

# Park Facilities

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ROBINSWOOD BARN.....	425-452-5219
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TEEN SERVICES, City Hall, 450 - 110th Ave NE.....	425-452-2846
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WINTERS HOUSE, 2102 Bellevue Way SE.....	425-452-2752
WINTERS HOUSE RENTALS.....	425-452-6914
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YOUTH SPORTS.....	425-452-6885

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

If weather is questionable, please call 425-452-6885 or the program site, before traveling to one of our facilities to confirm that facility staff are on-site. **Please Note:** all recreation facilities and community centers are closed when Bellevue Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather. Inclement weather can effect park use and trail conditions. Please use caution when visiting park sites during poor weather as trails and other park facilities may become wet and slippery. Park trails may also be closed. Please use caution using open trails as they may become wet and slippery.



### QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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where to turn?  
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to find social services  
such as...

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  - Emergency Shelter
  - Food & Clothing
  - Health Care & Support Groups
  - Rent Assistance
  - Transportation
  - Volunteering
- Language interpretation available



Also: 206.461.3200  
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### FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

Programs listed in this brochure may include a food or beverage refreshment. Please contact the your Program Area site for more information; phone numbers are available in this brochure. Food and beverage cost, when applicable, is included in the cost of the program.

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425-452-6885



### Drop-In Activities

Got a free afternoon? How about a little basketball, pickleball, table tennis or some quiet time for drawing or painting? Check out the variety of drop-in activities online at [myparksandrecreation.com](http://myparksandrecreation.com) or by picking up our *Connections* brochure at any of our community centers.

### Parent/Child Drop-In

"It's raining, it's pouring" . . . and you want to know where you can play. At Crossroads, South Bellevue, Highland and North Bellevue Community Centers you and your child can play with our toys, balls, bikes and more in a dry and safe environment. Parents provide set-up/take-down and supervision (maximum of three children per adult).

### Aquatic Center Activities

It's always summer at the Bellevue Aquatic Center. The City of Bellevue Activity Play Pass will allow you to take advantage of the Aquatic Center's Discount Swim time. Discount times are Monday and Wednesday from 8 am to 12 pm, and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 am to 12 pm (discount applies as long as you arrive before 10 am). Come and get wet where it is summer year around.

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NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR  
REGION — YOU CHOOSE!**

**YOUR ONLINE  
REGISTRATION  
WEBSITE**

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**Things to Do:** Register for Classes **Places to Go:** Parks Information

**Over 3000 recreation programs,  
300 parks, 9 local cities, ONE web site**

This information will be provided in alternate formats for individuals with disabilities upon request. We invite everyone's participation. Please provide two weeks advance notice for special needs requests. Assistance for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing can be provided through the 711 Telecommunications Relay Service.





# A New View of the Slough

**A** cluster of buildings rising out of the wetland forest on steel pilings, with slanted roofs and glass walls, the new Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center is not your average school by a long shot.

With special features, including slough overlooks, a wet lab and a “treehouse,” the facility will allow thousands of school children and families to experience wetlands in a hands-on way.

The education center just opened on Oct. 11, with an all-day event that included workshops, hikes, native planting and pond explorations.

The center is located in the Mercer Slough Nature Park, an environmental oasis just a mile from downtown. Home to hundreds of diverse plants and animals that depend on the wetlands ecosystem for survival, the park is ideal for environmental study.

“I can think of no better place to observe and practice the balance between our urban way of life and the vibrant natural systems around us than this outdoor laboratory on Mercer Slough,” Jim Ellis, project co-chair said. “This is a place where the children of our cities can see, touch and smell life at the edge between land and water.”

In a partnership with the Pacific Science Center, the city has offered classes at Mercer Slough for the past 15 years. But the

**“This is a testament to Bellevue’s longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship”  
-Grant Degginger, Mayor**

original educational center was the Sullivan House, a retrofitted Parks property that could only accommodate 8,000 students each year.

The new education center includes the Sullivan House (remodeled), a new classroom, wet lab, community building and a visitor center. A second phase of expansion will add a classroom and wet lab. The new center will ultimately be able to serve 40,000 students annually from throughout the region.

Of course, the education center is not just bigger than the old one. The treehouse, overlooks and a network of boardwalks enable visitors to see the Slough without disturbing it. The wet lab is a rugged classroom that allows for hands-on study of water, animals, plants and soils.

The education center has been designed to have minimal impact on the environment, with roofs that either collect rainwater into a gentle, stream-like runoff

or that nurture native plants. The complex has earned a King County “Excellence in Building Green Award.”

Puget Sound Energy helped lead the fundraising effort to make the expansion possible.

“This partnership will allow more children to learn about environmental stewardship in an ideal lab, a 320-acre wetland in the heart of our city,” Mayor Grant Degginger said. “Few cities have had the foresight to protect sensitive lands so close to their downtown core. This is a testament to Bellevue’s longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship,” he added.

The second phase of expansion is on the drawing board. The co-chairs, Jerry Henry of PSE and Ellis, a longtime community leader, will continue raising funds for construction of the additional space.

“Mercer Slough provides an extraordinary venue for our environmental education programs,” said Bryce Seidl, president and chief executive officer of the Pacific Science Center. “There is no substitute for learning in the real environment.”

The Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, located at 1625 118th Ave. SE, offers programs for individuals and groups. For more information, call 425-452-6881 or 425-450-0207, or visit <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks> or <http://www.pacsci.org/slough>.

# Park Facilities/Rentals

## PARK FACILITIES/RENTALS

Bellevue Parks offers a variety of settings for small to large group picnics and special events. Select a picnic site at one of the award-winning waterfront parks, combine your picnic with a softball game at one of the sports parks, or enjoy a picnic at a working farm. Getting married? Plan your wedding at Chism Beach Park with beautiful views of Lake Washington. Regardless of your choice, Bellevue has a park for you. Call 425-452-6914 for rental information.

