site drinking fountain (D)              | • Natural Area Restoration (C)  |
|                         | • Park furnishings (C)                          | • Urban Forestry Park Sites (C) |
|                         | • ADA projects (Signage & Robinswood House) (P) | • Streetscapes (C)              |
|                         | • Multi-site asphalt repairs (C)                | • Greenways & Trails (C)        |
| Bellevue Aquatic Center | • New parking lot light fixtures (U)            | • Warm Springs Pool:            |
|                         | • Security system upgrades (P)                  | • Pump Replacement (C)          |

Bellevue Golf Course	• Parking lot sealcoat & restripe (D)	• Add UV treatment (C)
Cherry Crest School	• Resurface sport courts (U-D)	• Replace Chiller (C)
Crossroads Park	• Replace Doors at Int'l RR (C)	• Pro shop air handler repl (Cancelled)
Eastgate park	• Replace carpet at SBCC. (C)	• Par 3 Course Furnace Repl (U)
Forest Park	• Trail repair due to landslide (D)	• Ticket booth & deck (D)
Goldsmith Park	• Irrigation Replacement (C)	• Drinking fountain replacement (P)
Hidden Valley Sports Park	• New security lighting fixtures (C)	• Replace flat roof at gym (C)
Highland Park	• Sealcoat upper parking lot (C)	• New exterior lighting fixtures (C)
Kelsey Creek Farm Park	• Indoor & outdoor skate pk impr. (C)	• Fraser cabin log repairs (C)
Killarney Glen	• Replace irrigation controller (C)	
Lakemont Park	• A&E for Educational Barn Imp. (D)	
Lewis Creek	• Sealcoat parking lot (C)	• Trail at Summit Tract A (D)
Mercer Slough	• Sealcoat parking lot (C)	• MSEEC Interpretive signs (D)
Meydenbauer Marina	• MSEEC Sullivan deck repl (C)	• Temp registration area fix (Cancelled)
NW Arts Center	• Whaling Building remodel (D)	• Boiler & AHU replacement (U-D)
North Bellevue Community Center	• A&E for code upgrades (D)	• Tennis bubble replacement (D)
Robinswood Park	• Flooring Replacement (C)	• Tennis indoor court resurface (C)
Saddleback Mini	• Kitchen Improvements (C)	
Sunset Park	• Phased irrigation sys. Repl. (C)	
Wilburton Park	• Robinswood House, door repl. (C)	
	• Replace play equipment (C)	
	• Replace play equipment (C)	
	• A&E soccer turf replacement (U)	• BBG repair RILL (U)
	• Sealcoat parking lot (C)	• BBG re-stain Visitors Center (C-D)
	• McDowell House repairs (D)	• BBG paint Shorts House (C)
	• BBG re-stain Tateuchi Pavilion (C)	

**The following projects were added to the 2017 program:**

Ashwood Plaza	• Repair Fountain (C)
Hillaire Park	• Replace Swings (C)
Bellevue Youth Theater	• Video Wall (C)
Northwest Arts Center	• Kiln Exhaust Fan Replacement (U)
Chandler Park	• Little Free Library (C)
Kelsey Creek Park	• Barn concrete aprons and drainage (P-D)
Northwest Arts Center	• A&E for 2018 restroom ADA improvements (P-D)
Downtown Park	• Additional scope items (C)
Lake Hills Produce	• Freezer Insulation & Heaters (U)
Bellevue Aquatic Cntr	• Replace failed boiler (U)



**Date:** December 2017  
**To:** Parks & Community Services Board  
**From:** Jerry Schuster: Senior Engineer, Utilities  
Jammie Kingham: Environmental Programs Supervisor, Parks  
**Subject:** Utilities Department Culvert Replacement Projects in the Lake Hills Greenbelt

### **PROJECT INFORMATION**

Kelsey Creek originates in the wetlands southeast of Larsen Lake. In 1992, the Utilities Department widened and deepened the conveyance channel to improve the flow of water from approximately SE 16th St to Larsen Lake. This channel crossed the Lake-to-Lake trail at three locations and culverts were installed to carry the flow under the trail. A 2013 study showed that these culverts are either undersized for the system or the supporting structure holding the culverts in place has rotted out. Some of the culverts are a contributing factor to street flooding based on size. The Utilities Department plans to upgrade the conveyance capacity of the system by replacing the undersized/failing culverts with pedestrian foot bridges. After the three projects are completed, there will be a reduced frequency of flooding on SE 16th Street and 156th Ave SE and on the pedestrian trail system. Parks is working with Utilities to provide access to the site and ensure the improvements meet Parks Department standards.

