



City of Bellevue

# Newport Hills Area New Park Name

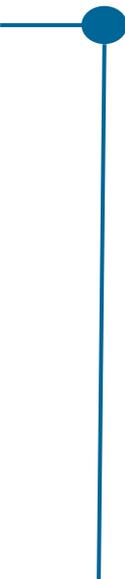
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**Parks & Community Services**

March 22, 2021



# 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

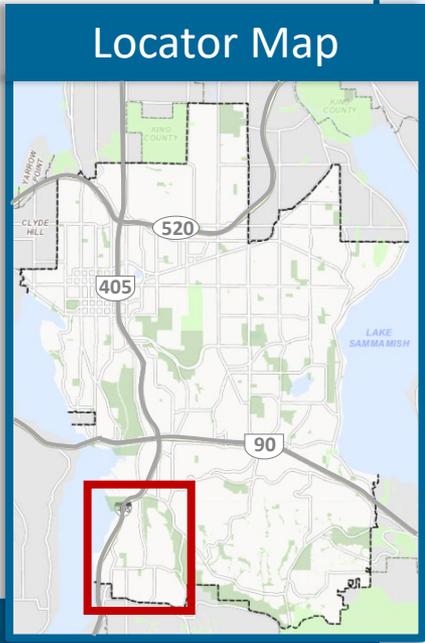


Park Board Recommendation



Council Discussion

# New Park

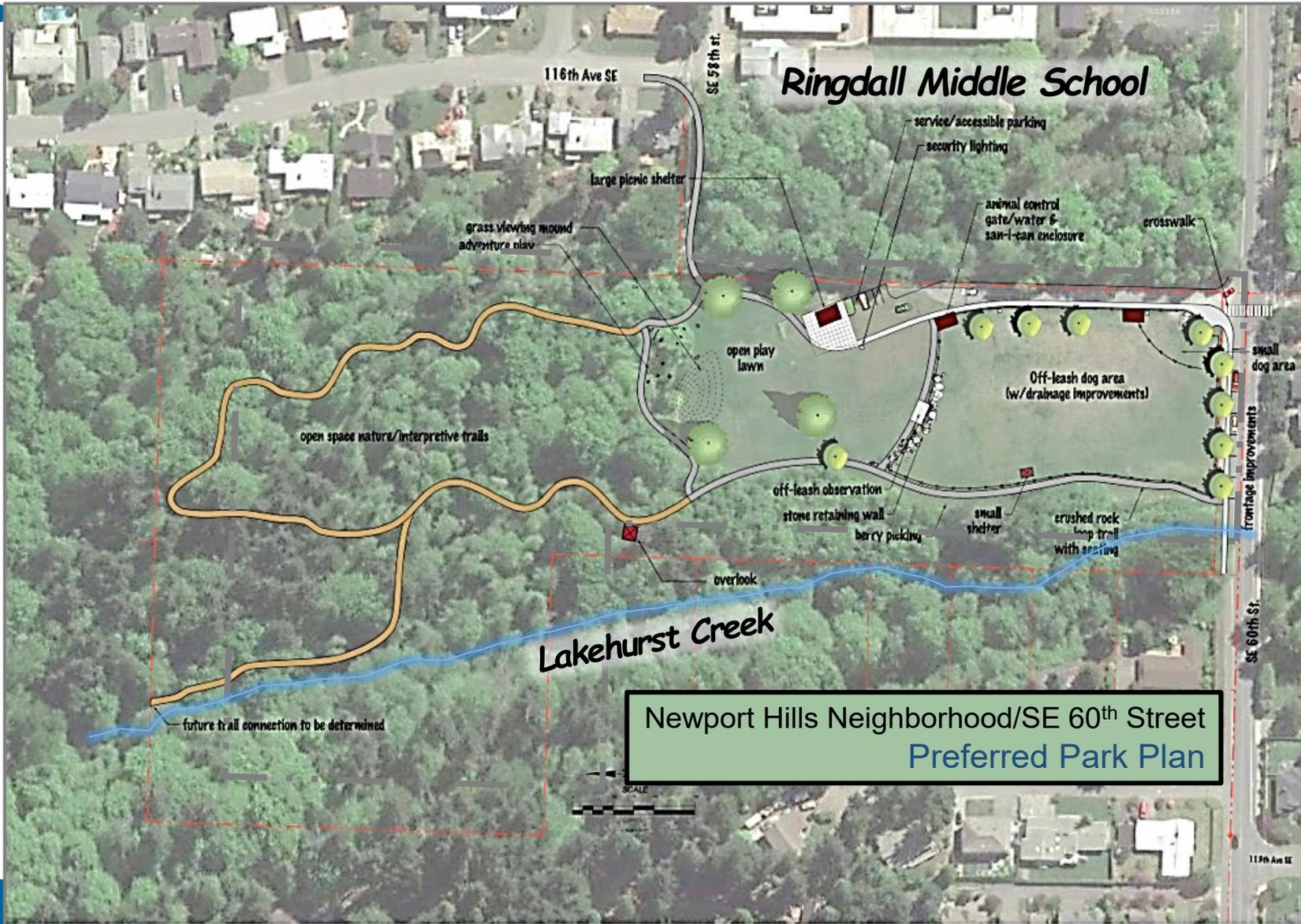


# Background



- **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.

Two overlapping images of a survey form titled "Newport Hills SE 60th Park Naming Opportunity". The form includes instructions for naming a new park, a list of 22 name suggestions, and a section for providing contact information. The suggestions are ranked by three choices.

**Park Name Suggestions**

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 - in nearby Cool Hill)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Berkeley Park (Historical reference - some of area around the cool hill name)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cool Trail Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
曹公山 (Cao) Tian Park (Chinese for "Tian")	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chaparral Park (Neighborhood historical name)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Happy Trails Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Haskins Haven Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indira Park (Historical reference - Cool Hill name)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kirkness Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lakewood Creek Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3
