



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** park and recreation programs are essential to Bellevue's quality of life, helping create a healthy, connected and thriving community for people of all ages and backgrounds; and
- Whereas:** park and recreation opportunities support physical, mental and emotional well-being by encouraging active lifestyles, reducing stress and improving overall health; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue's parks, recreation programs, cultural resources and community spaces provide opportunities for people of all abilities to connect, learn, play and fully participate in community life; and
- Whereas:** park and recreation contribute to Bellevue's economic vitality by enhancing property values, attracting and retaining businesses, supporting tourism and creating safe, vibrant neighborhoods; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue's parks, trails and natural areas protect our environment by improving air and water quality, managing stormwater, supporting climate resilience, preserving open space and providing important habitat for wildlife; and
- Whereas:** as a "City in a Park," Bellevue celebrates the vital role parks and recreation play in strengthening neighborhoods, fostering community connections, inspiring stewardship and enhancing our shared sense of place.

**Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **July 2026** as:**

## **Park and Recreation Month**

In Bellevue, Washington and encourage all residents to explore, enjoy and support the many benefits our parks, trails, natural areas and recreation programs bring to our community every day.

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Mo Malakoutian, Mayor  
City of Bellevue