**Project 1** is the Upper Kelsey Creek Project replacing the five failing culverts with a pedestrian bridge just east of Larsen lake (Figure 1).

**Project 2** is located west of 156th and north of SE 16th Street. A single culvert will be replaced with a pedestrian bridge trail similar to the bridge for the Upper Kelsey Creek Project to carry the flow under the gravel path (Photo 1).

**Project 3** is located just north of SE 16th St and east of 156th Ave SE. Here the flow enters twin culverts on the south side of SE 16th St, goes under the road, through a vegetated area, and under an asphalt trail, before discharging to an open channel (Photo 2).

### **PROJECT FUNDING/SCHEDULE**

The Upper Kelsey Project is primarily funded by a competitive grant award from the King County Flood Control District. It is anticipated that the City will secure grant dollars from the same source for the other two pedestrian bridges.

Project 1 will occur in 2018. Projects 2 and 3 are estimated to be constructed in 2022 and 2024, respectively. This schedule is dependent on City Council approval of the projects and securing the necessary funding.

**FIGURE 1**



Drainage Improvement Locations

**PHOTO 1**



**PHOTO 2**





## Harvey, Nancy

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**From:** McVein, Shelley  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:13 AM  
**To:** Harvey, Nancy  
**Subject:** FW: Customer compliment via Facebook

**From:** Faine, Christina  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** Harris, Pat <PHarris@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Cc:** McVein, Shelley <SMcVein@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Customer compliment via Facebook



**Krystie Hammer Hersch** ▸ **Bellevue Parks & Community Services**

22 hrs · 🌐

I just wanted to compliment the crew cleaning up the leaves, tree limbs, and other debris from Lake Hills park this morning. We appreciate their hard work! I'm sure all of our parks have been a mess from the storm. Thanks for keeping the parks safe and fun for our kids!

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**Bellevue Parks & Community Services** Thanks for recognizing our crew's hard work, Krystie. Much appreciated!

[Like](#) · [Reply](#) · Commented on by Christina Faine (?) · 29 minutes ago

Christina Faine  
Public Information Officer, Parks & Community Services  
City of Bellevue  
Desk: 425-452-4286  
Cell: 425-749-6644



**From:** "Betsi Hummer" <[betsihummer@yahoo.com](mailto:betsihummer@yahoo.com)>  
**To:** "Jared Nieuwenhuis" <[jnieuwenhuis@comcast.net](mailto:jnieuwenhuis@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 3:29:14 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: EBCC Memo - Phantom/Larsen Lake Channel Improvements

Jared can you forward this to the Parks Board?  
Betsi Hummer cell425.591.4784

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 3:23 PM, [JShuster@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JShuster@bellevuewa.gov)  
<[JShuster@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JShuster@bellevuewa.gov)> wrote:

Hi,

The Utilities Department has been working closely with the Parks Department on the current project. Parks has been briefed on the other projects to replace culverts in the Lake Hills Greenbelt with foot bridges.

Geoff Brandley and Jammie Kingham are the Parks contacts for these projects who can share this with the Parks Board.

Sincerely,  
Jerry

**From:** Betsi Hummer [<mailto:betsihummer@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 15, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** Shuster, Jerry <[JShuster@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JShuster@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EBCC Memo - Phantom/Larsen Lake Channel Improvements

Thanks!

Could you share this information with the Parks Board?

I was at their meeting last night and they expressed a desire to be apprised of anything to do with the Parks.

Betsi Hummer cell425.591.4784

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On Wed, Nov 15, 2017 at 10:00 AM, [JShuster@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JShuster@bellevuewa.gov)  
<[JShuster@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JShuster@bellevuewa.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

This email provides the requested information regarding the other two culvert replacement projects planned on Kelsey Creek southeast of Larsen Lake. These other two culvert projects are upstream of Lake Hills Blvd (see Figure).

