

# MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &  
Community Services

**Date:** November 13, 2024

**To:** Parks & Community Services Board

**From:** James Gagliardi, Director– Bellevue Botanical Garden, Bellevue Parks & Community Services

**Subject:** Bellevue Botanical Garden  
For information only - no Board action requested

At the Wednesday, November 20, 2024 Parks & Community Services Board meeting, I will present information about the Bellevue Botanical Garden, a brief overview of the Garden's creation and mission, partnership model, staffing and volunteerism, visitation, accessibility, programing, and impact.

Bellevue Botanical Garden is a beloved 53-acre site in the heart of Bellevue, visited by over 400,000 people each year to connect with nature and learn. The mission of the Garden is to display the best plants and gardening practices for healthy, beautiful Northwest gardens. The Garden curates a collection of 3,000 unique varieties of plants spread across 12 thematic garden spaces. Throughout the year we host educational programs for children and adults, and community events benefitting Bellevue and the public at large. Opened in 1992, Bellevue Botanical Garden is the successful outcome of a passionate and diverse community, a collaboration between the City of Bellevue, the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, and nine other Garden Partner organizations.

I look forward to sharing how the Garden has grown to be a vital and vibrant part of the community.