



City of Bellevue

Newport Hills Area New Park Name

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Direction

Staff is seeking Council direction regarding a name for the new park in the Newport Hills Neighborhood.

AGENDA



Project Background



Park Naming Policy



On-Line Survey, Outreach & Results



Name Considerations



Park Board Recommendation

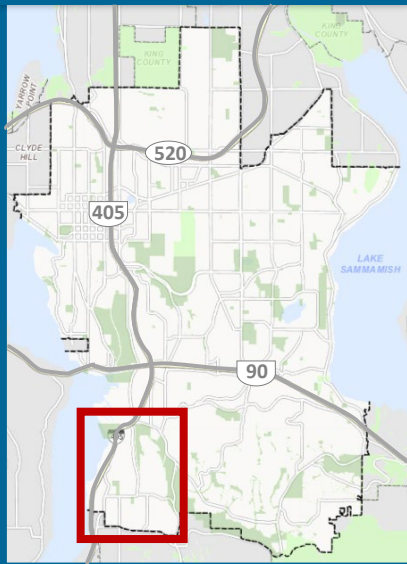


Council Discussion

New Park



Locator Map



Newport Hills Park

Coal Creek
Natural
Area

Newport Hills
Mini Park

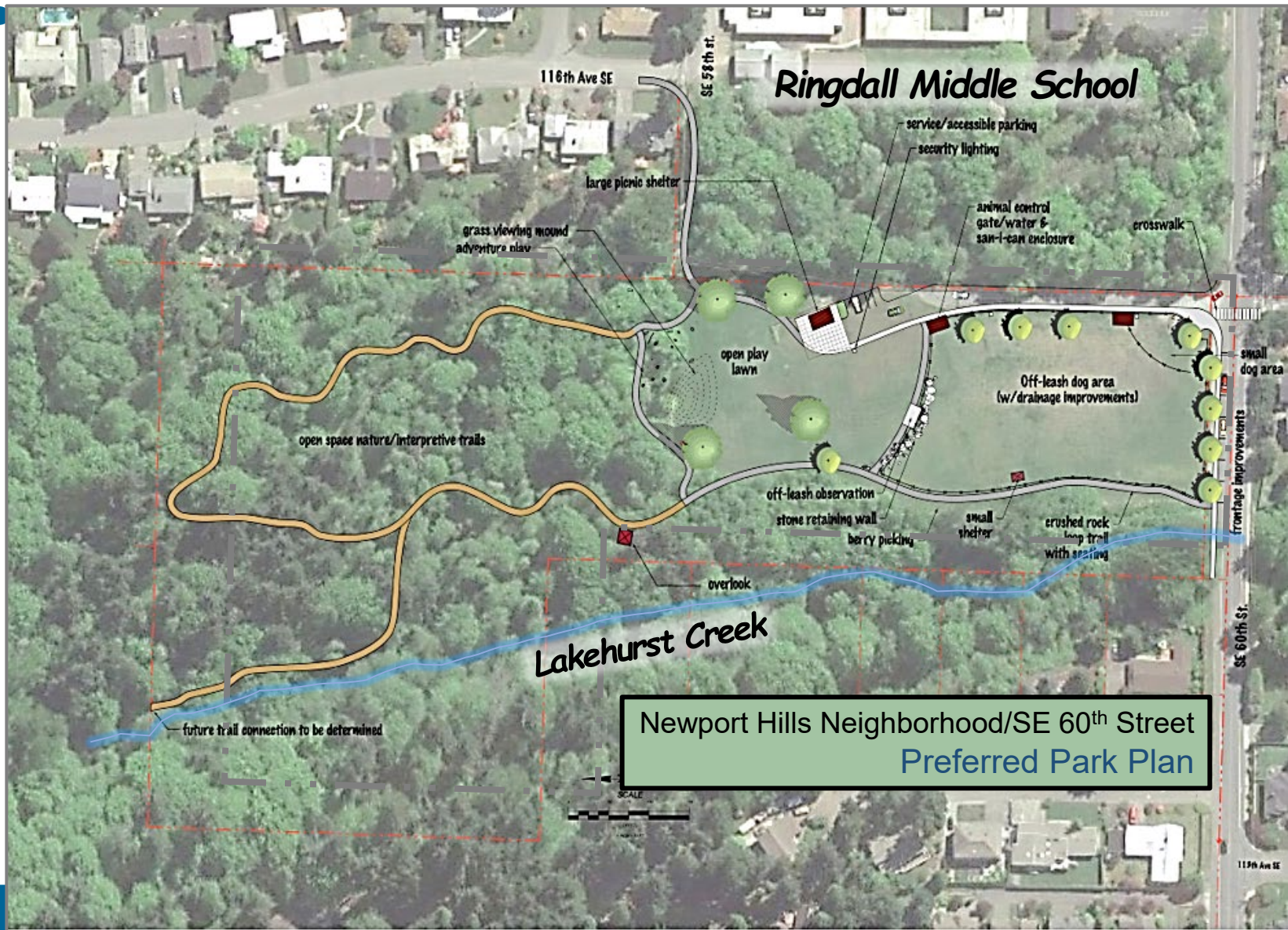


Background



- **December 2018:** 2019-25 CIP budget approved with \$3 million to plan, design and construct a new neighborhood park in Newport Hills.
- **May 2019:** Planning process commenced.
- **December 2019:** Park planning concluded with a Parks & Community Services Board recommendation and Council's support of the preferred park plan.

Preferred Park Plan



Park Naming Policy



Council Resolution No. 8229 sets forth policies and procedures for naming public parks and recreation facilities. Council normally selects a park name after receiving a recommendation from the Park Board, which is based on public input using the following criteria:

- a neighborhood or geographical identification;
- a natural feature;
- a historical figure or name of historical or cultural significance; or
- an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to the park system.

Survey and Outreach

- Community Outreach including historical groups for input. options.
- 22 potential name options were consistent with park naming.
- Online survey was conducted between September 7 and October 19, 2020.
- Survey request sent to over 1,200 community members.



Newport Hills SE 60th Park Naming Opportunity

Park Name Suggestion: _____

The City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services welcomes your top three choices in naming our newest Bellevue park to be constructed next summer in the Newport Hills neighborhood at 11560 SE 60 St. The park names listed on the survey include names provided by the community over the last several years and comply with the park naming policy [park.naming.policy](#).

The survey is open to everyone, all responses are welcome. The name will not be selected by popular choice, however both the Parks & Community Services Board and the Bellevue City Council would appreciate including the community's preferences in their park naming deliberations.