Kelsey Creek originates in the wetlands southeast of Larsen Lake. In 1992, the conveyance channel was widened and deepened to improve the flow of water from approximately SE 16th St to Larsen Lake. This channel crossed the Lake-to-Lake trail at three locations and culverts

were installed to carry the flow under the trail. A 2013 study showed that these culverts are either undersized for the system or the supporting structure holding the culverts in place has rotted out. Some of the culverts are a contributing factor to street flooding based on size. The City plans to upgrade the conveyance capacity of the system by replacing the undersized/failing culverts with pedestrian bridges. The first project is the Upper Kelsey Creek Project replacing the five failing culverts with a pedestrian bridge just east of Larsen lake.

The other two projects are located near 156th Ave SE and SE 16th St. Project 2 is located west of 156th and north of SE 16th Street (See Figure). A single culvert will be replaced with a pedestrian bridge trail similar to the bridge for the Upper Kelsey Creek Project to carry the flow under the gravel path (Photo 1). Project 3 is located just north of SE 16th St and east of 156th Ave SE. Here the flow enters twin culverts on the south side of SE 16th St, goes under the road, through a vegetated area, and under an asphalt trail, before discharging to an open channel (Photo 2). After the three projects are completed, there will be a reduced frequency of flooding on SE 16th Street and 156th Ave SE and on the pedestrian trail system.

The Upper Kelsey Project is primarily funded by a competitive grant award from the King County Flood Control District. It is anticipated that the City will secure grant dollars from the same source for the other two pedestrian bridges. Projects 2 and 3 are estimated to be constructed in 2022 and 2024, respectively. This schedule is dependent on City Council approval of the projects and securing the necessary funding.

If you have further questions, please contact me.

**Jerry Shuster, PE, CFM**  
**Senior Stormwater Engineer**  
City of Bellevue Utilities  
[JShuster@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JShuster@bellevuewa.gov)

 425-452-5206



**From:** Roberts, Karin  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 09, 2017 4:30 PM  
**To:** Shuster, Jerry <[JShuster@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:JShuster@bellevuewa.gov)>  
**Subject:** EBCC Memo

Hi Jerry,

At the EBCC meeting on Tuesday, Councilmember Hummer noted the last sentence of your memo, which states that this is the first of three planned projects on Kelsey Creek between Lake Hills Boulevard and Larsen Lake. She requested more information on the other two projects. Do you have any preliminary information that you could send to the EBCC? You can either send it to them directly or I can forward it along. Here are their email addresses:

[betsihammer@yahoo.com](mailto:betsihammer@yahoo.com)  
[thehummers@att.net](mailto:thehummers@att.net)

[wbcarron@msn.com](mailto:wbcarron@msn.com)  
[rvgooding@comcast.net](mailto:rvgooding@comcast.net)  
[kasnerbruskland@comcast.net](mailto:kasnerbruskland@comcast.net)

If you send directly to them, please Cc me. Thanks Jerry.

Karin

**Karin Roberts, CMC** | Deputy City Clerk  
City of Bellevue | [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov) | P: 425.452.6806



## Harvey, Nancy

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**From:** Jared M. Nieuwenhuis <jnieuwenhuis@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 10:54 AM  
**To:** Harvey, Nancy  
**Subject:** Fwd: Robinswood Sign

Hi Nancy -

Can you please share the below with the Parks Board? Thanks.

Jared

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**From:** "Betsi Hummer" <betsihummer@yahoo.com>  
**To:** "Jared M. Nieuwenhuis" <jnieuwenhuis@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 17, 2017 8:01:20 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Robinswood Sign

Good morning!  
Thanks for the reply.  
I agree EBCC should have been notified.

However, it also seems like Parks Board should receive regular updates from Law Enforcement on what is going on in the parks. I read the Parks Rules, and the City Manager can override those at any time, with little oversight if any.  
That means camping in our parks could be made legal.

