



# PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
**SUBJECT:** August 14, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda  
**TIME:** 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**LOCATION: CITY HALL, MAYOR’S BOARD ROOM WITH REMOTE OPTION**

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
<p><b>I. <u>LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</u></b> We acknowledge that we gather on territory that has been the traditional and ancestral homeland to the Lhaq’temish (the Lummi people), the Nooksack people, and other Coast Salish tribes of this region since time immemorial.</p> <p>We honor our shared responsibility to this land and these waters, we commit to learning from Indigenous wisdom, and we strive to repair and deepen our relationships as neighbors and friends.</p>	
<b>II. <u>AGENDA REVIEW</u></b>	Board Consent
<b>III. <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></b>	
<b>IV. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u></b>	
<b>V. <u>JUNE MEETING MINUTES</u></b>	Board Approval
<p><b>VI. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pickleball Club Report</li> <li>b. GAC Trails &amp; Wayfinding Subcommittee Report</li> <li>c. Little Squalicum Pier Name</li> <li>d. Lee Memorial Park Stairway Mural</li> <li>e. Membership</li> </ul>	Board Information Board Information Board Recommendation Board Recommendation Board Recommendation
<p><b>VII. <u>DIRECTORS REPORT</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Property Donation</li> <li>b. Park Board Field Trip</li> </ul>	
<b>VIII. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u></b>	Board Recommendation
<p><b>IX. <u>BOARD REPORTS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts Commission (Steve Walker)</li> <li>Big Rock Garden Park Friends (Zarah Manju)</li> <li>Greenway Advisory Committee (Ray Dellecker)</li> <li>Lake Padden Golfers Committee (Jed Holmes)</li> </ul>	Board Information Board Information Board Information Board Information

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# PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

## June 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- PRESENT:** Brian Bressler, Steve Walker, John Blethen, Asa Deane, Ray Dellecker, Jeannie Gilbert, Jed Holmes, Maggi Kriger, Zarah Manju, Scott Pratschner, and Jessica Sankey
- STAFF:** Nicole Oliver, Peter Gill, Steve Janiszewski, Paul Knippel, Laine Potter, Caryn Regimbal, and Lauren Woodmansee
- VISITORS:** Jake Gombis, Holly Miller, Colleen Mitchell, John Payne, Neil Schaner, Paul Wayland, Rob Zisette, and Skip Williams.

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 am by Chair, Brian Bressler

- I. **AGENDA REVIEW:**  
There were no changes to the agenda.
- II. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  
There were no announcements.
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
Maggi Kriger stated that the Cordata Pickleball Courts are a great addition to the community. Paul Wayland advocated for a new skate park under the Roeder Avenue Bridge.
- IV. **MAY MEETING MINUTES:**  
A motion was made to approve the May meeting minutes. Motion passed.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Maritime Heritage Park/Whatcom Estuary Boardwalk:**  
Paul Knippel, the Greenways Project Manager, provided an update on the Maritime Heritage Park Boardwalk rehabilitation project. The updates included current repairs, permitting status, and construction timeline.
  - b. **Lake Padden Recreation Assessment:**  
Peter Gill shared a very detailed presentation regarding the Lake Padden Recreation Assessment. The assessment provided data for recreational usage at the park, environmental concerns, existing conditions, enhancements, and what the next steps are to grow this location, as it is the third busiest park in Bellingham.
  - c. **John Blethen – Final Term:**  
The group honored John Blethen for his many years of service on the Greenways Advisory Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

**VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The budget preparation will begin soon, with directions to departments to propose a 5% cut in general fund. The construction happening at Bloedel Avenue & Electric Street Bridge is limiting access to Bloedel Donovan Park, however, the Park is still open to the public. Safety recommendations to follow regarding that location. City Council set the zoning at Silver Beach neighborhood for multifamily housing. The Civic Complex is going to require a rezone and comprehensive plan amendment, which will happen in 2025. A press release will go out on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, regarding the Little Squalicum Pier naming process and will be posted on Engage Bellingham for community feedback.

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:17am. The meeting was called back to order at 9:32am. A motion was made to pursue due diligence on property #1. Motion passed.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** The June 12, 2024, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting was adjourned by consent at 9:32am.



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Parks and Recreation Department  
City of Bellingham

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**MEMORANDUM**

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To: Park and Recreation Advisory Board

From: Melissa Bianconi, Recreation Manager

CC: Nicole Oliver, Parks and Recreation Director

Subject: Bellingham Pickleball Club Report

Date: August 14, 2024

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In 2023 and 2024, the Parks and Recreation Department and Bellingham Pickleball Club created a Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) regarding pickleball court use and operations for facilities at Cornwall Park.

The MOU allows Pickleball Club members to assist in identifying times for organized drop-in play, provide introductory orientations and skill lessons, and help these high demand courts function in the best interest of the community.

The MOU requires the the Bellingham Pickleball Club (BPC) to report once annually to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to highlight their efforts in making the Cornwall pickleball courts a fun and welcoming environment for players of all levels, regardless of BPC membership.

Eric Roeder will present a brief informational presentation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.



# Bellingham

## PICKLEBALL CLUB

ESTABLISHED 2018

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# Bellingham Parks & Recreation and Bellingham Pickleball Club

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## CORNWALL MEMORIAL PARK: PICKLEBALL FACILITY

- BPC Hosts help coordinate orderly open-play and introduce new players to the scene.
- BPC Facilities keeps a charged blower on site, along with drying/cleaning tools and portable pickleball nets for use on the tennis courts.
- BPC Skill-Development conducts free “Introduction to Pickleball” classes for the general public.







# Bellingham Pickleball Club Volunteering

As it relates to the City of Bellingham public courts

## Orientation clinics – open to the public

- 3 clinics held during the 2023 summer season
- 81 participants
- 8 volunteer instructors from BPC each session + 5 helpers per session
- **148 total hours** of BPC volunteer time to plan, run, advertise, coordinate, recruit, and prepare supplies for orientations

## Open Play Hosting at Cornwall Park courts

- 5 months of hosting from May – September, 6x/week = 120 days of hosting
- Typically, 2 hosting sessions per day (morning for 3 hours, evening for 2.5 hours)
- **660 total hours** of BPC volunteer hosts
- **70 total hours** of BPC volunteer time to coordinate and organize hosting

## Facilities Maintenance & Improvements at Cornwall and Cordata courts

- Storage box maintenance, battery replacement, etc. **57 hours**
- Tool repair and maintenance **10 hours**
- Paddle rack build & installation for Cordata courts **6 hours**
- Sweeping, blowing-off needles, & mopping Cornwall courts **100 total hours**
- Measuring, design, and presentation to Parks regarding resurfacing of tennis courts **6 hours**

## Communications with General Public

- **72 total hours** of BPC volunteer time to respond to non-member and visitors to Bellingham regarding pickleball facilities and opportunities for play.

Total BPC volunteer hours during the past year for facilitating general public play: **1,129 hours**



# Pickleball Orientation

Bellingham Pickleball Club is offering a free orientation class to introduce you to the fastest growing sport in America.