**All facilities are accessible for people with disabilities and many are available as rentals.**

### Athletic Fields

**Phone:** 425-452-6914

City park and school fields are available for rent on a seasonal basis. Athletic field scheduling guides for 2009 will be available in early December for organized leagues and individual teams/groups. Policies, forms, and fees are available online at: [www.bellevuewa.gov/ballfield\\_reservations.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/ballfield_reservations.htm)

### Bellevue Aquatic Center

**Location:** 601 - 143rd Ave NE

**Phone:** 425-452-4444

**Hours of Operation:** 8am-9pm, Mon-Fri; 8am-3pm, Sat and 9am-3pm, Sun.

**Rentals:** Party room and pool available for rental.

### Bellevue Botanical Garden

**Location:** 12001 Main Street

**Phone:** 425-452-2750

**Website:** [www.BellevueBotanical.org](http://www.BellevueBotanical.org)

**Hours of Operation:** Visitor Center, 9am-4pm daily; Gardens, dawn to dusk.

**Rentals:** The Botanical Garden has many picnic tables and benches for public use east of the main entrance available on a first-come-first served basis. Garden-sponsored programs comprise the majority of building use. Sorry, no private parties or weddings at the garden. Use of the Shorts Visitor Center and historic Sharp Cabin is limited to Bellevue Botanical Garden related classes, events and fundraisers. They are not available for general rentals.

#### Commercial Photography at the Garden:

Please allow a minimum of one-week notice to schedule your photography shoot at Bellevue Botanical Garden. Reservations are necessary to avoid conflicts with other Garden activities. We can accommodate groups of 25 or less. The fee is \$25 for a two-hour period. Use of the Botanical Garden for other commercial photography and filming will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### Bellevue Golf Course (18-hole course)

**Location:** 5500 140th NE

**Phone:** 425-452-7250

**Hours of Operation:** This is a year-round facility that is open one hour after sunrise until dusk on a daily basis. Facility is closed Christmas Day and New Years Day.

**Amenities:** 18-hole golf course with driving range, Pro Shop and restaurant.

**Rentals:** Meeting room available on an after-hours basis for private parties and meetings. On-site catering is available. Contact Pro Shop staff for further details.

### Highland Indoor Skatepark

**Location:** 14224 Bel-Red Road (backside of the Highland Community Center)

**Phone:** 425-452-2722

**Website:** [www.bellevuewa.gov/bellevue\\_skate\\_park.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/bellevue_skate_park.htm)

**Hours of Operation:** Call for daily schedule.

**Rentals:** A great place for a birthday party or a time to have the entire park to yourself and friends!! Helmets, protective gear and a qualified supervisor will make your rental a hit. Instructors available. Call for more information.

**Lessons:** If you are just starting out and you want to learn how to skateboard or improve your existing skills these lessons are for you. Have one of our experienced skateboard instructors teach you how to do the tricks that you have always wanted to do. Call for details.

**Purpose:** This newly remodeled covered facility is for skateboards and in-line skates. The BVSP features a street course with ledges, rails, banks, quarter pipes and more.

### Highland Outdoor Skate Plaza

Highland Community Center  
14224 Bel-Red Road

This brand new 13,000 square foot skate park replicates some of the worlds favorite street skate spots. Instead of half pipes or bowls, it has ledges, banks, stairs, hubbas, rails, benches, Euro gaps, barriers and a pole jam. This lighted plaza is free and open to all.

### Crossroads Skatepark

Crossroads Community Center,  
16000 NE 10th Street

This state-of-the-art outdoor, free, concrete facility was built by world renowned Grindline Skate Parks. It consists of a massive bowl with depths ranging from 4' to 9.5', features an over-vertical 'clam shell,' multiple hips, escalators, tombstone, with steel and concrete coping.

### Lakemont Skate Court

Lakemont Community Park,  
5170 Village Park Drive

Smaller than a traditional skate park, the outdoor skate court includes a pyramid, ledges, wall-ride and other obstacles. Designed for skateboards and rollerblading.

### Bellevue Youth Theatre

**Location:** 16661 Northup Way

**Phone:** 425-452-7155

**Hours of Operation:** Varies depending on performances. Call for more information.

**Rentals:** The Bellevue Youth Theatre has a black box theatre, and a heated portable that can be rented. Call for rates.

### Crossroads Par 3 Golf Course

**Location:** 15801 NE 15th Street  
(behind Top Foods grocery store)

**Phone:** 425-452-4873

**Hours of Operation:** Open March through October, call for daily schedule and course conditions.

**Rentals:** Group reservations accepted. To schedule, call 425-452-2850.

**Purpose:** Offers a 797 yard par 3 course, great for family or company tournaments. The course is perfect for the beginning golfer and for those wanting to improve their short game. Limited-flight driving range. Putting green open. Please call for additional information or visit us at: [www.bellevuewa.gov/golf\\_courses.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/golf_courses.htm)

# Park Facilities/Rentals

## Crossroads Community Center

**Location:** 16000 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street

**Phone:** 425-452-4874

**Hours of Operation:** Mon-Fri, 9am-8pm; Sat, 9am-5pm.

**Rentals:** Located adjacent to Crossroads Bellevue and the expansive 34-acre Crossroads Park. Nearby amenities include basketball courts, tennis courts, a par 3 golf course, play area, picnic shelter, jogging paths, and a state-of-the-art skate bowl. Building was expanded in 2006 to include an additional 4,500 sf. Ideal events include wedding and anniversary receptions, birthday parties, off-site business meetings or retreats, and classes. Tables and chairs are available at no extra charge for use with all rentals. Additional equipment available upon request. Maximum capacity in multi-purpose rooms is 120.

**Purpose:** A variety of classes, drop-in activities, arts and crafts, and a full gym are offered at the Center. Programs are designed to serve the needs of children, teenagers, families, and seniors.

## Highland Community Center

**Location:** 14224 Bel-Red Road

**Phone:** 425-452-7686

**Hours of Operation:** 9am-9pm M-Thur, 9am-6pm Fri, (Sat & Sun special events and rentals only)

**Rentals:** Rentals are available on Saturdays & some Sundays. Please call Monica Houston at 425-452-7686 for specific times. The facility is available for social functions, receptions, and meetings. A four hour minimum rental is required on Saturdays. Caterers of your choice are allowed. The maximum capacity is 200. Call for fee schedule.

**Purpose:** Highland Community Center is a full-service community center offering drop-in toddler time, sports and exercise programs, community support programs, and specialized recreation opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities.



## Kelsey Creek Farm Park

**Location:** 410 - 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE

**Phone:** 425-452-7688

**E-Mail:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov

Hiking and jogging trails, picnic areas, playground, wetlands, wooded areas, and play fields. No entrance fee, but donations always welcome. Dogs and other pets must be on leash at all times when visiting the park. All pets are prohibited from the area surrounding the barns at Kelsey Creek Farm. A variety of programs are available year-round.

**Hours of Operation:** Park, dawn to dusk. Animal viewing, 9:30am-3:30pm daily.

**Groups:** 10+ must pre-register. Please call in advance Monday through Friday, 8am-4pm at 425-452-7688.

**Rentals:** Picnic shelter rentals ideal for small social gatherings or groups of 50 or less. Contact the farm office at 425-452-7688, or email

KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov for reservations or more information.

## Lake Hills Clubhouse

**Location:** 15230 Lake Hills Boulevard

**Phone:** 425-452-6914 for rental information

**Rental Hours:** 8am - 10pm weekdays, 8am - 12 midnight Fri & Sat.

**Website:** [www.bellevuewa.gov/lake\\_hills\\_clubhouse.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/lake_hills_clubhouse.htm)

Rentals: Located along the Lake Hills Greenbelt with trails, lakes, and a blueberry farm nearby. This facility is ideal for most events: meetings, parties, receptions, classes, and retreats. The Banquet Room is equipped with a kitchenette, including a refrigerator, microwave, sink, and coffee urns. It's maximum capacity is 80 people. The smaller Meeting Room is available for meetings, retreats, and classes with a maximum capacity of 45 people. You may reserve them both for a maximum capacity of 125 people. Tables and chairs are available for all rentals at no extra charge.



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## Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station and Community Gardens

**Location:** 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street

**Phone:** 425-452-7225

**Hours of Operation:** Gardens open dawn to dusk. Ranger Station, call for information.

## Lewis Creek Visitor Center

**Location:** 5808 Lakemont Boulevard

**Phone:** 425-452-4195

**Rentals:** Call 425-452-6914 for information.

**Visitor Hours:** 10am – 4pm, Wed – Sun; Closed Mon, Tue, & holidays

**Rental hours:** Non Visitor Center hours, Please call 425-452-6914.

**Website:** [www.bellevuewa.gov/lewis\\_creek\\_visitor\\_center.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/lewis_creek_visitor_center.htm)

**Purpose:** The 2,500 square foot interpretive center, located in South Bellevue, is in the heart of Lewis Creek Park. The center provides visitors with Bellevue Park and regional park system information, family programs, and other recreational opportunities.

**Rentals:** The facility is ideal for small social gatherings, wedding receptions, and business meetings. Tables, chairs, and a kitchen are available for all rentals. Maximum capacity is 50 people.

## Northwest Arts Center

**Location:** 9825 NE 24th Street  
Program Registration/

    Birthday Parties                   425-452-6046

    Rental Information               425-452-7150

    Community Events Office       425-452-4106

**Hours of Operation:** 8am-4:30pm, Mon-Fri

**Purpose:** The Northwest Arts Center is dedicated to promoting a variety of fine art, preschool, and fitness programs for children and adults, offered throughout the year. Themed birthday parties for children are available.

## North Bellevue Community Center

**Location:** 4063 148th Avenue NE

**Phone:** 425-452-7681

**Hours of Operation:** 8am-10pm, Mon-Fri; 9am-4pm Sat.

**Gift Shop:** The gift shop is open during all hours of operation and features handcrafted works of local crafters and artists.

**Coffee Bar:** The coffee bar is open Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm and offers coffee and tea. Volunteers needed.

**Rentals:** Available for meetings on weekdays. Also available on weekends for receptions, banquets, conferences. Call for more information.

## Robinswood Barn

**Location:** 2430 - 148th Avenue SE

**Phone:** 425-452-5219

**Rentals:** Not available as a rental.

## Robinswood Tennis Center

**Location:** 2400 - 151st Place SE

**Phone:** 425-452-7690

**Hours of Operation:** Indoor and lighted outdoor courts, 7:45am-10pm daily.

**Rentals:** Call for fee schedule.

## Robinswood House

**Phone:** 425-452-7850

**Location:** 2430 - 148th Avenue SE

**Website:** Social Events -

[www.seattlebride.com/sbrobin.html](http://www.seattlebride.com/sbrobin.html)

Business Meetings -

[www.eastsidemeetings.com/rbmain.html](http://www.eastsidemeetings.com/rbmain.html)

**Rentals:** The Robinswood House Estate is comprised of the Main House and Cabana, the original 1884 log cabin, which looks much the same today as when it was built, and a barn. Both the Main House and barn were built in 1895, and have been successfully renovated to retain their original charm.

In addition to a formal English sunken garden, two patios, and lushly landscaped walks complete the Robinswood grounds. Adjacent to Robinswood Park, a 60-acre oasis in the heart of the Eastside, the estate offers sweeping views that highlight the beauty of the Northwest

This uniquely styled house offers meeting room space for groups of three to sixty-five. For weddings and social events, the house can accommodate up to 125 people inside and 200+ including the grounds.

## SE 40th Boat Launch

**Location:** 4001 Lake Washington Boulevard SE

**Hours of Operation:** 24 hours

**Fees:** \$9 weekday / \$10 weekend

Annual permits available

**Questions:** Call 425-452-4444

Parking limited to 24 hours per launch.



## South Bellevue Community Center

**Location:** 14509 SE Newport Way

**Phone:** 425-452-4240

**Rentals:** The Center features a 2,400 square foot community room with floor to ceiling windows that is perfect for weddings, receptions, banquets, parties, meetings, workshops and special events. Other rooms available for rental include a catering kitchen, classrooms and a double gymnasium. SBCC also offers a 33-foot climbing wall and challenge course available to rent. The community room can be reserved for week days and evenings, as well as weekends. The gymnasium is available for limited times. Call for availability and pricing.

## Tyee Community Gym

**Location:** 13630 SE Allen Road (Tyee Middle School)

**Phone:** 425-452-6914 for rental information

**Website:** [www.bellevuewa.gov/tyee\\_community\\_gym.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/tyee_community_gym.htm)

**Rentals:** The Tyee Community Gym is available to rent for use by athletic teams or for children's birthday parties with an athletic theme. The gym can be set-up as a single full-size basketball court (or two, shorter side courts with adjustable baskets), two volleyball courts, or six badminton or paddleball courts. Maximum capacity is 250 people.

## Winters House

**Location:** 2102 Bellevue Way SE

**Phone:** 425-452-2752 for Visitor Center

425-452-6914 for rental information

425-450-1046 for Bellevue Historical Society

**Hours of Operation:**

*Visitor Hours:* 10am – 2pm Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat. Closed Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Holidays.