We expect to share your preferences with the Parks & Community Services Board at their meeting this fall or winter and then with Bellevue City Council early in 2023. The Bellevue City Council will designate the name of the new park.

Please send your name choices by October 19 for consideration.

1. Please rank your top three name choices from the list below.

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3
Bagley Park (historical reference - no nearby cool name)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Berensville Park (historical reference - none of area around the cool name)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cool Train Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
QX (Q) Chin Tiao Park (Chinese for "spring")	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chapman Park (historical reference - none of area around the cool name)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Happy Trails Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hawthorn Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indira Park (historical reference - Cool name)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kirkwood Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lakewood Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Optional: Please provide your contact information if you would like to receive updates on this project.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Survey Results

Park Names in Order of Community Preference

1	Newport Hills Neighborhood Park
	Ringdall Park
2	(Adjacent School property and historic figure)
3	Newport Hills Sunset Park
4	Newport Woods Park
5	Newport Hilltop Park
6	Happy Trails Park
	Bagley Park
7	(Historical reference- to nearby coal mine)
	Shannon's Glen Park
8	(Neighborhood historic figure)
9	Hawks Haven Park
	Incline Park
10	(Historical reference - Coal tram route)
11	Coal Tram Park

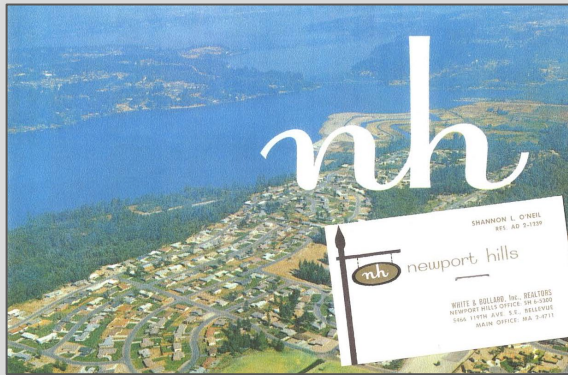
	Tramway Park
12	(Historical reference- Coal tram)
	春天公園 Chun Tian Park
13	(Chinese for "Spring")
14	South Bellevue Park
	迎春花公園 Ying Chun Hua Park
15	(Chinese for "Winter Jasmine")
	Chip Hanauer Park
16	(Neighborhood historic figure)
17	Lakehurst Creek Park
	Bensonville Park (Historical reference -
18	Name of area around the coal tram route)
19	Kindness Park
20	Later Park
21	Osprey Ark Park
22	Thunderbird Park

