



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community; and
- Whereas:** These programs partner with the community, providing places for people of all cultures to gather, celebrate and volunteer their time and talents to make a difference; and
- Whereas:** Parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities and aid in the prevention of chronic disease, and improve the mental and emotional health of all residents; and
- Whereas:** People with disabilities benefit from opportunities and choices for recreation, socialization and learning to facilitate participation in the life of our community; and
- Whereas:** Parks and recreation programs also enhance a community's economic prosperity through increased property values and tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses and crime reduction; and
- Whereas:** Our parks and natural areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue's parks, trails and natural areas have seen a significant increase in use during the pandemic as residents have sought outdoor opportunities to stay active and healthy; and
- Whereas:** As a "city in a park," Bellevue's parks and natural recreation areas are fundamental not only to the beauty of our community, but also to its environmental well-being by improving air and water quality, protecting groundwater, preventing flooding and providing vegetative buffers and habitat for wildlife.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **July 2021** as:

Parks and Recreation Month

in Bellevue, and urge everyone to enjoy and recognize the many benefits of our parks, natural areas, trails and recreation facilities.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue