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Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 12:55 PM
To: BallfieldRental <BallfieldRental@bellevuewa.gov>
Cc: Ferguson, Angela <AFerguson@bellevuewa.gov>; Nielsen, Gina <GNielsen@bellevuewa.gov>; Harvey, Nancy <NHarvey@bellevuewa.gov>; youthsports <youthsports@bellevuewa.gov>; Bennett, Brad <BBennett@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: FW: Thank YOU!

Well team we continue to make positive growth in our community. See email below from a mother of a child in our Wednesday flag football program. H*** (*name withheld*) started in our program when we first launched it a year ago. H*** struggled with discipline at school and on the field when he first started. Since then, H*** has gone on to win a Little League Championship back in April and has greatly improved at school and in academics. I want to share this with you because you made this possible. On behalf of Youth Sports and the community, thank you.

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From: D***
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 11:27 AM
To: Gonzales, Steve <SGonzales@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Thank YOU!

Hi Coach Steve,

Can't believe today will be the last practice for this year!!

We want to Thank YOU again for your leadership and dedication. H*** has benefited so much from this Wednesday Flag football program - most importantly, your encouragement and constant motivation. He has improved not just on the field, but also at school!

YOU are awesome!

Have a great holiday & see you next year!

D***

From: [Bennett, Brad](#)
To: [Gonzales, Steve](#)
Cc: [Ferguson, Angela](#); [Mittelstaedt, Theodore](#); [Harvey, Nancy](#); [BallfieldRental](#); [Cross, Julie](#); [Nielsen, Gina](#)
Subject: RE: Youth Sports Black Friday Camp at Robinswood Park, November 29
Date: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 7:48:00 AM

Steve,

You continue to impress me with your willingness to create recreational opportunities for the youth of our community.

As you state below, not only did you create a fun experience for kids, you also supported a variety of parental needs.

I appreciate the “outside the box” thinking and the energy you bring to the Youth Sports Program.

Cheers to you,
Brad

From: Gonzales, Steve <SGonzales@bellevuewa.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 10:25 AM
To: Bennett, Brad <BBennett@bellevuewa.gov>
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Subject: Youth Sports Black Friday Camp at Robinswood Park, November 29

Hello team,

Once again I'd like to share another Youth Sports success and thank you all for making this happen. Friday, November 29, Youth Sports hosted a Black Friday Sports Camp at Robinswood Park from 9am-12pm to get kids out and playing while out of school and to allow parents some time to rest, clean up after Thanksgiving or go knock out some holiday shopping. Seventeen Bellevue area youth ages 7-13 spent 3 hours with our amazing staff playing various outdoor sports like soccer, flag football, capture the flag and ultimate frisbee. I attached a couple of photos from the camp. Thank you all again for working with me to make this happen for our youth.

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From: [Robinson, Tom](#)
To: [Bennett, Brad](#); [Brittingham, Shelley](#); [McVein, Shelley](#); [Harvey, Nancy](#)
Cc: [Hogue, Kevin S.](#)
Subject: Bellevue Golf Course certified Audubon
Date: Thursday, December 05, 2019 6:33:43 AM
Attachments: [Golf Recertification BU.docx](#)

I thought I would share with you Bellevue Golf Courses successful efforts to retain “ Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary “ status.

Thanks,

Tom Robinson

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Bellevue Golf Course Recognized for Environmental Excellence

Bellevue, Wa– Bellevue Golf Course has retained its designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program, Tom Robinson (Golf Course Superintendent) and Kevin Hogue (Crew leader) led the effort to maintain sanctuary status on this course. Bellevue Golf Course was designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 2008 and is one of over 900 courses in the world to currently be designated as such.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, endorsed by the United States Golf Association, provides information and guidance to help golf courses preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, and protect natural resources. Golf courses from the United States, Africa, Australia, Canada, Central America, Europe, Mexico, and Southeast Asia have achieved certification in the program.

"Bellevue Golf Course has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. They are to be commended for preserving the natural heritage of the area by protecting the local watershed and providing a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property," said Christine Kane, CEO at Audubon International.

"To reach certification, a course must demonstrate that they are maintaining a high degree of environmental quality in a number of areas," explained Kane. These categories include: Environmental Planning, Wildlife & Habitat Management, Outreach and Education, Chemical Use Reduction and Safety, Water Conservation, and Water Quality Management. Courses go through a recertification process every three years.

Audubon International is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Troy, NY. In addition to golf courses, Audubon International also provides programs for businesses, schools, communities, and new developments with the purpose of delivering high-quality environmental education and facilitating the sustainable management of natural resources. For more information, call Audubon International at 1-844-767-9051 or visit www.auduboninternational.org.

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Subject: FW: Youth Soccer (ages 7-13) begins January 6 at Robinswood Park

Hello team,

I want to share the email below from one of our Robinswood "early release" Wednesday program parents. Your continuous support for our programs make success stories like this possible. Thank you all and have a wonderful holiday.

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From: Sara M
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 8:26 PM
To: Gonzales, Steve <SGonzales@bellevuewa.gov>
Subject: Re: Youth Soccer (ages 7-13) begins January 6 at Robinswood Park

Thank you for registering them, Steve. I got the receipt but when I logged in I couldn't figure out where to pay. Can you help?

The boys LOVE the Wednesday programs! It's a huge incentive for them to finish their school work (we homeschool) in order to get out on time. The programs seem to be very well rounded- my boys are making new friends, learning athletic skills and learning about good sportsmanship. They are more confident and helpful since starting them. They've run into their friends around town and it lends a very "small town" vibe to the program which is wonderful and so important these days when being connected to your neighbors is harder despite the "connectivity" of the world.

Thank you again!

Sara