Neighborhood Historical Figures

Borghild Ringdall

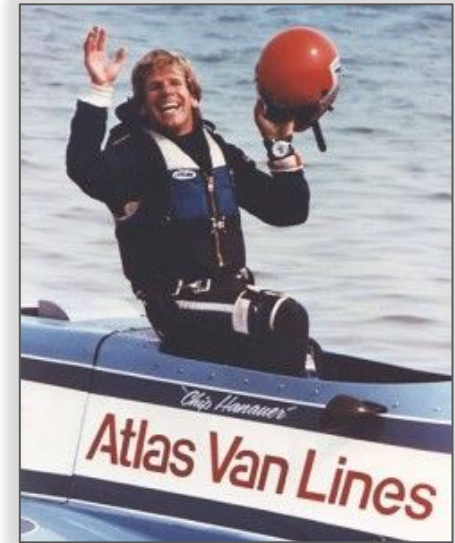
(Ringdall Middle School)

Started the first hot-lunch programs in Bellevue in 1936.



Shannon O'Neil

Previous owner of the property
and prominent NH's family



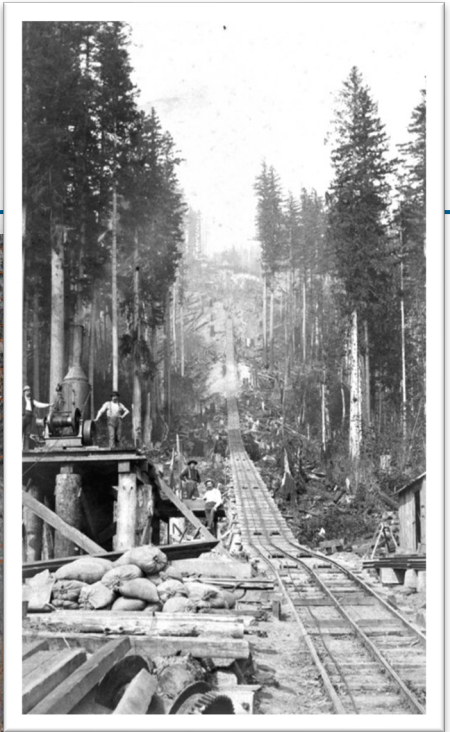
Chip Hanauer

Grew up in *Newport Hills*,
famous hydroplane racer
and local celebrity.

