

**From:** William Liao  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 9, 2022 10:59 AM  
**To:** Newton, Jennifer <JNewton@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Cc:** parkboard <parkboard@bellevuewa.gov>; Gatlin, William <WGatlin@bellevuewa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Badminton at SBCC

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Hi Jen,

Thanks for the prompt response. I really appreciate the work you, Bill, and the rest of the SBCC staff do for our community.

I've just been frustrated to see that despite Wednesday night badminton always being full/crowded (showing Bellevue's high demand for badminton), Bellevue Boys & Girls Club continues to get exclusive access to both sides of the SBCC gym, with no updates on when Monday night badminton will be restored.

I'm glad to see SBCC plans to bring back Monday night badminton soon, and I truly hope that both Mon/Wed night badminton will stick around as a long-term priority for SBCC.

Thank you,  
William

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On Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 09:13:14 AM PST, Newton, Jennifer <[jnewton@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jnewton@bellevuewa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Mr. Liao,

Thank you for your email to the City of Bellevue Park Board, I was forwarded your email by the Bellevue Park Board to respond.

Since February 1, 2021 when SBCC re-opened after the COVID closure, we've been slowly and safely re-opening programs to the community. Recently, the City of Bellevue asked us to step back again to previous restrictions due to the increasing COVID cases in King County.

The current schedule for badminton at SBCC is the following for FEBRUARY:

Mondays 10:30am – 12:30p

Tuesdays 6:00am – 8:00am

Wednesdays 10:30am – 12:30pm & 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Fridays 10:30am – 12:30pm

Saturdays (court reservations) 10:15a – 11:45am

In late March we are hopeful that the Monday night badminton program will be back on the schedule. The gym space at SBCC during afterwork and weekends is in great demand. We also have a long standing partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue to offer dedicated space for their

afterschool and athletics programs that serve the youth of our community. The staff at SBCC does a really great job of balancing all the different sports that would like to use the facility and serve the community as a whole.

Please reach out to me with any further questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Jen

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**From:** William Liao

**Sent:** Sunday, February 6, 2022 5:17 PM

**To:** parkboard <[parkboard@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:parkboard@bellevuewa.gov)>

**Subject:** Making Badminton a Priority

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Hi Bellevue Parks Board,

I'm a Bellevue resident that's writing to ask for your support in increasing badminton access for Bellevue residents.

Pre-covid, the city used to offer three 1 hour 50min time slots for drop-in badminton at SBCC: Mondays & Wednesdays evenings, and Saturday afternoon. After South Bellevue Community Center (SBCC) reopened in 2021, Saturday afternoons were eliminated, and when 2022 arrived, Monday evenings were also eliminated.

Currently, residents are only left with one time slot for drop-in badminton that's outside of working hours (Wednesdays 6-7:50pm). With only 3 courts available, they are always filled up, leading to long court rotation/wait times to play. I've spoken with Bill Gatlin (SBCC's Program Coordinator) about bringing Monday evenings back, but apparently the Bellevue Boys & Girls Club are given priority, so SBCC cannot guarantee making Monday evenings available to badminton.

With the imbalance between badminton's popularity vs. availability in Bellevue, I'm making two requests to the Board:

- 1) To make it a priority for SBCC to bring back Monday evening badminton, and make best efforts to add new drop-in times during weekday evenings & weekends (non-work hours).
- 2) Incorporate badminton into the "Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan 2022", especially under the Capital Project Objectives. As stated in the 2022 plan, Bellevue has 37 tennis courts, plus 3 community centers that offer dedicated drop-in indoor pickleball. Yet working residents can only play badminton for 2 non-working hours each week, and only at SBCC.

If the Board has any questions, I would be happy to discuss them through email, phone, or even at the monthly meetings.

Thank you,  
William Liao (Bellevue resident)