



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SPRING DISTRICT

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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POINTS OF INTEREST

Summer Concert Series and
Farmer's Market Announced

Bellevue Grand Connection

Name That Park! Contest

MaxMobile is back July 21 11-2!

4TH OF JULY BELLEVUE FIREWORKS SHOW

Fireworks are back in Bellevue for Independence Day, at 10:05 p.m. on Sunday, July 4.

This year's show will not include entertainment, live music or other activities before or after the show.

Downtown Park will be open as a viewing area for the fireworks with parking available at The Bellevue Collection after 7 p.m. Livestream the fireworks at BellevueDowntown.com/fireworks.

Walk, bike, bus or carpool to Bellevue Transit Center. Plan your trip at ChooseYourWayBellevue.org.



BELLEVUE GRAND CONNECTION

The [Bellevue Grand Connection](#) envisions a future for Bellevue that is a livable, walkable greenspace connected by public transportation. Such a vision brings community and commerce together in harmony. Imagine being able to travel, car-free, between Meydenbauer Bay Park (100th Avenue NE and Main Street) and the Civic Center District and the up-and-coming Wilburton Commercial Area. Imagine an early-morning run through the heart of Bellevue taking you from the shores of Lake Washington through a pedestrian-focused series of trails and pathways and



Image by CascadeProMedia

back again. Imagine walking (or biking) to work, meeting your friends for dinner and a show afterward, then taking a train back home. When your amenities and essentials are nearby, with car-free access, your lifestyle becomes livable, sustainable, and community focused.

The Grand Connection is a collaboration between citizens and local businesses connecting Bellevue along a park-like thoroughway. The Bellevue Grand Connection will simplify our lives by providing a 1.5-mile urban trail with sought-after destinations along its route, including the Spring District and the East Link Light Rail station. In addition, the plan envisions a park crossing over I-405, providing a safe pedestrian urban right of way connecting neighbors and businesses. This summer, see the future of the Grand Connection by following the over 600 [Yellow Lanterns](#) throughout downtown Bellevue.

This community-centric concept connects neighborhoods with a focus on livable spaces for everyone; a place to live, shop, dine, and recreate. As soon as 2023, light rail will connect The Spring District to downtown Bellevue making The Spring District accessible for a dinner with friends, a meet-up before work, or a jumping off place as you head out of town. As the Eastside gets connected, we all become more sustainable and localized. Stay tuned for progress in this innovative concept.



“Everybody needs beauty...places to play in and pray in where nature may heal and cheer and give strength to the body and soul alike.”

- John Muir



Image by [Moab Adventure Center](#)

THE SUMMER ROAD TRIP

National parks and the summer roadtrip go hand in hand and are cherished memories for many of us. This summer, like last year, Americans will be hitting the road in record numbers. AARP reminds us to research our destination as protocols for access and attendance can change without warning. In addition, be flexible. Visiting early in the morning or mid-week may make your visit more pleasant and less crowded. Here's a list of [less-visited national parks](#); this could be the perfect year to explore off the beaten path. Lastly, be organized! Start your planning now. You may need to make reservations for shuttles and tours, in addition to campgrounds and lodges. This may not be the year for spontaneity. The most important thing is to have fun making those memories!

[Here's the full AARP article.](#)

NATIONAL PARKS FACTS

1. In the National Park System, there are 407 sites covering more than 84 million acres of land.
2. The Appalachian Trail is a 2,185 mile long public footpath that traverses the scenic, wooded, pastoral, wild, and culturally resonant lands of the Appalachian Mountains.
3. In 2014, more than 290 million people visited the National Parks.
4. The nation's deepest cave is 1,593 ft deep in New Mexico at Carlsbad Caverns National Park.
5. There is 1 active volcano, thousands of petrified trees, and almost 300 waterfalls in Yellowstone National Park.
6. The largest living things in the world are in National Parks: Sequoia trees and Alaskan brown bears (the world's largest living carnivores).

Image by [PhotoMonstr](#)



Name that park!

Have you ever wondered who's the mastermind behind naming parks? Well, at the Spring District it could be *YOU*!

We are naming our three beautiful parks at The Spring District.

The three parks are shown in the photo below. We want to hear your creative ideas to name each park.

Enter as many names as you like for each park. Individual participants will be entered one time to win an annual

Discover Pass and a daypack to outfit your next hike.

Send all submissions or questions to
TSDmgmt@wrighttrunstad.com

Deadline - July 31, 2021

We can't wait to hear from you.
Good Luck!



NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

RETAIL PAVILION

ANCHORED BY THE BREWPUB AND THE MARKET HALL, THE SPRING DISTRICT IS A PLACE FOR DINING, SHOPPING AND RECREATION.

THE BASE CONSTRUCTION IS WRAPPING UP ON THE RETAIL PAVILION LOCATED OFF OF SPRING ST. OFFERING A SHARED PLAZA WITH SOUND TRANSIT, IT WILL BE THE PERFECT PLACE TO GATHER WITH FRIENDS ON YOUR WAY TO A MARINERS GAME OR LINCOLN SQUARE.