• **Aug. 27th 4pm - 6pm at Cornwall Park pickleball courts**

- Loaner pickleball paddles available
- Maximum of 30 participants
- RSVP Required. 1st come, 1st served

**Interested in learning to play pickleball?  
RSVP with your name and phone number:  
[Communications@BellinghamPickleball.org](mailto:Communications@BellinghamPickleball.org)**



# *BPC Orientation Clinic #2*





# Bellingham Parks & Recreation and Bellingham Pickleball Club

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## FUTURE ISSUES:

- Tennis Court Renovation adding 3 pickleball courts (hopefully, late this summer or early fall)!
- Looking for enhanced relationship with one or more members of the Parks Advisory Board
- Are you aware that we have secured over \$2M in donations for a covered pickleball pavilion?



# Bellingham

## PICKLEBALL CLUB

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*THANK YOU!*

# Greenways Advisory Committee

## Trail Connections Subcommittee Recommendations



### Subcommittee Members:

Dina Dickerson

Kate McDonald

David Stalheim



DRAFT  
June 21, 2024



The first Greenway's Levy passed in 1990 and has been renewed four times since the last time in 2023. Greenway funds can be spent on greenway corridors, open space sites, parks, park facilities, trails, and climate resiliency.

Bellingham is blessed with parks, open space, forests and trails. According to the 2020 Bellingham Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan ("[Pro Plan](#)"), there are over 80 miles of trails in 24 corridors. Some trails connect via sidewalks or streets. Some trails connect with the city's network of bicycle paths. Some trails are not connected and remain part of the City's [Greenways Strategic Plan](#) and Pro Plan.

Trails are an important component of the Greenways Program. Other subcommittees formed by the Greenways Advisory Committee in 2024 also emphasized the importance of trails:

- The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion subcommittee prioritized trail access and development for all neighborhoods with an emphasis on underserved neighborhoods and trails for children to get safely to and from school, especially in marginalized neighborhoods
- The Climate Resiliency subcommittee recommended the City focus on prioritizing key trail routes, equity determinations and plans for additional tree planting, as well as proposing trail connections and/or improvements

Many people are unfamiliar with the city's existing trail networks. This subcommittee wasn't charged with looking at the missing connections or trail corridors, but with recommendations including the following:

- naming and branding existing connections,
- improving markings/signage locations,
- mapping routes including street connections for pedestrians and bikes, and
- publishing route guides and recommendations to improve connectivity.

The following are our primary recommendations:

- Identify existing greenway trail corridors that most effectively connect neighborhoods and create route guides and recommendations to improve connectivity
- Ensure all trail corridor maps are accessible in formats to meet diverse needs, from electronic mobile apps to hard copy maps to trailhead maps and include features to attract more people to use the trails for recreation, commuting and errands
- Improve trail markings and signage at trailheads and at trail junctions

- Make trail improvements on critical corridors that consider safety (e.g. lighting and visibility, switchbacks in steep areas); trail amenities (e.g. dog poop scoop stations, benches, interpretive signage); and canopy cover
- Advocate and support additional trail corridors that provide equitable access to all areas of Bellingham

### Greenway Trail Corridors

One of the initial efforts of the subcommittee was to look at the existing Greenway Trail corridors. As can be seen in the figure on the following page, there are multiple corridors in the southern half of the city but a clear deficit in the northern half. This figure helps illustrate the larger challenges to address equity issues in the City.

The subcommittee has identified the following existing greenway trail corridors to create route guides and recommendations:

- Bellingham Bay
- Connelly Creek-Sehome Arboretum
- Galbraith Mountain
- Interurban
- Railroad Trail
- Samish Crest\*
- Squalicum Creek
- Whatcom Creek\*

\*Samish Crest and Whatcom Creek are initial efforts in Summer 2024.

For each of these greenway trail corridors, we recommend the following action steps:

- 1) **Route guide.** The guide should be available as a printed guide and downloaded through the city's website. The route

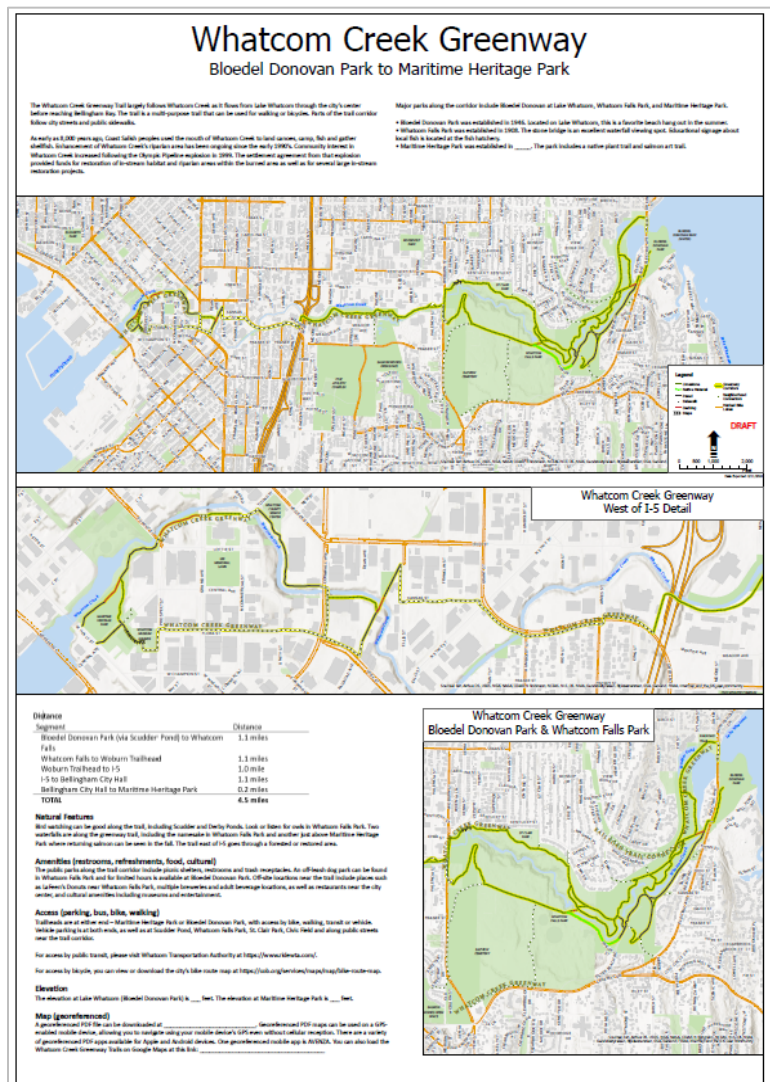


Figure 1: Sample Route Guide

guide should include information about total elevation gain/loss, trail surface type, unique historical or natural features, and any applicable warnings such as steep slopes or other potential trail hazards. (Sample in Figure 1.)

- 2) **Working groups.** The City should establish working groups for each corridor to help identify preferred routes, trail connections, trail improvements and amenities needed. Neighborhood associations can be good avenues for reaching trail activists in corridors. Route guides being drafted currently (Summer 2024) include Whatcom Creek and Samish Crest. Due to the extensive mobile apps available for mountain biking on Galbraith Mountain, this route for hikers is a lower priority.