Also, I was very impressed with the proposal that Parks Board meet with the Planning Commission on the Grand Connection. Parks Board may also want to meet with the Arts Commission, since they are looking at the same project. It seems like a good idea to have a unified voice in presenting to Council, indicating that **representatives of the community** are all on the same page when it comes to big spending for various projects.

The long term parking issue that is before Council, should also come before Parks Board. If proposals are before Council to allow parking in Church Parking lots, what is to keep overnight parking out of our Parks.

My whole point is none of these issues is an island unto itself. Just as all issues impact the various departments, they impact all the various Commissions and Boards, and those members need to be well informed so they can make the best recommendations for the Community they represent..

Betsi Hummer 425.591.4784 [betsihummer@yahoo.com](mailto:betsihummer@yahoo.com)

On Thursday, November 16, 2017 8:51 PM, Jared M. Nieuwenhuis <jnieuwenhuis@comcast.net> wrote:

That is huge. Is it really necessary? The EBCC should have received a heads-up about this regardless.

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**From:** "Betsi Hummer" <betsihummer@yahoo.com>  
**To:** "Jared Nieuwenhuis" <jnieuwenhuis@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2017 3:46:34 PM  
**Subject:** Robinswood Sign

Like I said it would have been nice to know  
Stephanie let Miyake know and the message was changed from High Crime Area!  
Also Utilities is replacing culverts on Kelsey Creek at Larsen Lake and at SE 16th and 156th in the greenbelt. Parks Board should be aware of other departments activities in the Parks.  
I hope One City philosophy can be present among Boards and Commissions as well as Departments.

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## JANUARY 2018

- Jan 2-8**      **SBCC's 12-Year Anniversary Celebration,**  
*South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way*  
Enjoy a week-long schedule of free fitness and general recreation classes as we celebrate our 12-year anniversary! **Ages:** All ages – specific ages depending upon the class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/community-centers/sbcc/> or 425-452-4240.
- Jan 5**      **Xakary the Magician/Indoor Play Event, 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**  
*South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way*  
Join us for a Dr. Seuss-themed magic show performance from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., followed by Indoor Play from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Xakary the Magician is known as Seattle's funniest and most kid-friendly magician! **Ages:** Families with children ages 1-5. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/community-centers/sbcc/> or 425-452-4240.
- Jan 6**      **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike, 10:30 a.m. - noon**  
*Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 6**      **Bellevue: A Brief History (Eastside Heritage Center program),**  
2 p.m. – 3p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
Before glass towers defined the skyline and shoppers bustled across busy pavement, Bellevue was a quiet town of dirt roads and scattered homes. The first settlers from Seattle began to drift across Lake Washington in the 1860s. It would take until 1953 for Bellevue to become an incorporated city. Discover how Bellevue grew from a sleepy agricultural village to a leading Pacific Northwest metropolis with one of the most diverse populations in the world. This heritage program is presented by Eastside Heritage Center's Education Coordinator, Jane Morton. Light bites and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. This event is supported by 4Culture and presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Cost:** Free and open to the public, but a suggested donation of \$5-\$10 is warmly appreciated. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** [info@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:info@eastsideheritagecenter.org) or 425-450-1049. **Info:** <http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org/>

- Jan 7**      **Family-Friendly Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
 Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This family-friendly program allows parents and their kids to explore the mosaic of habitats while learning more about the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. This hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge on the shores of the Slough. From there you are able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Jan 7**      **Should I Stay or Should I Go? Migration vs Hibernating**,  
 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Where do the animals go in winter? How do bears sleep so long? Join us for hands-on activities to learn the how's and why's of wintertime adaptations. Afterwards we'll see how well we can hibernate! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 9**      **Bellevue Main Club Open House**, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Main Club, 209 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*  
 Get fit and active in 2018! Sample upcoming Winter programs for free. Meet teachers and see the beautiful Main Club. Free 30-minute drop-in activity sessions will get you moving and creative – Hatha Yoga, Strength Training, Mindful Moment Tai Chi exercising, Mom & Baby Stroller Strider exercise class, and mini art class. Social time with coffee and treats provided! Winter program registration will be available on site. Join us for great programs that create connections and lifelong learning. **Ages:** Adults, 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Jan 10**      **Warm Like a Sheep (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.

