

City of Bellevue Proclamation

- Whereas: Parks and recreation programs are essential to the quality of life in Bellevue, helping to create a healthy, connected and thriving community for people of all ages and backgrounds; and
- Whereas: parks and recreation opportunities support individual well-being by promoting active lifestyles, reducing stress, preventing chronic disease and improving mental and emotional health; and
- Bellevue's programs serve people of all abilities offering recreation, social Whereas: engagement and full participation in the life of the community; and
- Whereas: parks and recreation programs contribute to Bellevue's economic vitality by enhancing property values, attracting and retaining businesses, supporting tourism and fostering safe, vibrant neighborhoods; and
- Whereas: our parks, trails and natural areas protect the environmental health of Bellevue by improving air and water quality, managing stormwater, preserving open space and providing vital habitat for wildlife; and
- Whereas: As a "City in a Park," Bellevue honors the role of parks and recreation in strengthening neighborhoods, building civic pride and enhancing our shared sense of place.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2025 as:

Parks and Recreation Month

in Bellevue, Washington, and encourage all community members to explore, celebrate, and support the many benefits our parks, trails, natural areas, and recreation programs bring to everyday life.

> Lynne Robinson, Mayor City of Bellevue