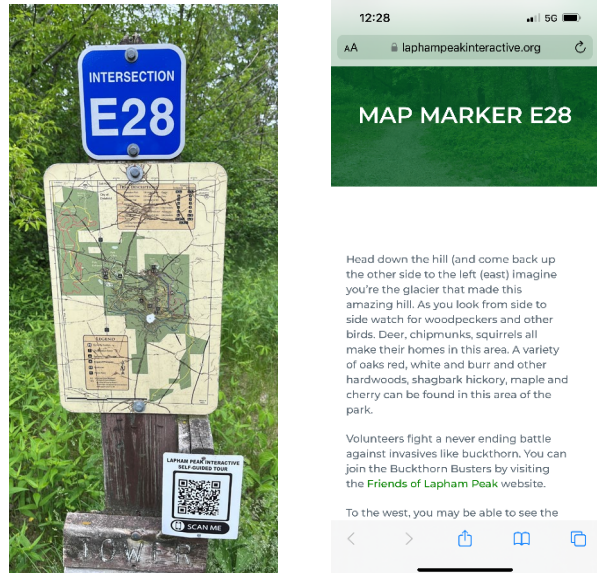


Figure 2: Example of Trail Marker and Interpretive Text

- 3) **Trail and Property Markers.** There are several examples of city-acquired property that are not signed as public property, even when a network of social trails has developed. The Lake Padden Open Space, on the north side of Samish Way and commonly called the “40-Acre Wood”, has been owned by the City since 1926 yet no signs showing



Figure 4: Trailhead entrance on 48th



Figure 4: Park Boundary Marker

that this is public property with social trails are available. (See Figure 3.) Many social trails on public property cross onto private property; signage should be installed identifying the end of public property. (See Figure 4.)

- 4) **Missing Greenway Trail Corridors.** The Greenways Advisory Committee and the City should continue to identify greenway trail corridors in those parts of the city, particularly the north end, where these trail corridors are not available, as shown in Figure 5. In addition, the PRO Plan should be updated to identify future trails as more information becomes available.

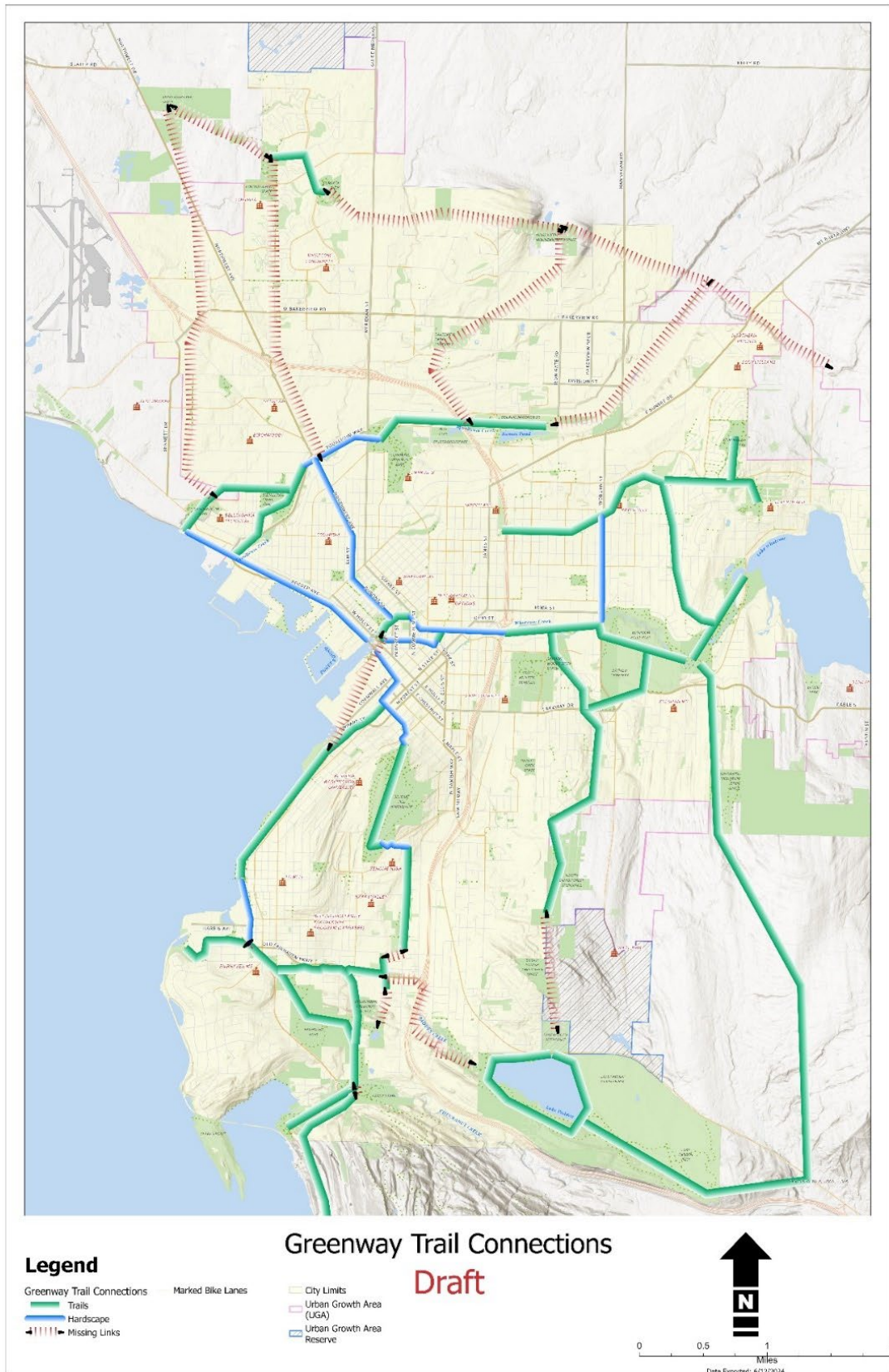


Figure 5: Primary Greenway Trail Connections and Missing Links

## Greenway Trail Maps

We have all probably experienced the time we found ourselves, or someone else, lost on a trail. People get lost or confused on even some of our urban trails in Bellingham. Many of our trail users do not live in Bellingham. Trail users have many different needs for maps. Some prefer printed maps available at trailheads or park offices. Others go all digital, using various trail apps to navigate. To ensure all have access to maps, we would recommend the following elements:

- 1) **Bellingham Trail Guide Website.** The city’s trail guide website (<https://cob.org/services/recreation/parks-trails/trail-guide>) should distinguish between trails in parks (e.g. Lake Padden or Cornwall Park) to Greenway Trail Connectors (e.g. Whatcom Creek). The maps that are most often missing are trail connectors – trails that connect parks to parks or public open space.
- 2) **Georeferenced Maps.** All maps available for download should be designed for use on a GPS-enabled mobile device. When viewed in a mobile map application, each map will display your location in real time with a colored dot, allowing you to navigate using your mobile device’s GPS even without cellular reception. The website should make it clear that the maps are georeferenced. Currently, not all maps on the City’s website are georeferenced. See Bureau of Land Management’s page regarding georeferenced maps here: <https://www.blm.gov/maps/georeferenced-PDFs>
- 3) **Maps at Major Trailheads.** Major trailheads for Greenway Trail Corridors should have a printed map on a signpost that allows a) people to snap a picture of the map for navigation and b) provides a link (website and QR code) to download a georeferenced map, as shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6: Example of Trailhead Map with QR Code to Georeferenced Maps

4) Maps or signs at trail junctions.

For those trail users that don't use GPS-enabled mobile devices for navigation, there should be signs at trail junctions to identify routes. The example shown in Figure 7 identifies the intersection of trails with an ID that corresponds to a map. This makes navigation easier for those unfamiliar with the trail system. The example shown in Figure 8 in Whatcom Falls Park is helpful to those that know the locations identified on the signpost but not for those unfamiliar. There needs to be a way to see a map at trail junctions.



Figure 8: More Helpful Signage



Figure 8: Less Helpful Signage

### Greenway Trail Improvements

One of the recurring themes of the Greenways Advisory Committee subcommittee recommendations is to make improvements to trail corridors. For children to get to and from school on trails or for people to commute to work or services, we need to make sure that these trail corridors are safe. We also need to make our trails a pleasant experience to encourage more people to use them. The following are our recommendations:

- 1) Identify trails within ¼ mile of schools. Trails within a ¼ mile of schools should be inventoried to identify:
  - Condition of trails and whether improvements are needed, such as widening trail and adding limestone, improving drainage, etc.
  - Whether maps or trail markings are needed
  - Whether the trail is included on the Safe Walking Paths to Schools map
  - Whether lighting or other safety improvements are needed
- 2) Dog Poop Scoop Stations. All major trailheads should have dog poop scoop stations.
- 3) See Click Fix – Trailheads and maps should include links to the [City's See Click Fix](#) to report trails that require fixing, such as broke bridges or fallen trees.

4) Invest in Trail Building and Decommissioning. Over the years, the City has acquired significant acres of greenways. Many people have taken it upon themselves to build trails within these areas, sometimes with good results and sometimes not. The City should set aside funds each year for small trail improvement projects, such as improving drainage, walkways over wet areas and removal of trails through sensitive areas. Not all trails need to be 8–10-foot limestone; the city should adopt a low use “natural area” trail standard.



Figure 9: Volunteers have taken on some trail maintenance. Bridge shown on right needs repair.

5) Safety lighting. The City should explore installation of trail lighting in corridors regularly used by children or people walking to work or services.

6) Interpretive signs. Interpretive signs should be added to trail corridors where important events in history occurred and/or to help understand and appreciate the natural features of the area, as shown in Figure 10.

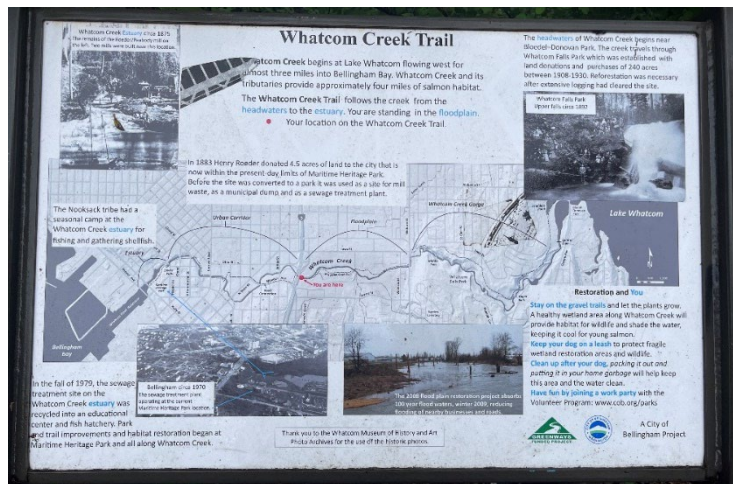


Figure 10: Example of Interpretive Signage



# Trail Connections

Greenways Advisory Subcommittee Recommendations  
Dina Dickerson, Kate McDonald, David Stalheim  
June 2024







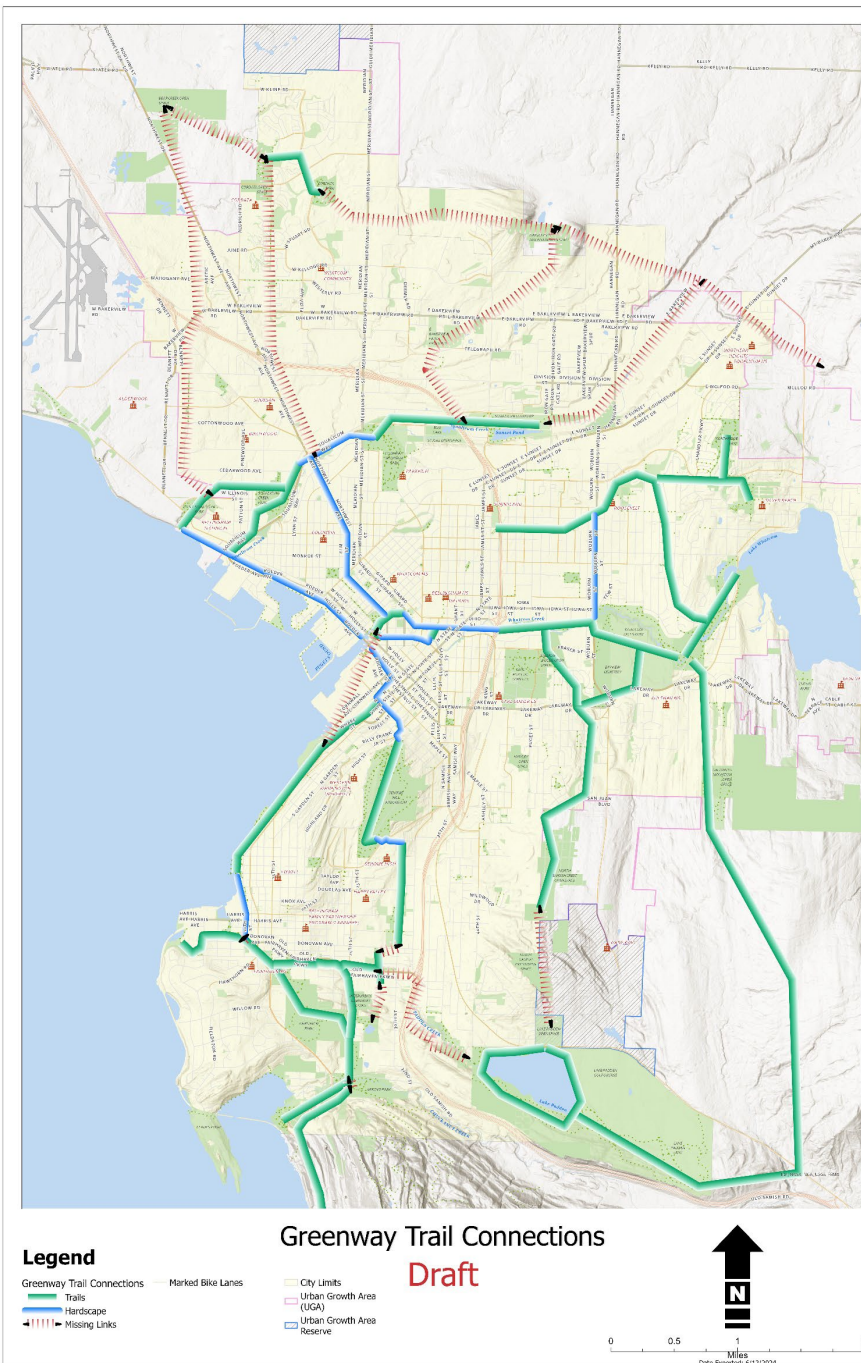
# Subcommittee Charge

- Naming and branding existing connections,
- Improving markings/signage locations,
- Mapping routes including street connections for pedestrians and bikes, and
- Publishing route guides and recommendations to improving connectivity.

# Subcommittee Primary Recommendations:

- Identify existing greenway **trail corridors that most effectively connect neighborhoods** and create route guides and recommendations to improve connectivity
- Ensure all trail corridor **maps are accessible in formats to meet diverse needs**, from electronic mobile apps to hard copy maps to trailhead maps and include features to attract more people to use the trails for recreation, commuting and errands
- **Improve trail markings and signage** at trailheads and at trail junctions
- Make **trail improvements** on critical corridors that consider **safety** (e.g. lighting and visibility, switchbacks in steep areas); trail **amenities** (e.g. dog poop scoop stations, benches, interpretive signage); and **canopy cover**
- Advocate and support additional trail corridors that provide **equitable access** to all areas of Bellingham

# Mapping Trail Connections





# Greenway Trail Corridors:

The following existing corridors should have route guides and recommendations:

- ▶ Bellingham Bay
- ▶ Connelly Creek-Sehome Arboretum
- ▶ Galbraith Mountain
- ▶ Interurban
- ▶ Railroad Trail
- ▶ Samish Crest\*
- ▶ Squaticum Creek
- ▶ Whatcom Creek\*

\*Samish Crest and Whatcom Creek are initial efforts in Summer 2024

Galbraith Mountain would be a low priority due to the extensive mobile apps available for mountain biking

# Route Guides

For each of the greenway trail corridors, we recommend creation of a route guide:

- Printed guide (see example)
- Downloadable on city website
- Information included:
  - Elevation gain/loss
  - Distance
  - Access (parking, transit, bike, walking)
  - Trail surface type
  - Unique historical or natural features
  - Amenities (e.g. restrooms, food, cultural)
  - Applicable warnings (e.g. slopes)

## Whatcom Creek Greenway Bloedel Donovan Park to Maritime Heritage Park

The Whatcom Creek Greenway Trail largely follows Whatcom Creek as it flows from Lake Whatcom through the city's center before reaching Belvidere Bay. The trail is a multi-purpose trail that can be used for walking or jogging. Parts of the trail corridor follow city streets and public sidewalks.

As early as 8,000 years ago, Coast Salish peoples used the mouth of Whatcom Creek to land salmon, carry, fish and gather shellfish. Subsequent uses of Whatcom Creek's location have not been equal since the early 1900s. Community interest in Whatcom Creek increased following the Olympic Pipeline explosion in 1986. The settlement agreement from that explosion provided funds for restoration of stream habitat and riparian areas within the listed area as well as for several large-to-medium reduction projects.

Major parks along the corridor include Bloedel Donovan at Lake Whatcom, Whatcom Falls Park, and Maritime Heritage Park.

- Bloedel Donovan Park was established in 1945. Located on Lake Whatcom, it's a favorite beach hang out in the summer.
- Whatcom Falls Park was established in 1936. The area features an excellent waterfall viewing spot. Recreational signage about local fish is located at the fish hatchery.
- Maritime Heritage Park was established in \_\_\_\_\_. The park includes a native plant trail and urban art trail.

### Whatcom Creek Greenway West of I-5 Detail

Distance Segment	Distance
Bloedel Donovan Park (via Scudder Pass) to Whatcom Falls	1.1 miles
Whatcom Falls to Western Trailhead	1.3 miles
Western Trailhead to I-5	1.0 mile
I-5 to Belvidere City Hall	1.1 miles
Belvidere City Hall to Maritime Heritage Park	0.2 miles
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.8 miles</b>

**Natural Features**  
Wild watching can be good along the trail, including Scudder and Derby Ponds. Look or listen for oak in Whatcom Falls Park. Two waterfalls are along the greenway trail, including the cascades in Whatcom Falls Park and another just above Maritime Heritage Park where returning salmon can be seen in the fall. The trail east of I-5 goes through a forested or wooded area.

**Amenities (restrooms, refreshments, food, culture)**  
The public parks along the trail corridor include picnic shelters, restrooms and trash enclosures. An off-leash dog park can be found in Whatcom Falls Park and for further hours is available at Bloedel Donovan Park. Off-site locations near the trail include places such as LaBret's Donuts near Whatcom Falls Park, multiple breweries and adult beverage locations, as well as restaurants near the city center, and cultural amenities including museums and performances.

**Access (parking, bus, bike, walking)**  
Trailheads are at either end - Maritime Heritage Park or Bloedel Donovan Park, with access by bike, walking, transit or vehicle. While walking or on foot, as well as at Scudder Pond, Whatcom Falls Park, St. Clair Park, Clay Field and along public streets near the trail corridor.

For access by public transit, please visit Whatcom Transportation Authority at <https://www.blewasa.com/>.  
For access by bicycle, you can view or download the city's bike route map at <https://cityofbelvidere.com/files/2018/06/bike-route-map.pdf>.

**Elevation**  
The elevation at Lake Whatcom (Bloedel Donovan Park) is \_\_\_\_ feet. The elevation at Maritime Heritage Park is \_\_\_\_ feet.

**Map (recommended)**  
A georeferenced PDF file can be downloaded at \_\_\_\_\_. Georeferenced PDF maps can be used on a GPS-enabled mobile device, allowing you to navigate using your mobile device's GPS even without cellular reception. There are a variety of georeferenced PDF apps available for Apple and Android devices. Our georeferenced trail file app is HERE. You can also find the Whatcom Creek Greenway Trails on Google Maps at the link.



# Establish Corridor Working Groups

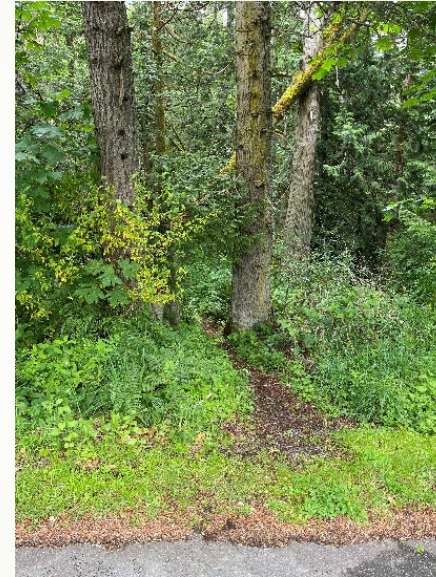
- ▶ Each corridor should have a working group to help:
  - ▶ Identify preferred routes
  - ▶ Identify trail connections
  - ▶ Identify trail improvements
  - ▶ Identify amenities needed

Route guides currently being drafted include Whatcom Creek and Samish Crest

# Trail and Property Markers

There are several examples of city-acquired property that are not signed as public property even when a network of social trails has developed.

- ▶ Signage should be installed on publicly owned property where public access is allowed.
- ▶ There are several instances where trails cross onto private property. Signs should be installed indicating the end of public property.



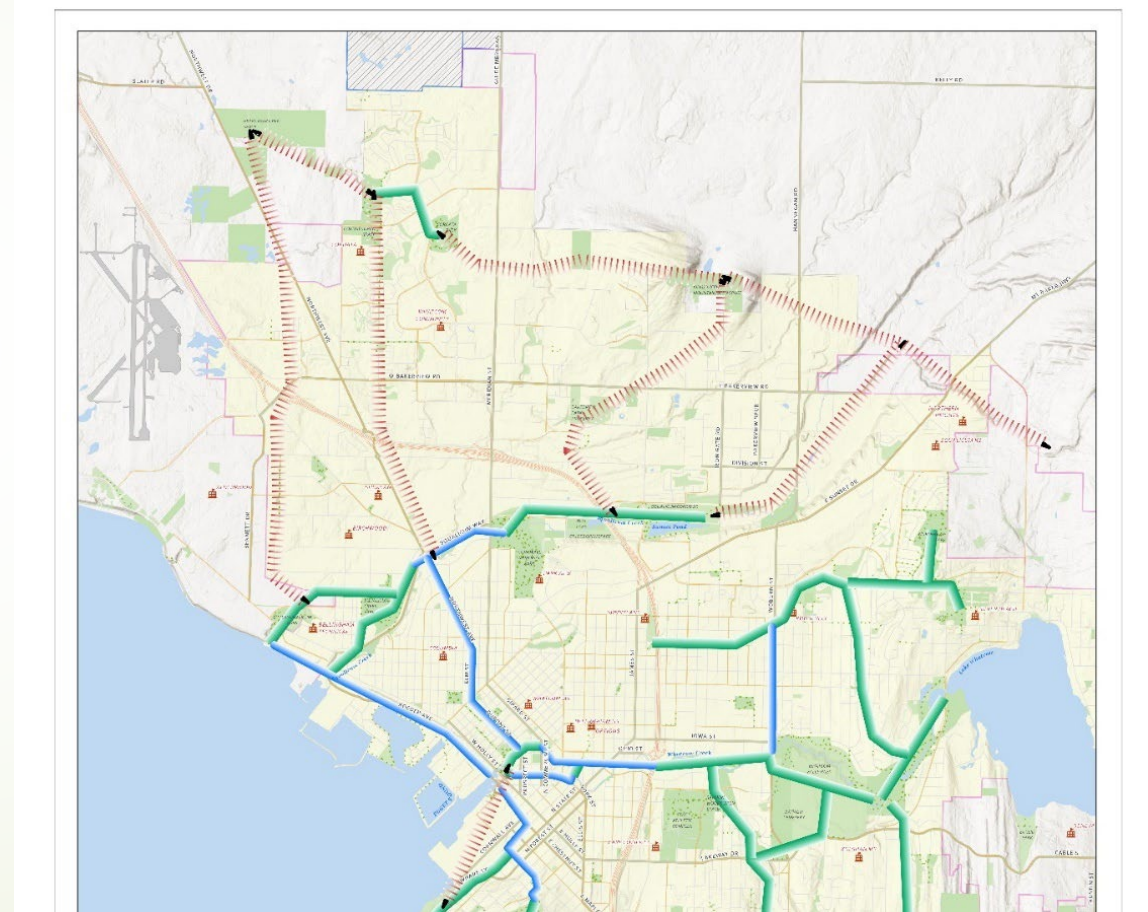
Trailhead on 48th



Park Boundary Marker

# Missing Greenway Trail Corridors

- Identify greenway trail corridors in those parts of the city, particularly the north end, where these trail corridors are not available.
- The PRO Plan should be updated to identify future trails as more information becomes available.





# Trail Guide Website

- The City's trail guide website should distinguish between trail in parks and Greenway Trail Connectors.
- <https://cob.org/services/recreation/parks-trails/trail-guide>

## Reorganized Trail Guide Concept

### ••• Park Connector Trails

- [Overview map of trails in Bellingham \(PDF\)](#)
- [Bellingham Bay](#)
- [Connelly Creek-Sehome Arboretum](#)
- [Galbraith Mountain Biking Trails | Trailforks](#)
- [Interurban](#)
- [Railroad Trail](#)
- [Samish Crest](#)
- [Squalicum Creek](#)
- [Whatcom Creek](#)

## Bellingham Trail Guide by section:

- [Overview map of trails in Bellingham \(PDF\)](#)
- [Bay to Baker Trail, Little Squalicum Park and Squalicum Creek Park\(PDF\)](#)
- [Bay to Baker Trail and Squalicum Creek Park – detail \(PDF\)](#)
- [Big Rock Garden \(PDF\)](#)
- [Bloedel Donovan Park \(PDF\)](#)
- [Civic Field Complex \(PDF\)](#)
- [Connelly Creek Trail \(PDF\)](#)
- [Cordata Park and Julianna Park \(PDF\)](#)
- [Cornwall Park and Bug Lake \(PDF\)](#)
- [Downtown Trails \(PDF\)](#)
- [Downtown Waterfront Trails \(PDF\)](#)
- [Fairhaven Park \(PDF\)](#)
- [Interurban Trail \(PDF\)](#)
- [Interurban Trail and Arroyo Park \(PDF\)](#)
- [Lake Padden Park \(PDF\)](#)
- [Lake Padden Park East – Detail \(PDF\)](#)
- [Lake Padden Park West – Detail \(PDF\)](#)
- [Lower Lake Padden Park and Fairhaven Park \(PDF\)](#)
- [Northridge Park \(PDF\)](#)
- [Railroad \(PDF\)](#)
- [Sehome Hill Arboretum \(PDF\)](#)
- [South Bay Trail, Boulevard Park and Taylor Dock \(PDF\)](#)
- [South Bay Trail and Taylor Dock detail \(PDF\)](#)
- [South Bay Trail and Boulevard Park Detail \(PDF\)](#)
- [Squalicum Creek Trail and Sunset Pond Park \(PDF\)](#)
- [Whatcom Creek – West \(PDF\)](#)
- [Whatcom Creek – East \(PDF\)](#)
- [Whatcom Falls \(PDF\)](#)
- [City of Bellingham animal-related regulations \(PDF\)](#)
- [Share the Trails guidelines \(PDF\)](#)



# Georeferenced Maps

- ▶ All maps available for download should be designed for use on a GPS-enabled mobile device
- ▶ On mobile device, you can see your location in real time
- ▶ Website should make clear that maps are georeferenced (not all are now)
- ▶ See BLM's explanation of these map types and how to use here:  
<https://www.blm.gov/maps/georeferenced-PDFs>

# Maps at Major Trailheads

- Major trailheads for Greenway Trail Corridors should have a printed map on a signpost
  - People can snap a picture to help with navigation
  - Provide a link (website and QR code) to download a georeferenced map



Download Parks Explorer App for maps & more info

Para más información y mapas descargue la aplicación Park Explorer



# Maps or signs at trail junctions

- For those trail users that don't use GPS-enabled mobile devices, there should be signs at trail junctions to identify routes.
- The image on left is a good example.
- The image on right is helpful to those that know place names but not to those unfamiliar.