- Jan 12**      **Lions, Coyotes and Bears, OH MY!** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
 Come learn about some of the local large wildlife that make their home in Bellevue's Parks. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Please call 425-452-6993.
- Jan 12**      **Lewis Creek Story Time: "Over and Under the Snow"**  
 Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Look, listen and create during an indoor hour of stories and crafts. Do you know what's hiding under the snow? Join us as we read about life in the subnivean zone. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 13**      **ParentMap's Eastside Preschool Preview, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
*South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way*  
 ParentMap's Eastside Preschool Preview resource fair creates vital in-person connections between parents seeking the best preschools and early learning resources for their child. **Ages:** Families with preschool or soon-to-be preschool aged children. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** <https://www.parentmap.com/article/eastside-preschool-preview>.
- Jan 13**      **Should I Stay or Should I Go? Migration vs Hibernating,**  
 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Where do the animals go in winter? How do bears sleep so long? Join us for hands-on activities to learn the how's and why's of wintertime adaptations. Afterwards we'll see how well we can hibernate! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 14**      **Living with Wildlife: Deer in the Headlights, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**  
*Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Black-tailed deer are a welcomed friend in many of Bellevue's neighborhoods. Join us to learn about how to attract deer, deer biology, how to address potential conflicts (including how to protect your fruit trees), and what to do if you find a fawn. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- Jan 17**      **Garden Lecture: “The Flora of Seattle in 1850: Major Species and Landscapes Prior to Urbanization”,** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 Ray Larson, Curator of Living Collections at the UW Botanic Gardens, will lead us on a pictorial historical tour of Seattle landscapes. This lecture is presented by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and open to the public. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Jan 20**      **Garden Class: “Growing Mushrooms at Home,”** 10 a.m. - noon  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 This workshop, taught by Tristan Woodsmith, focuses on growing gourmet mushrooms at home, both indoors and outdoors. Learn the mushroom life cycle, various substrates used for growing mushrooms, and low-tech methods for generating mycelium including spores, spawn and stem-butts. Species covered include oyster mushrooms, shiitake, lion’s mane and more! **Cost:** \$60 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$70/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Jan 20**      **Winter on the Farm,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 Adult and child will team together to find out how farm animals survive the chilly winter months. Meet our fluffy and furry friends on a touch-and-tell walk. Come in and warm up too, as we continue our fun activities in the barn. **Ages:** 3 to 6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. Additional child - \$5/residents and \$6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Jan 20**      **Breakfast for Birds,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
 The Mercer Slough provides critical habitat for both residential and migratory birds year-round. The harsh environment and lack of adequate food during the winter months makes 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:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Jan 20**      **Should I Stay or Should I Go? Migration vs Hibernating,**  
 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Where do the animals go in winter? How do bears sleep so long? Join us for hands-on activities to learn the how’s and why’s of wintertime adaptations. Afterwards we’ll see how well we can hibernate! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- Jan 21**      **Lakemont Community Park Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon  
*Meets at: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE*  
 This lovely trail winds through green corridors alongside Lewis Creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free!  
**Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 21**      **Northwest Perennial Alliance Lecture – “The Promise of Spring,”**  
 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 This event features multiple speakers and a plant sale. Donna Bogumill and Julia Graham will show photos from feature Open Gardens from the 2017 tour, and Karen Chapman will speak on using interesting foliage in your garden for year-round interest. Karen will sign books after her talk. **Cost:** Free for Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$15 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required.  
**Info:** <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Lectures.php>
- Jan 24**      **Chicken Time (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Jan 26**      **Nature Movie: “From Pole to Pole,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
 This first episode of *Planet Earth* illustrates a journey around the globe, revealing the effects of gradual climate change and seasonal transitions. Narrated by David Attenborough. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.
- Jan 26**      **Night Hike**, 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 Bellevue home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamps, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey!  
**Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident; \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195.