*Rental Hours:* 8am – 10pm weekdays.

8am-midnight Fri & Sat

**Website:** [www.bellevuewa.gov/winters\\_house.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/winters_house.htm)

**Rentals:** Situated at the edge of the 320-Mercer Slough Nature Park, its elegant architecture and beautiful grounds serve as an ideal gathering place for classes, meetings, receptions, and small weddings. Tables, chairs, and TV/VCR are available for use with all rentals. Maximum capacity is 75 people for the entire house.

# Fit & Active Conference

January 24, 2009



South Bellevue Community Center  
Over 40 Fitness/Wellness Sessions  
Adults or families with kids ages 6+  
For Registration/Information 425-452-4240

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Keynote speaker:  
*Jill Kintner*  
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Bronze Medalist BMX

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South Bellevue Community Center  
14509 SE Newport Way, Bellevue WA 98006  
Saturday, January 24, 2009  
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Adults \$23 Youth 6-17 \$13  
Lunch Included  
[www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov)  
Register online: [MyParksandRecreation.com](http://MyParksandRecreation.com)



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a partnership for a healthy community



# Special Events

**Come join our theatre experience by bringing your family to these fun events!**

Enjoy a unique community theatre production with lights, sets, costumes, and wonderful characters. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 425-452-7155. Seating is assigned. You must prepay to reserve your seats. There are no refunds or exchanges once tickets are purchased. We accept cash, check, Visa and MasterCard. Phone orders must pay by Visa or MasterCard.



## Winter 2009 Shows

### **Snow White**

This classic children's tale is based on the story by the Brothers Grimm. This version has many new characters and original music. It is a musical with comedy, singing and dancing suitable for all ages.

\$9 per seat (reserved seating)  
Performs at Bellevue Youth Theatre  
Friday, March 13 & 20 at 7pm  
Saturday, March 14 & 21 at 7pm  
Sunday, March 15 & 22 at 2pm

### **Tales of Beatrix Potter**

Six of Beatrix Potter's best-loved animal tales come to life in one enchanting production. For many years children of all ages have enjoyed Peter Rabbit, Jeremy Fisher, Jemima Puddleduck and so many more of the wonderful characters created by the legendary Victorian writer, Beatrix Potter.

\$9 per seat (reserved seating)  
Performs at Bellevue Youth Theatre  
Friday, April 17 & 24 at 7pm  
Saturday, April 18 & 25 at 7pm  
Sunday, April 19 & 26 at 2pm

### **Comedy of Errors**

Join us for a night of madcap adventure as we present Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors". The Bard has done it again, with this wildfarce about the antics of two sets of twins and a series of mistaken identities. Suitable for older children and adults. Presented in the original language.

\$9 per seat (reserved seating)  
Performs at Bellevue Youth Theatre  
Friday, May 1 & 8 at 7pm  
Saturday, May 2 & 9 at 7pm  
Sunday, May 3 at 2pm  
Thursday, May 7 at 7pm

### **Oliver**

Follow Oliver's journey from workhouse, to the streets, to a loving home and all the twists and turns in this classic story. This is a beloved musical.

\$10 per seat (Reserved Seating)  
Performs at Bellevue Youth Theatre  
Friday, May 22 & 29 at 7pm  
Saturday, May 23 & 30 at 7pm  
Saturday, May 30 at 1pm  
Sunday, May 24 & 31 at 2pm

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### GARDEN D'LIGHTS AT THE BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN

This annual holiday season tradition features thousands of tiny twinkling lights that transform Bellevue Botanical Garden into a winter wonderland during the annual Garden d'Lights festival. Inspired by plants found in Northwest gardens, hundreds of volunteers have been busy making new flowers and creatures to add to the old favorites. This year the tropical garden will move to the Sharp Cabin, and there will be Northwest winter plants surrounding the plaza at the Visitor Center. An alligator has found its way into the pond near the viewing platform, and Willie the slug, as usual, has found a new hiding place. A portion of the "great lawn" will be transformed into a lily pond. On-site parking \$5; free parking available 1 block east at WISC or Wilburton Hill Park. Contact the garden for instructions for bus parking directions and drop-off, 425-452-2750. Please consider a donation to help support Garden d'Lights. We suggest \$1 per person/\$3 per family. Donation boxes will be posted at the event.

WHERE: Bellevue Botanical Garden  
12001 Main Street  
WHEN: November 29-January 3  
Daily, 5-10pm

**Are you interested in learning the secrets of these flower creations?** Register for a class at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society website: [www.bellevuebotanical.org](http://www.bellevuebotanical.org) or call BBGS office at 425-451-3755. All flowers created in classes are added to the Garden d'Lights display.

**If you enjoyed the Garden d'Lights display during the holiday season and would like to help take the lights down** and put them away for the winter, check in with Udell at the Visitor Center at the garden between 10am-4pm, January 4-8.

### HILLTOP HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Many New Vendors This Year! Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand crafted items from over 80 selected Northwest crafters. It's not your ordinary CRAFT show! For Crafter Application or information call 360-668-1987 or email: [hilltop.Crafts@verizon.net](mailto:hilltop.Crafts@verizon.net).  
Northwest Arts Center  
9825 NE 24th  
Wednesday-Friday, Dec 3-5, 10am-8pm  
Saturday, Dec 6, 10am-5pm.