Lester Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Newport Hills Neighborhood Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Newport Hills Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Newport Hills Sunset Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Newport Woods Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Olney Ark Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playhill Park (Neighborhood historical name)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shannon Glen Park (Neighborhood historical name)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
South Bellevue Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tramway Park (Historical reference - Cool Hill)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thunderbird Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
曹公山 (Cao) Tian Park (Chinese for "Tian")	<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/Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Survey Results

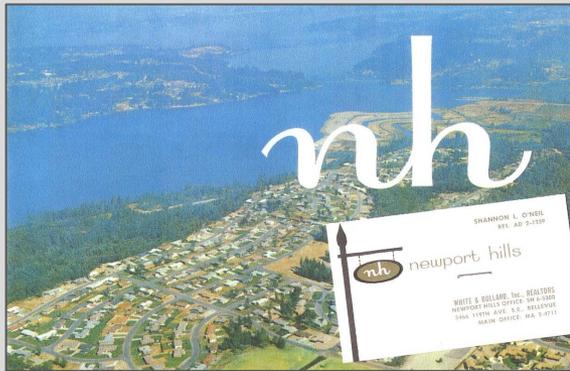
## Park Names in Order of Community Preference

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

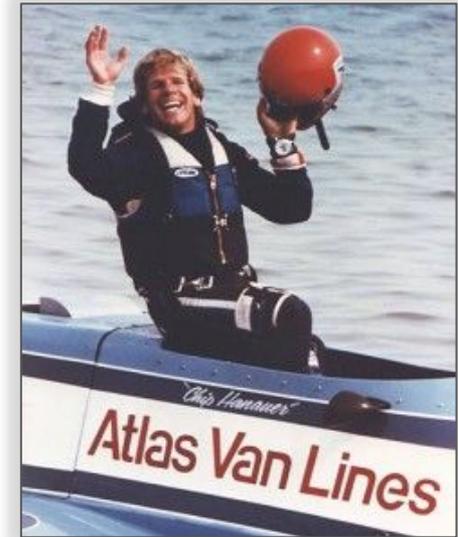
	Tramway Park
<b>12</b>	(Historical reference- Coal tram)
	春天公園 Chun Tian Park
<b>13</b>	(Chinese for "Spring")
<b>14</b>	South Bellevue Park
	迎春花公園 Ying Chun Hua Park
<b>15</b>	(Chinese for "Winter Jasmine")
	Chip Hanauer Park
<b>16</b>	(Neighborhood historic figure)
<b>17</b>	Lakehurst Creek Park
	Bensonville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