- Jan 27**      **Cultivating Clay – Ceramic Valentine Workshop**, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
In this workshop, you can make your loved one a one-of-a-kind ceramic Valentine. Students will use a variety of hand-building and decoration techniques to personalize their creations. Pieces will be available for pick-up two weeks after the workshop. Limit of two objects per person. Materials included. **Ages:** All ages welcome; ages 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$43/residents and \$52/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Jan 27**      **History of Eastside Logging (presented by Eastside Heritage Center),**  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Did you know that most of the east side of Lake Washington was clear-cut by 1920? Or that nearly all of the big trees that we see today are less than 100 years old? It will take another 400 years for our evergreens to reach ‘maturity.’ Come see the equipment that evolved from two men working one tree all day with a hand-saw, to sky-line cable operations that could clear a whole Cougar Mountain valley in a single day. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

## FEBRUARY 2018

- Feb 2**      **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Wonderful Evergreen Trees”**  
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Look, listen and create during an indoor hour of stories and crafts. What do evergreen trees mean to you? During this story time we’ll explore the importance of trees to different people and animals. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 3**      **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike, 10:30 a.m. - noon**  
*Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.  
**Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 3**      **Getting to the Points: The Early Days of Medina, Hunts Point and Yarrow Point (Eastside Heritage Center program), 2 p.m. – 3p.m.**  
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
The Points Communities were among the earliest places settled on the Eastside, and evolved very differently from the surrounding areas of Bellevue and Kirkland. Their terrain made them less suited to agriculture and convenient ferry service stations to Seattle. This would result in them evolving early into sought-after locations for summer homes, large estates and commuter suburbs. This heritage program will be led by Eastside Heritage Board Member and former Mayor of Medina, Mike Luis. Light bites and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. This event is supported by 4Culture and presented in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Cost:** Free and open to the public, but a suggested donation of \$5-\$10 is warmly appreciated. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** [info@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:info@eastsideheritagecenter.org) or 425-450-1049. **Info:** <http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org/>
- Feb 4**      **Tricky Crafty Camouflage, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Is seeing believing? Just because we don’t see animals doesn’t mean they’re not there. Discover how animals trick your eyes using different camouflage methods, before heading outside to test your spotting skills with a fun foraging quest! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- Feb 5**      **Sewing Sampler & Machine Maintenance**, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
 Cheryl Kuczek presents the sewing workshop for anyone who desires to be engaged in and educated about sewing as a life skill. Topics will focus on mending techniques, making pillow covers, jewelry bags, zip bags, hand sewing, patchwork embellishment, quilting, and making t-shirts. Students will be given material supply lists for each project before that project is started. You can bring your own well-running sewing machine to learn how it runs, or borrow one from the instructor. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$40/residents and \$48/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 6**      **Positive Discipline for the Early Years**, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Main Club, 209 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*  
 Join us to learn tools and strategies for parenting the 1 to 5 year-old. Solve problems, teach your child to listen, and learn ways to develop a family culture of respect and peace. Techniques will help parents stay calm in the face of the parenting storm. Enjoy the adventure of parenting! No child care provided. **Ages:** Adults only, ages 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 10**      **Valentine Fun**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 Adult and child will team together to create beautiful Valentine cards, share your love with a farm animal, and participate in some fun holiday activities. **Ages:** 3 to 6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. Additional child - \$5/residents and \$6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Feb 10**      **Family Fun: Funny Little Valentine**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Robinswood Barn, 2432 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*  
 Make a special gift for your special pal to take home! Sing song, do a little dance, and complete the morning decorating a sweet Valentine treat. This is a child and caregiver class. Come join the fun! Karen Renfroe-Gielgens, instructor. **Ages:** Best for ages 2-5 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** \$30/residents and \$35/non-residents. Additional family member - \$6/resident and \$7/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 10**      **Tricky Crafty Camouflage**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Is seeing believing? Just because we don't see animals doesn't mean they're not there. Discover how animals trick your eyes using different camouflage methods, before heading outside to test your spotting skills with a fun foraging quest! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- Feb 11**      **Coal Creek Natural Area Ranger Hike, 10:30 a.m. - noon**  
*Meets at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Course Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)*  
 Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 12**      **Sewing Sampler & Machine Maintenance, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.**  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
 Cheryl Kuczek presents the sewing workshop for anyone who desires to be engaged in and educated about sewing as a life skill. Topics will focus on mending techniques, making pillow covers, jewelry bags, zip bags, hand sewing, patchwork embellishment, quilting, and making t-shirts. Students will be given material supply lists for each project before that project is started. You can bring your own well-running sewing machine to learn how it runs, or borrow one from the instructor. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$40/residents and \$48/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 13**      **Washington Native Plant Society Lecture: "Learn to Identify the Common Mosses and Liverworts of Western Washington," 7 p.m.**  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 Stewart Hougen of the Mountaineers will present a workshop with a field trip on the following weekend at the Redmond Watershed for more hands-on experience. **Info:** [http://www.wnps.org/cps\\_programs.html](http://www.wnps.org/cps_programs.html)
- Feb 14**      **Happy Love Day! (Early Release Wednesday), 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.**  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Feb 14**      **Sweetheart Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Get outside before your dinner date! Bring your sweetheart or best friend, and join a Park Ranger on a hike to celebrate Valentine's Day. Learn about native animal pairs and more, as we wander through Lewis Creek Park. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