WITH GROUND FLOOR RETAIL BUILT INTO NEARLY EVERY BUILDING, THERE'S A SPACE FOR POPULAR BUSINESSES AND LOCAL MAKERS ALIKE. WHETHER YOU ARE GRABBING A QUICK BITE, ENJOYING A BEER WITH FRIENDS, OR SHOPPING FOR YOUR NEXT GREAT FIND, THE SPRING DISTRICT OFFERS A UNIQUE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.



THE SPRING DISTRICT 2021 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES & FARMERS MARKET



Wednesday, 7/14 Live Music by New Age Flamenco Bellevue Farmers Market Food Truck: Tabassum Uzbek	Wednesday, 8/4 Live Music by Joy Mills Band Bellevue Farmers Market Food Truck: The Ultimate Melt
Wednesday, 8/18 Live Music by Jovino Santos Neto Trio Bellevue Farmers Market Food Truck : Dick's Drive-In	Wednesday, 9/1 Live Music by Sundae+Mr. Goessl Bellevue Farmers Market Food Truck: Theo's Gyros

This summer enjoy live music from 12:00-1:00 pm & the Bellevue Farmers Market and food trucks between 11:00am–2:00pm! Located at the corner of 121st Ave NE & NE 14th Terrace in The Spring District.

 THE SPRING DISTRICT







≈ FOOD ≈ TRUCKS

AT THE SPRING DISTRICT

SUPPORT LOCAL SMALL BIZ & EAT OUTSIDE!

11 AM - FIND THE FOOD TRUCK SCHEDULE,
2 PM LOOK OVER THE MENUS, & ORDER
YOUR LUNCH AHEAD:

WWW.STREETFOODFINDER.COM/SPRINGDISTRICT



GIX SUMMER PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

TECH EXPLORATION SUMMER PROGRAM

High school and undergraduate students are invited to attend the four-week [Tech Exploration Summer Program](#) starting this July to explore a new area of technology in a collaborative, team-based learning environment. This program is ideal for anyone interested in computers, playing with sensors, iterating on ideas to make them better, robots, drones, programming, finding creative ways to use technology, creating music, or playing with sounds!

Our team of University of Washington faculty, graduate students, and professional staff will deliver a daily mix of interactive lectures, hands-on learning experiences, professional development training, and practical tutorials. They will also have the opportunity to learn about real technology projects happening at companies in the Seattle area from project teams at Microsoft, T-Mobile, Fetch, Kinova, Vulcan, and others.

Students may choose a track below to gain an in-depth look at one of the following technology areas:

- Robotics (In-Person)
- Design + Fabrication (In-Person)
- Data Science Tools (Remote)

For full details, visit the [GIX website](#).



LEND AN ARM, SAVE A LIFE!

"I just want to thank you for having heart enough to donate. You have no idea how I feel, a 25 year old single mom of a child with cancer, knowing that someone else is saving my kids life. I can't thank you enough!"

- The parent of a recent Bloodworks blood recipient

Every day, hundreds of people at hospitals in the Pacific Northwest receive life-saving blood transfusions from Bloodworks Northwest donors. You can help support patients in need by donating at one of Bloodworks Northwest's pop-ups or donation centers.

Bellevue Donor Center | 1807 132nd Ave NE | **Bellevue**

Open 7 Days/Wk | 8 to 6 | [Sign Up Here](#)

Village Theatre | 120 Front St. N | **Issaquah**

July 24, 25, 31, Aug 1 | 9 to 4 | [Sign Up Here](#)

Woodinville Unitarian Universalist Church

19020 Woodinville-Duvall Rd. | **Woodinville**

July 28, 29 30 | 9 to 4 | [Sign Up Here](#)

Kent Station | 417 Ramsay Way | **Kent**

2 Days/Wk | 9 to 5 | [Sign Up Here](#)

You can find all other Bloodworks donation sites [here](#).

*No walk-ins, guests, or people under age 16 are permitted onsite. Donors are asked to bring a mask/face covering to your donation and **appointments are required**. To make your appointment, visit the above link or call 800-398-7888. Please see [bloodworksnw.org/coronavirus](#) for more information on steps we're taking to keep our donors and staff safe.*

Been told in the past that you aren't eligible to donate? Criteria has recently changed. [Click here](#) to learn more about recent changes the FDA has made to donor eligibility criteria.

THIS MONTH'S PHILANTHROPY

The [National Park Service's \(NPS\)](#) mission is to "preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations."

Chartered by congress in 1967, the [National Park Foundation \(NPF\)](#), generates private support and builds strategic partnerships to protect and enhance America's national parks for present and future generations.

The NPS was created at a time when private citizens from all walks of life fought to establish and protect our national parks. Today, the NPF carries on that tradition as the only national charitable nonprofit whose mission is to directly support the NPS. The preservation of our most magnificent and meaningful places for the purpose of public appreciation and recreation is a uniquely American idea. In 1864, for the first time, the federal government set aside parkland for preservation and public use. This protected landscape includes iconic American features such as Bridalveil Fall, Half Dome Rock, and some of the oldest trees on Earth, the giant Sequoias. In 1872 Yellowstone National Park was established.



The MaxMobile is on its way!

Seattle Humane's 38-foot yellow adoption bus
is coming here full of adorable cats ready for
on-the-spot adoptions!

Look for the MaxMobile here on this date:

July 21
11 am-2 pm





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