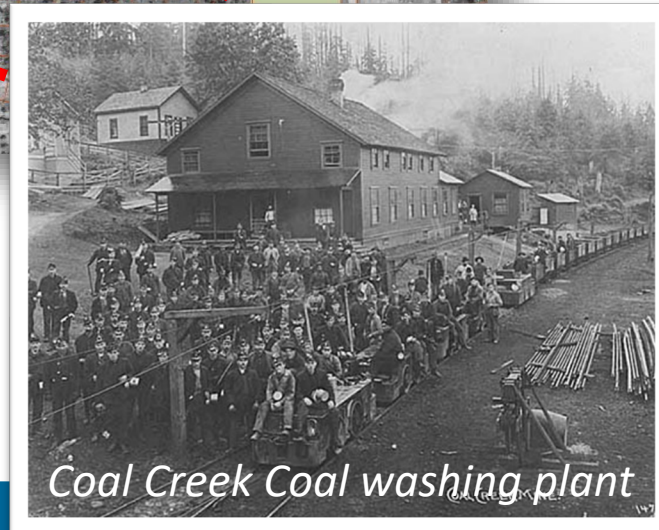
Neighborhood History



Coal Tram and Incline - 1936 Aerial



Coal Tram

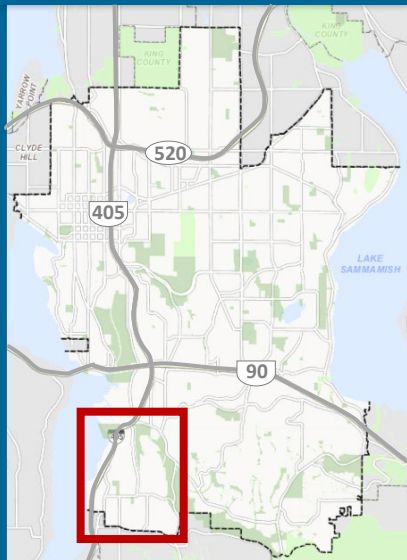


Coal Creek Coal washing plant

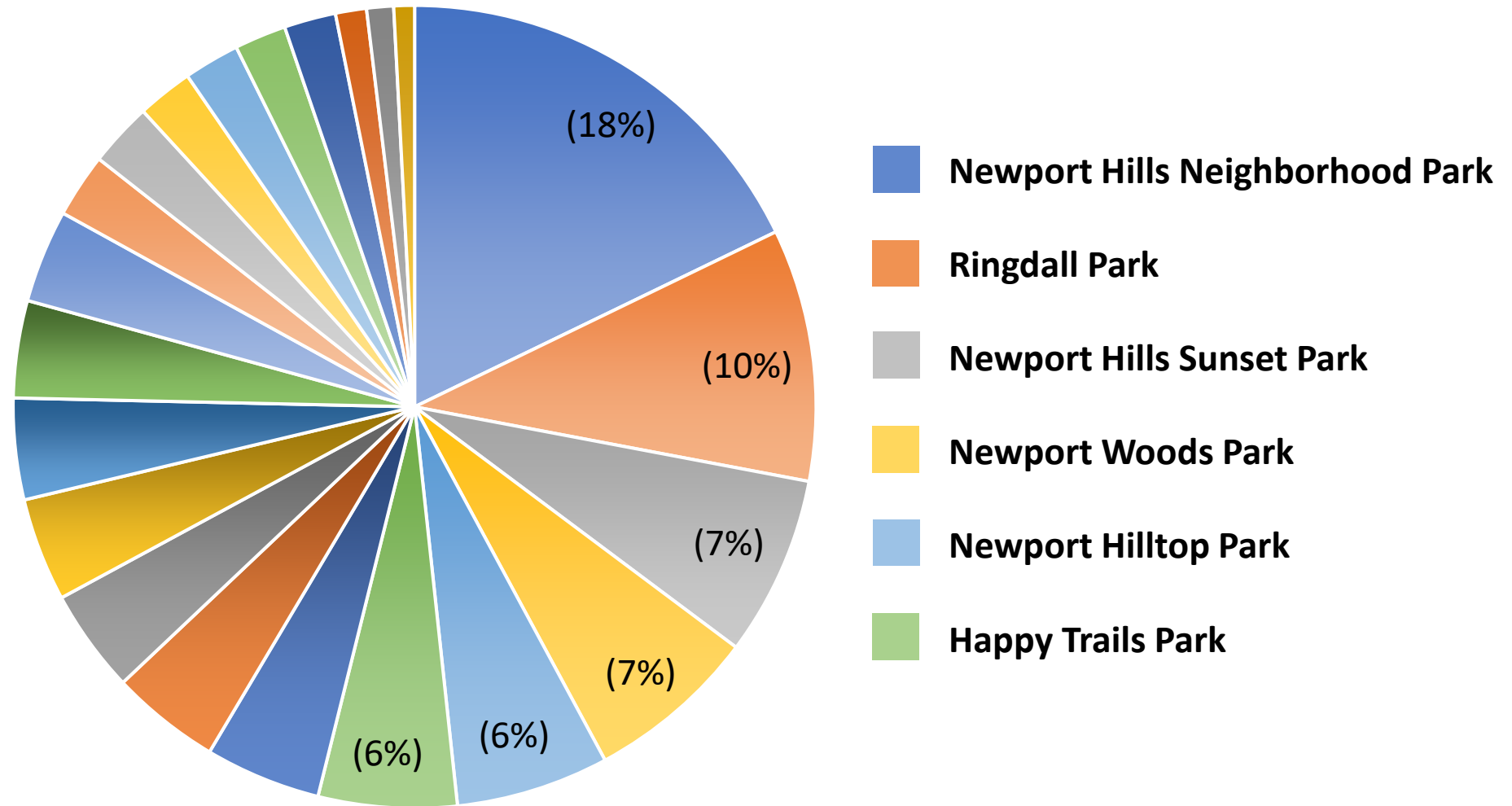
New Park



Locator Map



Survey Results



Park Board Recommendation: *Borghild Ringdall Neighborhood Park*

Significant dates in Borghild Ringdall's life:

- 1903 – Born in Stavanger, Norway
- 1919 – Came to US at age 16
- 1926 – Moved to Bellevue, age 23
- 1936 – Started first hot lunch program at Highland School
- 1932 – 1948 School Board Member
- 1948 – Named Bellevue's first "Woman of Achievement"
- 1968 – Retired, Director of Food Services, Bellevue School District



*Photo courtesy Eastside
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Staff is seeking Council direction in selecting a name for the new park in the Newport Hills Neighborhood.