- Feb 16**      **Night Hike**, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a park ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamps, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$4/resident; \$5/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** 425-452-4195. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 17**      **Garden Class: “Making Paper Icelandic Poppies,”** 10 a.m. - noon  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 During this class, taught by Kate Alarcon, you’ll make your own colorful Icelandic poppies! They are made from hand-colored fine crepe paper in shades of ombre pink, coral, and orange, wrapped around a wire. You’ll receive supplies to make three poppies, as well as a supply list to make more on your own. You’ll also learn how to color the petals so you can make your own custom-colored paper at home. This class is perfect for beginners with lots of individualized attention to help you create these beautiful flowers. **Cost:** \$55 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$65/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- Feb 18**      **Tricky Crafty Camouflage**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
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- Feb 23**      **Garden Lecture: “Botanical Gardens and Environmental Education: An Exchange between the Pacific Northwest and Eastern Russia”,** 7 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 Since 2009, botanic gardens in the Russian Far East and the Pacific Northwest have been participating in an exchange of ideas and knowledge. This lecture will explore three Russian botanic gardens, their surrounding native floras, and their growing environmental education programs. Join us for this lecture by project initiator and Seattle native, Tony Allison, and two of his colleagues from the Russian Far East. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

- Feb 24**      **Living with Wildlife: That Woodpecker is Driving Me Crazy!**  
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Ever wonder which species of bird is making that obnoxious sound on the chimney and nearby trees? Of the eleven species of woodpeckers that live in Washington, the northern flicker is probably the most commonly seen and heard. Come learn about the benefits of having woodpeckers in your yard, and how we can get along together. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 26**      **Sewing Sampler & Machine Maintenance, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.**  
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## MARCH 2018

- March 1**      **Garden Class: “Grow Your Own Plant Starts,”** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Taught by Tilth Alliance. Get a head start on spring and summer by starting your organic veggie garden indoors now! Learn about supplies needed for setting up your indoor growing space, planting and caring for vegetable seeds and seedlings, organic practices not requiring synthetic chemicals, and how to harden off and transplant your little plants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 2**      **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Slippery, Slithery Ssssnakes” (presented by Bellevue Master Naturalists)**  
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 presented by the Bellevue Master Naturalist Corps. Did you know that snakes can “smell” the air with their tongues when hunting for prey, or that they can unhinge their jaws? Join us for stories about these incredible creatures! We always make a fun craft to take home. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195.
- March 3**      **Garden Class: “Hydrangea How-To,”** 10 a.m. - noon  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Taught by Kit Haesloop, President of the Northwest Perennial Alliance. Learn how to get peak performance from hydrangeas in your garden. Kit will provide guidance on growing conditions, bloom color, and pruning options for different species, as well as a demonstration of proper pruning techniques on several species that grow in the NPA Perennial Border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Class is indoor/outdoor. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$35/non members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- March 3**      **Garden Class: “Native Bees & Bee Hotels,”** 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Taught by Crown Bees. In this family class, appropriate for adults and children, you will learn how hole-nesting bees live, what they need in your garden to thrive, and how to provide them with a five-star bee hotel. Your class fee includes nesting hole materials and the Native Bee Guide (26-page reference booklet) for you to take home. **Cost:** \$15 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$25/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