*Volunteers needed - great opportunity for teens needing Community Service hours - work post-event clean-up on Saturday December 6. Contact Pam Myers at 425-452-4106 or email: [pmyers@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:pmyers@bellevuewa.gov) for details.*

### SEATTLE CIVIC CHRISTMAS SHIPS

Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship this December. There will be a beach fire and hot cider. NOTE Chism Beach does not have a beach fire or hot cider.  
FREE All Ages

**Tuesday, December 2**  
Newcastle Beach Park 8:50- 9:10pm  
4400 Lake Washington Boulevard SE  
**Saturday, December 6**  
Chism Beach Park 8:30- 8:45pm  
1175 98th Avenue SE  
**Thursday, December 18**  
Meydenbauer Beach Park 8:35- 8:55pm  
419 98th Avenue NE

*Volunteers needed - great opportunity for teens needing Community Service hours by serving cider and assisting with crowd control. Contact Pam Myers at 425-452-4106 or email: [pmyers@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:pmyers@bellevuewa.gov) for details on volunteering at Christmas Ship events.*

### CROSSROADS YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

Local boys and girls in need are invited to come celebrate the holidays with us. Santa will arrive just in time to bring candy canes for all good little boys and girls. Enjoy refreshments and entertainment. For more information please call (425) 452-4874. For all kids up to 18 years old. If 18, must still be in high school. Registration is not required.  
WHEN: Tue, Dec 16, 4:30-7:30pm  
WHERE: Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St.  
AGES: Up to 18  
COST: FREE

### CROSSROADS HOLIDAY MEAL

Local families in need are invited to come celebrate the holidays with us. A nice holiday dinner will be served. Other activities include holiday arts and crafts. For more information please call (425) 452-4874. Registration is not required.  
WHEN: Fri, Jan 9, Arts & Crafts at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6pm  
WHERE: Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St.  
AGES: All  
COST: FREE

### HELLEBORE OPEN HOUSE AND PLANT SALE

Displays of Hellebores, plants for sale, NPA Seed Exchange packets. All proceeds support the Northwest Perennial Alliance Perennial Borders at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.  
WHEN: Sunday March 8, 2009  
11:00am to 3:00pm  
WHERE: Bellevue Botanical Garden  
12001 Main Street

## SPORTS TOURNAMENTS AT SOUTH BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER

On select Sundays at SBCC, in lieu of Drop-In Gym activities, there will be sports tournaments with several divisions for all ages. The purpose is to promote fun competition in a friendly athletic environment. The only prize awarded is bragging rights until the next tournament. Teams must pre-register one week prior to the scheduled tournament to allow staff time to make the brackets. Registration FREE for Family Division only; otherwise, \$2.50 for Bellevue Resident, \$3.00 for Non-Resident. Questions can be directed to Brad Bennett at (425) 452-4240.  
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way

**Badminton Tournament (Register by Dec 29):**  
Sun 10 AM - 4 PM Jan 4

**4 on 4 Indoor Beach Ball Volleyball Tournament Family Division Only (Register by Jan 30):**  
Sun 10 AM - 4 PM Feb 8

**March Madness 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (Register by Feb 27):**  
Sun 10 AM - 4 PM Mar 8

# Special Events / Social Services

## BELLEVUE FAMILY 4TH OF JULY FOOD VENDOR APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Bellevue Parks & Community Services is accepting food vendor applications for the Family 4th of July Celebration which will take place at the Bellevue Downtown Park. Applications can be found on line [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov), by e-mail the [NWAC@Bellevue.gov](mailto:NWAC@Bellevue.gov), or by calling the Northwest Arts Center at 425-452-4106. Applications are due by April 1, 2009.

## FIT & ACTIVE CONFERENCE AT SOUTH BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER

Adults of all ages and families with kids six and up will enjoy a wide range of health and fitness opportunities provided by local fitness experts. The line-up of the day will include: keynote speaker Jill Kintner, Olympic bronze medalist in BMX, two morning sessions, lunch and gym games, followed by two afternoon sessions.

Conference brochure for session selection will be mailed out in early December. Limited to 300 participants, so register early! For more information, call Joan Perugini at 425-452-4240.

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 24, 2009  
9am-3:30pm  
**WHERE:** South Bellevue Comm. Ctr.  
14509 SE Newport Way  
**COST:** \$23 each adult  
\$13 youth age 6-17

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tue of each month, 6:30pm, in the Bellevue City Hall Council Conference Room. Meetings are open to the public.

Michael Yantis, Chairperson  
Janet Stout, Vice Chairperson  
Stefanie Beighle  
Doug Hoople  
Nancy Huenefeld-Gese  
Deb Lazetti  
Berta Seltzer  
Major Mike Pentony, Ex Officio Member

### CITY OF BELLEVUE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

This program helps low and moderate income Bellevue homeowners who need major home repairs to improve the health and safety of their home. Roof repairs, fixing faulty plumbing, wiring, and earthquake retrofitting. For more information, call 425-452-4069.

### FOOD HANDLER PERMITS

King County Health Department is now providing training opportunities for food worker permits at the Highland Community Center. Be prompt - individuals will not be permitted to enter the classroom after the published start time. Training available in other languages than English. Contact King County Public Health, **206-296-4600**, for more information.

Highland Community Center  
14224 NE Bel-Red Road, 98007

**WHEN:** 1st & 3rd Fridays  
9:30am & 1pm

**COST:** \$10.00 (cash only)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Bellevue Botanical Garden

BBG relies heavily on volunteers to help in many roles at the Garden. We love our volunteers! Please call 425-452-2750 for more information, job descriptions and qualifications.

Opportunities are available in the following areas:

- Horticultural Assistants – Ongoing or Occasional Work Party participants
- Docents
- Gift Shop
- Living Lab Children's Education Program
- Mother's Day Social
- Pops in the Park
- Newsletter Distribution
- Occasional Office Help
- Fundraising / Auction Help
- Garden d'Lights Installation and Work Parties
- Plant Records and Documentation

Learn, lead, and share your passion by becoming a Bellevue Botanical Garden Society Docent. Training classes are held each Thursday at Bellevue Botanical Garden's Sharp Cabin, 9am-1pm on the following dates in 2009: February 26, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, and April 2. The classes are informative, fun, and free! For more information call 425-451-3755, or email [bbsgoffice@bellevuebotanical.org](mailto:bbsgoffice@bellevuebotanical.org).

### Bellevue Youth Theatre

The Bellevue Youth Theatre is dedicated to providing opportunities for all young people in the theatre, ages 4 to 19. All volunteers are required to have a current Washington State Patrol background check on file at the theatre. For more information, please e-mail [AMclnnis@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:AMclnnis@bellevuewa.gov)

### Specialized Recreation

Recreation programs for kids and adults living with developmental disabilities are primarily held at Highland Center. Come and help the participants have fun! Programs offered include sports, art, dance, cooking, exercise classes and much more. You can earn your community service hours for school and service learning credits. Volunteers are always needed and a vital part of what we do here at Highland. If interested please contact Kim Indurkar at 425-452-7686. You can also e-mail [kindurkar@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kindurkar@bellevuewa.gov). You must be a minimum of 16 years of age to volunteer.



