

# MEMORANDUM



Bellevue Parks &  
Community Services

Date: June 14, 2022  
To: Parks & Community Services Board  
From: Colin Wick  
Program Coordinator  
Subject: Bellevue Botanical Garden's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Bellevue Botanical Garden is turning 30 years old this year!

When the Bellevue Botanical Garden first opened to the public in 1992, no one could predict its future. But the love and dedication of many like-minded people have transformed BBG into something amazing. Today, the Garden is a 53-acre urban refuge that welcomes close to 400,000 visitors each year from all over the world.

The Garden has flourished because of a unique public-private partnership. The City of Bellevue provides essential public support, while ten partner groups provide financial and volunteer contributions. The Bellevue Botanical Garden Society is the primary partner, and other partner groups maintain the themed garden areas, including the Native Discovery Garden, Rhododendron Glen, the sunny Rock Garden, and the famed Perennial Border.

You are invited to take part in our 30th anniversary celebration!

## Event Details

Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 11 AM – 2 PM

- 11:00 AM – Public ceremony on Paccar Plaza to commemorate our 30th Anniversary.
- 12:00-2:00 PM – Open House
  - Meet our garden partners stationed throughout the Garden
  - Enjoy music courtesy of Seattle Chamber Music Society
  - Take part in a children's planting activity hosted by the Children's Education team

We hope you will join us to celebrate this community jewel in the heart of Bellevue!