- March 3**      **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike**, 10:30 a.m. - noon  
*Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.  
**Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy-Moderate (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us!  
**Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 4**      **Lakemont Highlands Open Space Ranger Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon  
*Meets at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome.  
**Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 4**      **Making Tracks in Lewis Creek Park**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Join a Park Ranger to learn Bellevue’s animal signs, then head outside on a scavenger hunt to see what animals have been through Lewis Creek Park! We’ll look for prints, feathers and even scat to see what’s been happening in the park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 7**      **Frisky Goats (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- March 10**      **Northwest Perennial Alliance March Mania Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 3 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. Shop these specialty nurseries: Botanica, Bouquet Banque, Dan Hinkley’s Windcliff, Fancy Fronds, Growing Girls, Lee Farm, and Taking Root Nursery. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the educational programs of NPA and the NPA Border. **Cost:** No admission fee; open to the public. Cost of plants will vary. **Info:** [http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/march\\_mania.php](http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/march_mania.php)

- March 10**     **St. Patrick's Day at the Farm**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m..  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 Adult and child will team together to make a green treat, get up close with a farm animal and hunt for a pot of gold in the barnyard. This program is for adult/child teams only. **Ages:** Children 3 to 6 years old and their adult. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. Additional child - \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- March 17**     **Puget Sound Dahlia Association Tuber Sale**, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
 Thousands of tubers with hundreds of different varieties will be available for sale, priced around \$5 each. Several of our most knowledgeable dahlia growers will be available to help you with your choices. Come early for the best selection! **Cost:** No admission fee; open to the public. **Info:** <http://www.pugetsounddahlias.org/>
- March 17**     **Making Tracks in Lewis Creek Park**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Join a Park Ranger to learn Bellevue's animal signs, then head outside on a scavenger hunt to see what animals have been through Lewis Creek Park! We'll look for prints, feathers and even scat to see what's been happening in the park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 18**     **Living with Wildlife: There's a Bear in the Yard!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
 Springtime in south Bellevue often means hungry, roaming bears. Learn all about black bears in our area, including how to prevent conflicts at your home, and what to do if you see one. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 21**     **Lovable Bunnies (Early Release Wednesday)**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
 Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on their instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities, too. **Ages:** 5 to 9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.

**March 21**     **BBGS Lecture: “Tapestry Garden: The Art of Weaving Plants and Place,”**  
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*

Taught by Marietta O’Byrne, co-owner of Northwest Nurseries. Timber Press will soon publish Marietta’s book, *Tapestry Garden, The Art of Weaving Plants and Place*, that will illustrate the wide variety of mouth-watering planting combinations Marietta has created. During her presentation, she will give us a pictorial tour of her exuberant garden. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

**March 23**     **Frog Hop!** 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*

One of the earliest sounds of spring is the constant rib-bit song of frogs. Learn about the amazing life cycle of these amphibians, as well as the kinds of frogs that live in Western Washington. Then join us to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way! Bring a flashlight or headlamps, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident; \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195.

**March 24**     **Garden Class: “Top Ten Spring Bulbs of Merit,”** 10 a.m. - noon

*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*

Taught by George Lasch. Join us for a quick slide show and then a stroll through the Garden to talk about the best bulbs and how to get the most from them. George will share his top ten and will likely throw in a few “why bother?” ones too. Known for his humorous opinions on plants and gardening, George was the Border Supervisor of the Perennial Border at the BBG for eight years. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

**March 24**     **Coal Mining at Cougar Mountain (presented by Eastside Heritage Center),**  
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. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

**March 25 Northwest Perennial Alliance Lecture – “Vietnam’s Northern Mountains,”**  
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Lecture by Sue Milliken and Kelly Dodson, who run Far Reaches Botanical Conservancy. Last fall they explored high peaks and ridges in northern Vietnam in search of new plants. This area is a geographical plant convergence zone and one of the world’s hotspots of biodiversity. Surprisingly, many plants from this region are proving much more hardy than common sense would suggest. Explore with Sue and Kelly as they recount their journey and some of these incredible plants. Doors open at noon for plant sales. **Cost:** \$5/Northwest Perennial Alliance members; \$20 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/Lectures.php>

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