# Volunteer Opportunities

## Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Teens can earn valuable job experience and satisfy community service hours as a volunteer. Besides, it might just be fun! Teens can serve on a Youth Link action team (such as Teen Closet program), check out life as a farmhand on a working farm at Kelsey Creek or assist with skate park management. There are many more opportunities as well, such as parent teen mediation teams. For more information visit the City's web page at [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov) and click on "Get Involved" or send an e-mail to [volunteer@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:volunteer@bellevuewa.gov).

## Teens - Kelsey Creek Farm Volunteer Opportunities

Experience new challenges, expand your knowledge, and develop and use your abilities as you help build a strong community through volunteering. Earn community service hours while assisting farm staff with daily operations, help with animal chores, participate in special projects, and learn responsible animal care. This program requires pre-registration. See page 42 for information on how to register and more program details.

## Teens - Volunteer for Seattle Civic Christmas Ships

Join the festivities by volunteering at this fun event. Volunteers will help serve cider, assist with the crowds and enjoy the singing. All volunteers must be at least 14 years of age, sign up by e-mailing [pmyers@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:pmyers@bellevuewa.gov) or calling Pam at 425-452-4106. No volunteers accepted on the day event. All volunteers must pre-register. Shifts Available on Tuesday, December 2, 7:45-9:45 pm at Newcastle Beach and Friday, December 18, 7:30- 9:30 pm at Meydenbauer Beach

## North Bellevue Community Center Volunteers

Volunteers play a key role in providing programs and services at North Bellevue Community Center. We depend on volunteers to provide successful programs and positive experiences for everyone who visits our facilities. Annually there are over 200 volunteers who provide over 15,000 hours of community services. Please call 425-452-7681 for more information and job descriptions. We encourage Middle and High School age summertime volunteers. Volunteer opportunities are available in the following areas:

- Food Service & Kitchen Help
- Front Desk Reception
- Advisory Boards
- Class Instruction
- Crafts



- English Conversationalist/ESL Instructor
- Foot Care Assistant
- Coffee Bar/Refreshments
- Fund Raising
- Garden Assistant
- Newcomer Social Committee
- Entertainment
- "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" Instructors

## Robinswood Tennis Center

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering at Robinswood Tennis Center, contact us at 425-452-7690 about the many volunteer opportunities available.

## Winters House Host

Provide staffing at Bellevue's Historic Winters House. Greet park visitors, conduct tours and teach people about Bellevue natural and cultural heritage. Must be 18 or older. Contact the Eastside Heritage Center, 425-450-1049, for more information.



## Park Stewards/Naturalists

Various ongoing volunteer opportunities exist with the Bellevue Parks Natural Resource & Resource Management Divisions. Dates & locations vary. Call 425-452-4195 for more information.

## Voices of Diversity Radio Show

Voices of Diversity is a half hour public affairs radio show, which seeks to tell the untold stories in our community as well as celebrate the diversity of cultural expression found in the Northwest. The program is a collaboration between community radio KBCS 91.3 FM and the City of Bellevue Cultural Diversity Program and is produced by Callie Shanafelt and Bruce Wirth. The show comes to you each week thanks to a dedicated team of volunteer reporters and producers from across King County, and is hosted by Kevin P. Henry, Cultural Diversity Coordinator, City of Bellevue.

Voices of Diversity seeks to literally give voice to those not often heard on the airwaves, and to that end, trains community members in radio skills and independent journalism. We offer a free training in Community Radio reporting in exchange for a commitment to volunteer for the show.

For more information call Callie Shanafelt 425-452-7922 or email her at [cshanafelt@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:cshanafelt@bellevuewa.gov)

Voices of Diversity Airs every Wednesday from 6-7pm on 91.3 FM KBCS, or [www.KBCS.FM](http://www.KBCS.FM).

# The City of Bellevue Wants You!

## Volunteer Today...

*there are opportunities for everyone!*

The City of Bellevue offers a wide array of volunteer opportunities for youth and adults. Other Volunteer opportunities include serving on a board or commission, working with the Waterwise Garden, joining EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Support), supporting the community's teens through YouthLink, joining the Stream Team, helping out at Crossroads Mini City Hall, helping with storm drain stenciling, and becoming a mediator. For more information on the City's volunteer program, visit the City's web page at [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov) and click on "Get Involved" or send an e-mail to [volunteer@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:volunteer@bellevuewa.gov).

### Suggest a new program

Current programs offer opportunities in a wide range of pursuits with varying time commitments, skills, and work focus so volunteers can tailor their experience to meet their own needs. The City of Bellevue takes great pride in the diversity of its volunteer programs, and is always looking for new opportunities to put volunteers to work. New suggestions are always welcome at [volunteer@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:volunteer@bellevuewa.gov)!

### Opportunities Available:

These are just a few of our many volunteer opportunities available to you:

- Volunteer at a community center or facility.
- Serve on a board or commission
- Coach a youth sports team
- Volunteer at a special event
- Join the City's habitat restoration efforts.
- Plant a tree.
- Volunteer with the City's probation program.
- Volunteer at a mini City Hall.
- Become a mediator

Contact Shelly Shellabarger, Volunteer Program Coordinator, to find out how you can get involved: email [volunteer@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:volunteer@bellevuewa.gov), or call 425-452-5375.



### Send Me More Information!

**Interested in volunteering?** Please give us your name, address, and phone number, and let us know what you're interested in doing. We will contact you to discuss volunteer opportunities available.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

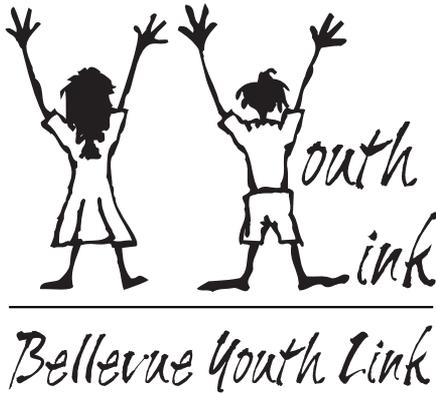
*All information is for City of Bellevue use only.*

#### Please mail completed form to:

City of Bellevue  
Shelly Shellabarger,  
Volunteer Coordinator  
PO Box 90012  
Bellevue, WA 98009-9012

#### Save Time, Do It Online!

Save a stamp: visit the City's website at [www.bellevuewa.gov](http://www.bellevuewa.gov) and click on "Get Involved," or send an email to [volunteer@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:volunteer@bellevuewa.gov).



