The Parks & Community Services Department invites Mayor Lynne Robinson, Deputy Mayor Jared Nieuwenhuis, Bellevue City Council Members, and the members of the Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board to participate in Bellevue Arbor Day on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event has been reimagined since it was last hosted during 2019, with 100 volunteers installing native plants at Bannerwood Ballfield Park. The event has also been moved to the fall to better align with the planting season in the Pacific Northwest, and we are not including a family festival or ceremonial tree. This event is being hosted in partnership with Community Development's fall tree giveaway event, planned for the same location on the same weekend.

Following the welcome remarks, we invite you join a volunteer group as we plant for approximately 2½ hours in a nearby forest that needs environmental restoration. We will provide all necessary tools and equipment, but please wear sturdy work clothes and shoes. Volunteer projects will conclude by noon.

Please pre-register using our <u>volunteer calendar</u>. Registration will close one day prior to the project. If your plans change and you would like to cancel your registration(s), please email us at Parks\_Stewardship@BellevueWA.gov

Thank you for your consideration, and we hope to see you at Bellevue Arbor Day!