# Neighborhood Historical Figures

**Borghild Ringdall**  
(Ringdall Middle School)  
Started the first hot-lunch  
programs in Bellevue in 1936.

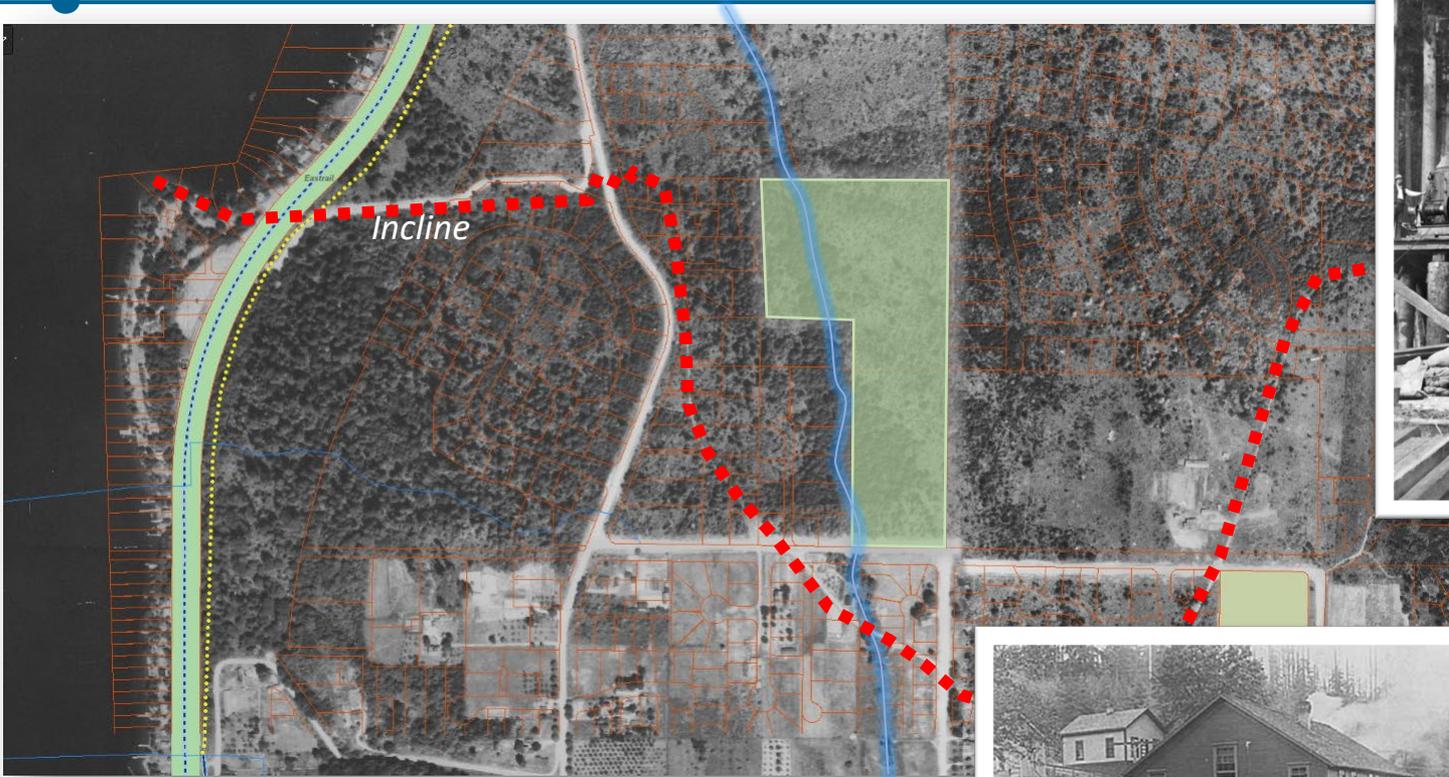


**Shannon O'Neil**  
Previous owner of the property  
and prominent NH's family



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

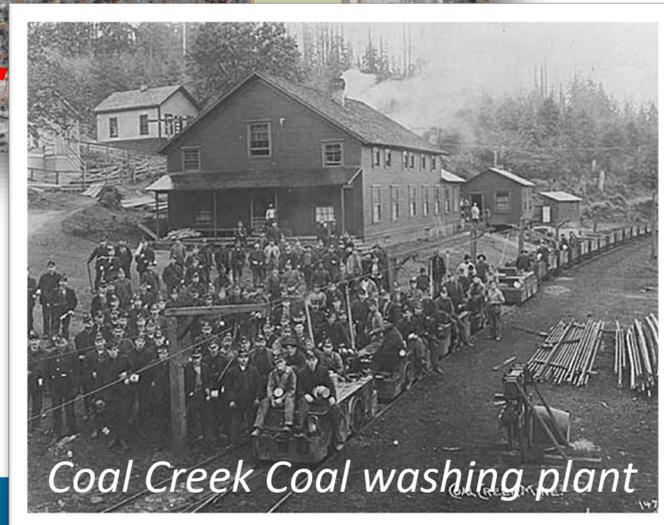
# Neighborhood History



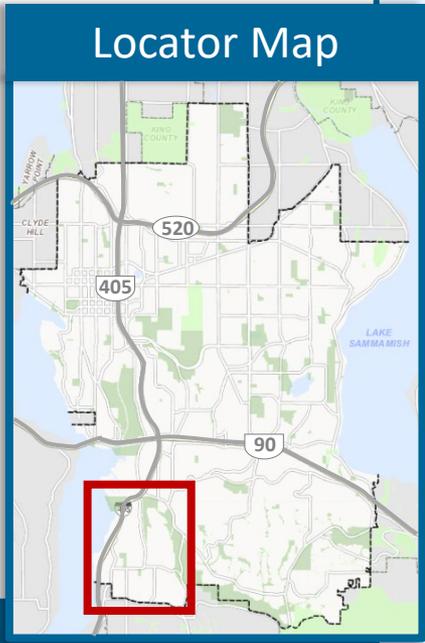