## YOUTH LINK BOARD

Meetings are held the 2nd Wed of each month, 6:00–8:00 PM, in the Bellevue City Hall, 1st Floor. Meetings are open to the public.

Brenda Gurung, Adult Co-Chair

Faisal Jaswal

Rachel Jiang

Farrah Khan

Brian Li

Nancy O'Brien-Abel

Lt. Dave Sellers

## What is Bellevue Youth Link?

A youth empowerment program giving teens a voice and an opportunity to make things happen.

## How does it work?

Every two years, on the even year, the Bellevue Youth Council hosts an all-city youth conference. Teens decide what issues most interest and concern them and propose projects to address each issue.

## Who can participate?

Anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Bellevue can help! All volunteer hours go toward school community service credit. So, if you are a young person of middle or high school age or an adult who might be able to help make a youth priority a reality, call 425-452-5254.



## YOUTH COURT ACTION TEAM

Join us in helping run the first youth court in Bellevue! Action Team meets every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Bellevue City Hall in Rm. 1E-120. For more info, please contact Helena Stephens, Family, Youth & Teen Services Manager at 425-452-2834 or via email at [hstephens@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:hstephens@bellevuewa.gov)

## CURRENT YOUTH LINK PROJECTS

For more information about any of these opportunities, please call 425-452-5254, unless otherwise specified, or visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com).

### Bellevue Youth Council

Open to all private and public Bellevue middle and high school students who live or go to school within the Bellevue School district boundary. Youth provide input for our community's youth issues, services, and provide youth leadership for a wide variety of community projects and special events.

### Outspoken Teen Paper

Help create a monthly newspaper written by and for teens. We need teen writers, photographers, and editors. No experience necessary. Join anytime!

### Youth Link Web Team

Interested in computers while helping others? Aside from providing information about youth activities and events through [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com) website, youth members help others by putting together basic computer classes for people of all ages.

### Teen Café "Jub-Hub" Project

Join other teens on an after school peer mentoring program that helps build a safe place for youth in Bellevue through music, arts, technology, recreation, and community service activities. Role models wanted.

### Teen Closet

Teen Closet is a clothing bank open for all teens and families in need. Donations of clothing or funds from the community are welcome. Teen Closet takes place at World Impact Network at 2015 Richards Road, Bellevue the last Monday of each month from 4:30-6:30pm.

### T.R.A.C.K.S. Action Team

Enjoy working and playing outdoors? Learn about conservation and natural resources while having fun doing outdoor recreation! Join us in our adventures. Call 425-452-5254.

### 19th Annual Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee

Join us in helping plan the largest youth organized community service award event in the city! As part of the planning committee, you will help put together the theme and programming for the event. Meetings are every Tuesday from 4-5pm. The awards night will be in Spring 2009.

### NEW: Eastside Youth Council Summit Project Action Team

Join us in helping plan the first all-Eastside Youth Council Summit in Spring. This student-led project will bring together members from the Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond, Issaquah, Sammamish, and other Eastside city youth councils/boards to discuss youth issues and strategies for collaboration. For additional information, please contact Patrick Alina at [palina@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:palina@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-5254.

# Host Your Holiday Party at a Bellevue Parks Facility



Whether you are looking for a place to host an extended family gathering or a large party for up to 250 guests, the Bellevue Parks Department has a facility to meet your needs. From historical homes and estates to large modern Community Centers, you are sure to find the perfect place to host your gathering.

## UP TO 75 GUESTS

### Historic Winters House

425-452-6914  
Monday – Thursday 8-10pm  
Friday & Saturday 8am – Midnight

### Lewis Creek Visitor Center

425-452-6914  
Wednesday – Sunday evenings



## 100 TO 125 GUESTS

### Northwest Arts Center

425-452-7150  
Saturday & Sunday evenings

### Crossroads Community Center

425-452-4874  
Friday 8pm - Midnight  
Saturday 5pm - Midnight  
Sunday 9am – 7pm

### South Bellevue Community Center

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings  
425-452-4240

### Robinswood House

425-452-7850  
Days and Evenings



## 200 – 250 GUESTS

### Highland Center

425-452-7686  
Saturday afternoon-evening

### North Bellevue Community Center

425-452-7681  
Saturday afternoon-evening  
Sunday 8am-Midnight

Please see pages 8-10 for additional facility information, or visit [www.bellevuewa.gov/rental\\_facilities.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/rental_facilities.htm)



# The New MERCER SLOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER Grand Opening Event



Dignitaries cut the ribbon on the new Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center on October 11, 2008.

**The City of Bellevue thanks the following donors for their generous support, helping make the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center possible:** US Department of Housing and Urban Development, State of Washington, King County, Puget Sound Energy, Boeing, Microsoft, Allen Foundation, Tagney Jones Family Foundation, Seattle Foundation, Paccar, Berschauer Phillips Construction Company, Sally and Warren Jewell, CH2MHill, Peach Foundation, Penford Corporation, Linda and Jerry Henry, Jim Ellis/Mountains to Sound Greenway, Penny & Jerry Peabody, David and Sue Sturtevant & the Rodgers Family, Alex Smith, Bill Chapman, Amy and Eirik Olsen



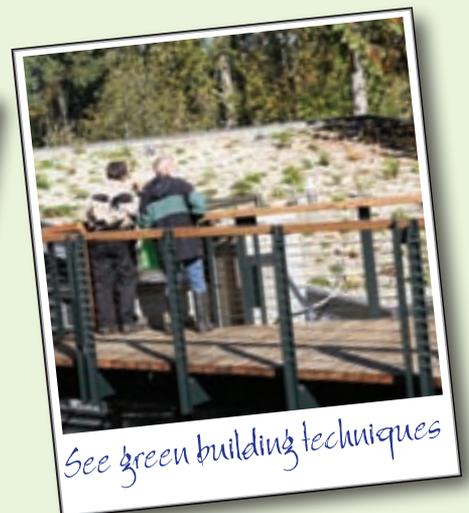
*Climb into the tree canopy*

The Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center is a collaboration between the City of Bellevue and the Pacific Science Center.