Add map & ID link



# Trails to Schools

- ▶ Trails within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of schools should be inventoried to identify:
  - ▶ Condition of trails and improvements needed
  - ▶ Whether maps or trail markings are needed
  - ▶ Whether the trail is included on the Safe Walking Paths to Schools map
  - ▶ Whether lighting or other safety improvements are needed

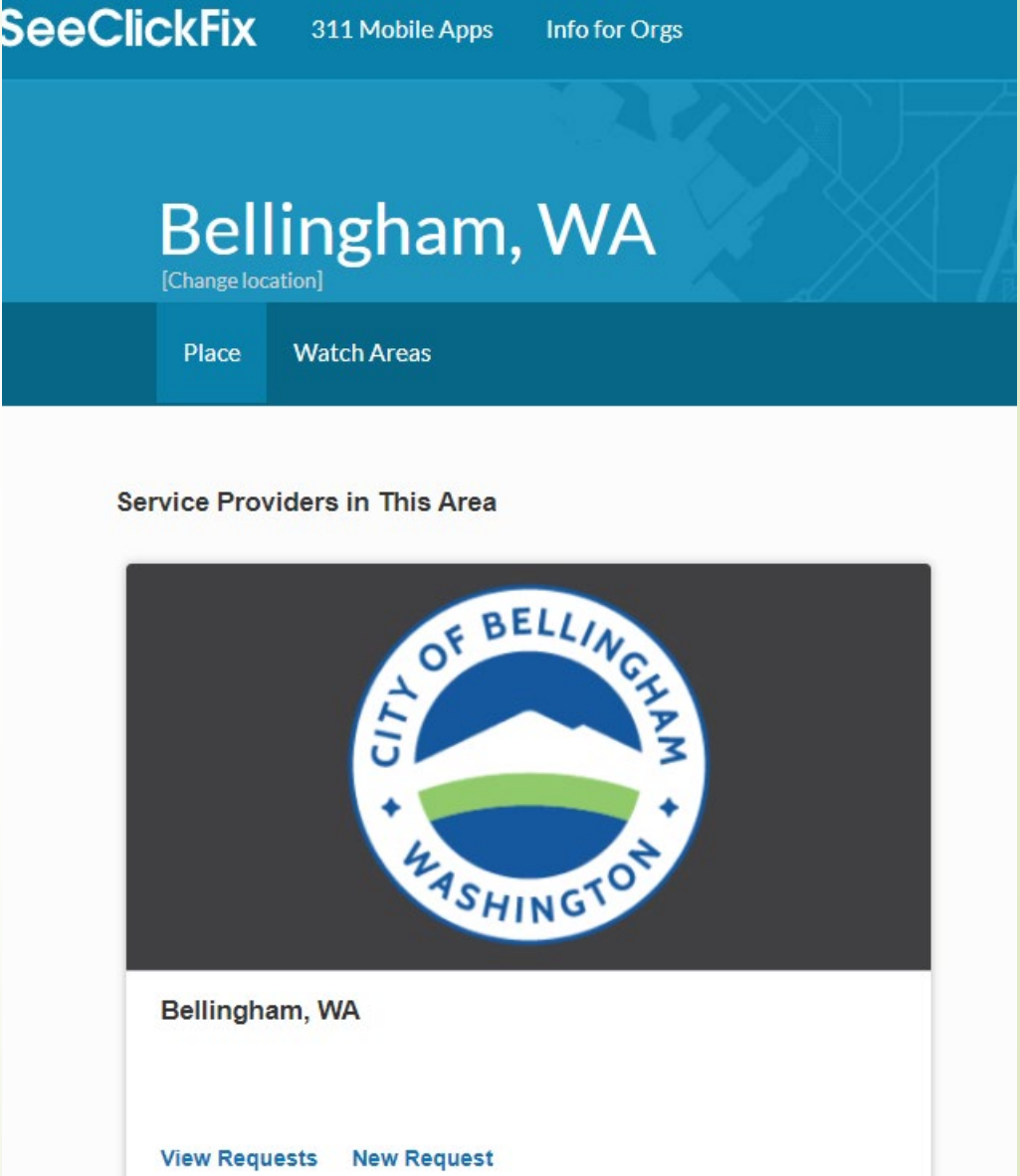


# Scoop the Poop

All major trailheads should have dog poop scoop stations

# See Click Fix

- ▶ Trailheads and maps should include links to the City's See Click Fix to report trails that require fixing, such as broken bridges or fallen trees
- ▶ <https://seeclickfix.com/bellingham>



The screenshot shows the SeeClickFix website interface for Bellingham, WA. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SeeClickFix logo, "311 Mobile Apps", and "Info for Orgs". Below this is a blue header section with "Bellingham, WA" in large white text and a "[Change location]" link underneath. A dark blue navigation bar contains two buttons: "Place" and "Watch Areas". The main content area is titled "Service Providers in This Area" and features a large circular logo for the City of Bellingham, Washington. The logo depicts a mountain range with a green valley and blue sky. Below the logo, the text "Bellingham, WA" is displayed. At the bottom of the page, there are two links: "View Requests" and "New Request".



# Invest in Trail Building and Decommissioning

- ▶ People have taken it upon themselves to build trails on Greenway properties, sometimes with good results and sometimes not
- ▶ Funds should be set aside each year for small trail improvement projects
  - ▶ Improving drainage
  - ▶ Building and repairing walkways over wet areas
  - ▶ Removal of trails through sensitive areas
  - ▶ Building trails
- ▶ The City should adopt a low use “natural area” trail standard. Not all trails need to be 8-10 foot limestone



# Interpretive signs

- Interpretive signs should be added to trail corridors
  - Important events in history
  - Help understand and appreciate the natural features of the area
  - Interpretation can also be through mobile apps

## Whatcom Creek Trail

Whatcom Creek begins at Lake Whatcom flowing west for almost three miles into Bellingham Bay. Whatcom Creek and its tributaries provide approximately four miles of salmon habitat. The Whatcom Creek Trail follows the creek from the headwaters to the estuary. You are standing in the floodplain.

• Your location on the Whatcom Creek Trail.

In 1883 Henry Roeder donated 4.5 acres of land to the city that is now within the present-day limits of Maritime Heritage Park. Before the site was converted to a park it was used as a site for mill waste, as a municipal dump and as a sewage treatment plant.

The Nooksack tribe had a seasonal camp at the Whatcom Creek estuary for fishing and gathering shellfish.

Whatcom Creek Estuary circa 1875. The remains of the Roeder/Whatcom mill on the left. Two mills were built near this location.