*Coal Tram and Incline - 1936 Aerial*



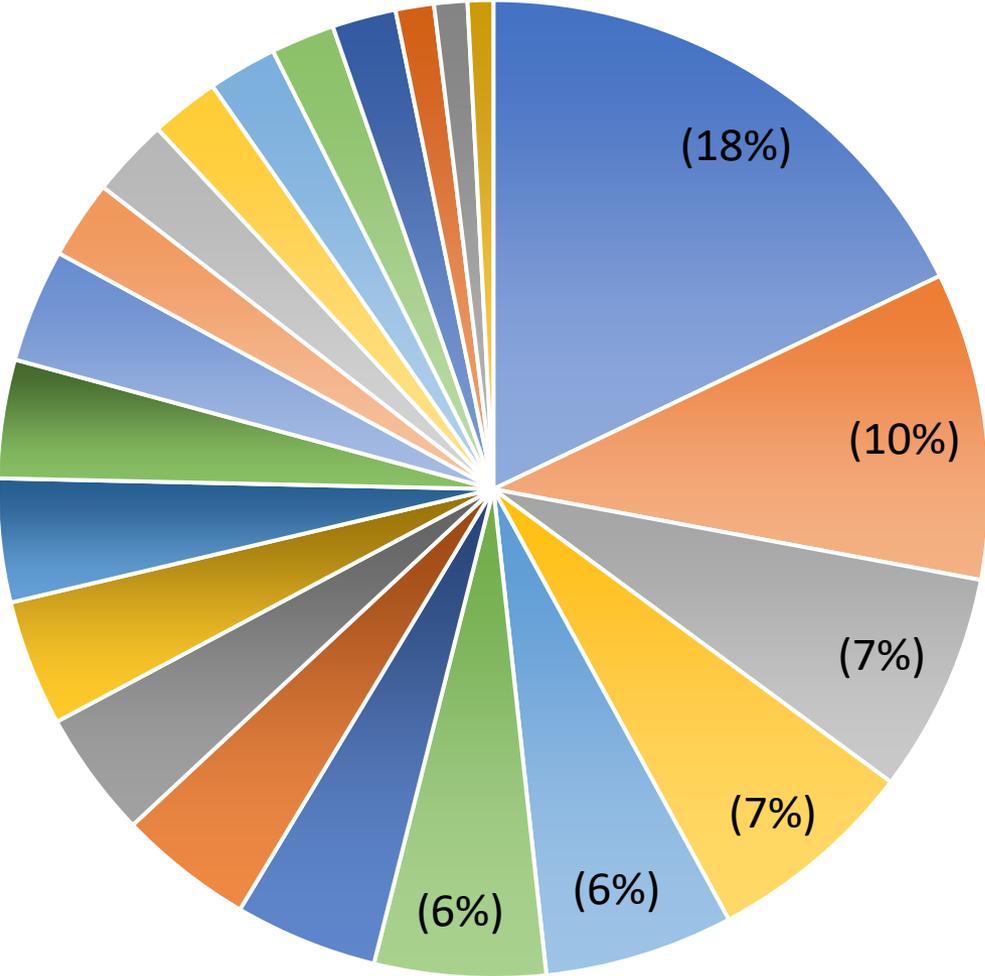
*Coal Tram*



# New Park



# Survey Results



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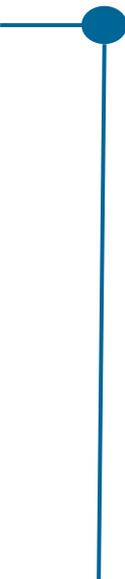
# Park Board Recommendation: *Borghild Ringdall Neighborhood Park*

## 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  
Heritage Society*



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