Photos by Jane Estes, Pacific Science Center



*Learn about the critters who call the Slough home*



*See green building techniques*

# Bellevue MAGIC SEASON



*Stroll  
Skate!  
Celebrate!*



## Group Health Ice Arena

presented by STAR 101.5 and  
KOMO 1000 Newsradio  
Bellevue Downtown Park



## Garden d'Lights

supported by Classical  
KING FM 98.1  
Bellevue Botanical Garden



## Snowflake Lane and Celebration Lane

presented by  
The Bellevue Collection  
Bellevue Way



## The Theatre at Meydenbauer Center

presented by Classical  
KING FM 98.1

**ENTER TO WIN  
FOUR SOUTHWEST  
AIRLINES TICKETS**  
and a two night stay at Park City  
Peaks Hotel each time you skate at  
the Group Health Ice Arena!





## Challenge Course at South Bellevue Community Center

Bring your class or team to an adventure you will never forget! Using the power of experience and careful teaching, the challenge course helps groups learn together. Nearly any group that wants to be more successful can benefit from a challenge course experience. Come play and learn together.

Under the supervision of our skilled staff, your group will craft a solution to the Crocodile Crossing, support each other on the Wild Woozy or cheer someone crossing Islands in the Sky. Each of the 24 activities at the Bellevue Challenge Course are opportunities to learn while playing.

### What can your group learn?

Your group or team can learn valuable life skills while at the challenge course: Teamwork, Problem solving, Support, Communication, and Leadership

The challenge course activities dramatically show success as participants become more effective problem solvers. When attempting a difficult task, participants will see and feel how effective support and communication help them complete impossible looking tasks. While experiencing these things, participants will also see effective leadership in action.

**For more information or to schedule a group:**  
Contact South Bellevue Community Center at 425-452-4240.

### Who Can Attend?

Nearly any group age 12 to 80, can attend a challenge course.

- School Classes
- Sports Teams
- Youth Groups
- Families
- Community Groups
- Clubs
- Businesses



# Gear Up for TRACKS



**TRACKS**, is a Bellevue Parks & Community Services initiative to promote participation in outdoor activities, connect you to our natural environment, and cultivate individual and community stewardship.



## TRACKS FOCUSES ON SIX KEY STANDARDS:

**T**EACHING - teaches skills that help you recreate on your own.

**R**ECREATION - provides a healthy option to enhance fitness.

**A**DVENTURE - offers opportunities for active, experiential learning.

**C**OMPETENCY - helps build skill mastery.

**K**NOWLEDGE - promotes understanding of natural environment.

**S**TEWARDSHIP - encourages and creates opportunities for stewardship and volunteer service.

The ultimate goal of TRACKS is to get people outside. As you enjoy outdoor activities on trails and in parks and open spaces, you will improve your physical and mental health. Youth, teens, and families participating in TRACKS activities will have fun, gain activity skills, knowledge, and a greater understanding of the value and benefit of our natural

environment. We'll provide activities and events for the entire family, including opportunities to volunteer and be engaged in caring for our planet.



Throughout this edition of CONNECTIONS, you will see this logo that identifies classes, activities, and events that are part of the TRACKS initiative.



As TRACKS grows, we plan to create additional partnerships with businesses and organizations to offer even more opportunities and information. We truly hope you find a new adventure to keep you "on track" to better your health--and the health of our environment.

We hope to see you outside!

## Did you know that storm drains flow directly into streams, lakes, and wetlands without treatment?

In a phone survey, 400 Bellevue residents were asked, "What happens to water running off of rooftops, streets, and lawns?" 52% correctly answered that the water flows to streams and lakes without treatment while 28% believed it went to sewer where it was treated. The last 20% responded that they did not know or gave an answer that did not fit in the other categories. That means **nearly half of our residents simply do not understand that stormwater is not treated!**



Some good news revealed in the survey was that most residents pay attention to information provided to them by their friends and neighbors. **That means you can help protect our streams, lakes, and wetland just by talking to your friends and family about stormwater.**



Here are a few things we can all do to help keep our streams and lakes clean:

- Wash your car at a commercial car wash because the waste water is sent to the sewer for treatment.
- Sweep your driveway instead of pressure washing to keep all the excess dirt out of the streams.
- Pick up pet waste, bag it, and place it in the trash.

### How can you hold a fundraising car wash in the winter?

Selling coupons for a commercial car wash is the best way to earn money and protect streams *regardless* of what season it is.

Commercial car washes are better for salmon, conserve water, and you can raise money even if it rains! Commercial car washes use less water than the average home car wash and all of the wastewater is eventually sent to sewer for treatment.

Tickets can be purchased at a discounted rate from either Brown Bear Car Wash or the Puget Sound Carwash Association. Then, your group can have fun selling tickets together at the gro-

cery store, school, or an athletic event. You can even take tickets home to sell to friends and family.

Everyone benefits when you raise money while helping the environment and educating others about keeping car wash water out of storm drains!



**Questions about Bellevue streams or car washing? Contact Stream Team at [streamteam@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:streamteam@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-5200**



# Park Features & Amenities

	Baseball or Softball Field	Basketball Court	Community Center/Facility	Farms & Garden	Fishing	Formal Gardens	Golf Course	Informational Kiosk	Play Area	Picnic Shelter	Restrooms	Soccer Fields	Swimming Area	Tennis Courts
Ardmore Park • 16833 NE 30th St								*						
Bannerwood Ballfield Park • 1630 - 132nd Ave NE	*									*				
Bellevue Botanical Garden • 12001 Main Street			*		*		*			*				
Bellevue Golf Course • 5500 - 140th Ave NE		*				*				*				
Chesterfield Beach Park • 2501 - 100th Ave SE									*			*		
Chism Beach Park • 1175 - 96th Ave SE				*						*		*		
Clyde Beach Park • 2 - 92nd Ave NE				*						*		*		
Crossroads Park • 16000 NE 10th St •		*	*			*		*	*	*			*	
Downtown Park • 10201 NE 4th St					*			*		*				
Enatai Beach Park • 3519 - 108th Ave SE								*		*		*		
Hidden Valley Sports Park • 1905 - 112th Ave NE	*	*						*		*			*	
Highland Park • 14224 Bel-Red Road • <i>Bellevue indoor Skate Park located at this facility</i>	*	*	*					*		*			*	
Kelsey Creek Park • 410 - 130th Pl SE			*	*			*	*	*	*				
Lake Hills Park • 1200 - 164th Ave SE	*	*						*		*				
Lakemont Park • 5170 Village Park Drive SE	*	*						*	*	*				
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