Whatcom Falls Park Upper falls circa 1880

The headwaters of Whatcom Creek begins near Bloodel-Donovan Park. The creek travels through Whatcom Falls Park which was established with land donations and purchases of 240 acres between 1908-1930. Reforestation was necessary after extensive logging had cleared the site.

Restoration and You

Stay on the gravel trails and let the plants grow. A healthy wetland area along Whatcom Creek will provide habitat for wildlife and shade the water, keeping it cool for young salmon.

Keep your dog on a leash to protect fragile wetland restoration areas and wildlife.

Clean up after your dog, packing it out and putting it in your home garbage will help keep this area and the water clean.

Have fun by joining a work party with the Volunteer Program: [www.cob.org/parks](http://www.cob.org/parks)

In the fall of 1979, the sewage treatment site on the Whatcom Creek estuary was recycled into an educational center and fish hatchery. Park and trail improvements and habitat restoration began at Maritime Heritage Park and all along Whatcom Creek.

Bellingham circa 1970. The sewage treatment plant operating at the current Maritime Heritage Park location.

The 2006 flood plain restoration project absorbs 100 year flood waters, winter 2009, reducing flooding of nearby businesses and roads.


Thank you to the Whatcom Museum of History and Art Photo Archives for the use of the historic photos.

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Questions? Feedback?





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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** BELLINGHAM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
**FROM:** GINA AUSTIN, PARK PROJECT ENGINEER  
**CC:** LAINE POTTER, PARKS DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER  
**SUBJECT:** NAMING OF THE PIER AT LITTLE SQUALICUM PARK  
**DATE:** JULY 15, 2024

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Staff is requesting a recommendation from the Bellingham Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the naming of the pier at Little Squalicum Park in accordance with city policy PAR 1.00.01.

Renovation work on the pier is anticipated to start in this permitting work window from August 2024 through February 2025. The pier is expected to be open to the public in the Spring of 2025. The timing of this work has prompted staff to solicit names from the public in accordance with City policy.

The pier is located at Little Squalicum Park, 640 Marine Drive, in Bellingham. The Little Squalicum Park Master Plan update was adopted by the Bellingham City Council in 2010. The pier is included in that plan. The pier is also included in the Shoreline Master Program and the Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan.

A public process was launched on social media and through the City's Engage Bellingham website. Projects published on the Engage Bellingham are sent to local media, interested parties, neighborhood associations, boards, commissions, and others. Names were solicited through July 12, 2024.

All name suggestions are included in the attached Engage Bellingham project report. Over 1,000 individuals visited the project webpage and over 900 idea submissions were received.

The top 10 name suggestions are as follows, with number of votes noted in parentheses:

1. Christ is Lord Pier (423) or Christ the Lord (9)
2. Little Squalicum Beach Pier (41) or Little Squalicum Pier (21 + 55) or Squalicum Park Pier (19) or Squalicum Pier (17)
3. The Plank (85 + 2)
4. Salish Seawalk (68 + 15) or Salish Baywalk (6)
5. 99 Memorial Pier (74) or Pier 99 (40 + 2)
6. King Tsiorvas Pier (54)
7. Wh-mahl-ut-choo Pier (22)
8. Tilbury Pier (18)

9. Xwullemy Pier (16)

10. Marietta Pier (16)

The top 10 list excludes the name suggestion “Piery McPierface” and similar variations of that name. The number one idea is “Christ the Lord Pier and the number two idea includes a few variations of “Little Squalicum Pier”

Attachments:

1. Parks Naming Policy
2. Engage Bellingham Project Report

# Naming of Parks, Recreation Areas and Facilities

**Reference Number:** PAR 01.00.01

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## Purpose

To establish requirements for naming or renaming of parks and recreational facilities.

## Scope

This policy applies to all park facilities.

## Definitions

**City** - City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department

**Park Board** - is the City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

**Park, Facility or Park Facility** - includes all City of Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department managed buildings, shelters, gazebos, amphitheater, open space areas, trails, game fields, stadiums, courts, land or other areas.

**Park Name** - is the name of a park facility used in print, signs, Bellingham Municipal Code, electronic media, and any other official document of the City of Bellingham.

## Policy/Conditions

### 1. City sets rules for park names

Parks shall not be named after a living person.

Duplication of park names shall be avoided.

Parks shall not be named after a deceased person or significant event unless there has been a lapse of at least ten years after the event occurred or person's deceased date.

Renaming of Parks shall follow the same process set forth in this policy.

### 2. Park Director or designee facilitates the public process for naming all parks

Park Director or designee solicits names from the general public by issuing a press release, posting a public sign at the Facility, or conducting a public meeting. City staff may also provide suggestions for park name.

Park Director or designee records all names and forwards to the Park Board for final recommendation.

### **3. Park Board recommends park name**

Park Board considers all name suggestions received up to the time of voting. Park Board may also provide suggestions.

Park Board votes on the names. The name selected by majority is forwarded to City Council for final action.

### **4. City Council approves park name**

City Council reviews recommendation by Park Board and approves the final park name.

### **5. City allows variation of park names**

Approved park names may be abbreviated or varied if approved by the Park Director or designee.

Examples:

Little Squalicum Park: Little Squalicum, LSP, Little Squalicum Beach

Boulevard: Boulevard Park, Boulevard, Boulevard Park Upper, Boulevard Park Lower

### **6. City provides exceptions to this policy**

Exceptions to this policy may include:

- Naming a facility after a living person, recently deceased person, or important event if that person has provided a significant donation or service to the city
  - Naming a facility as a condition of accepting a donation
  - Temporary names may be used for referencing a facility until a permanent name is selected and approved per this policy
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<b>Status</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
Active	Departmental	Parks, Recreation and Cemetery
<b>Section</b>	<b>Developed By</b>	<b>Issued</b>
	Byron Elmendorf, Parks & Recreation Director	07/24/1978
<b>Revised By</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Approved By</b>
Leslie Bryson, Park Director	11/16/2016	Kelli Linville, Mayor
<b>Reviewed</b>	<b>Archived</b>	<b>Create Copy</b>
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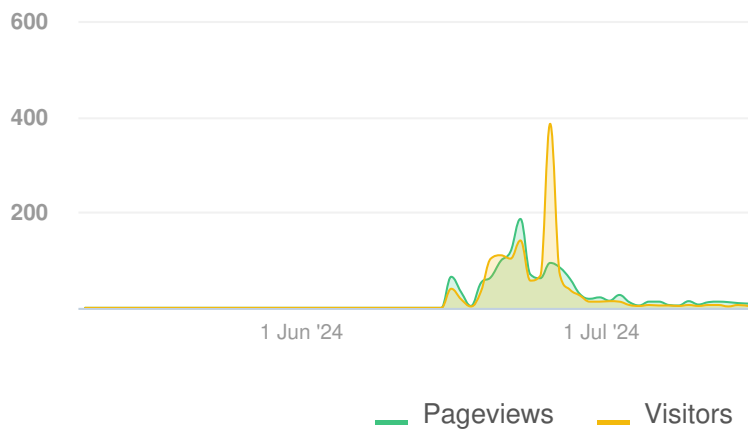
# Project Report

30 July 2020 - 14 July 2024

# Engage Bellingham Name the pier!



## Visitors Summary



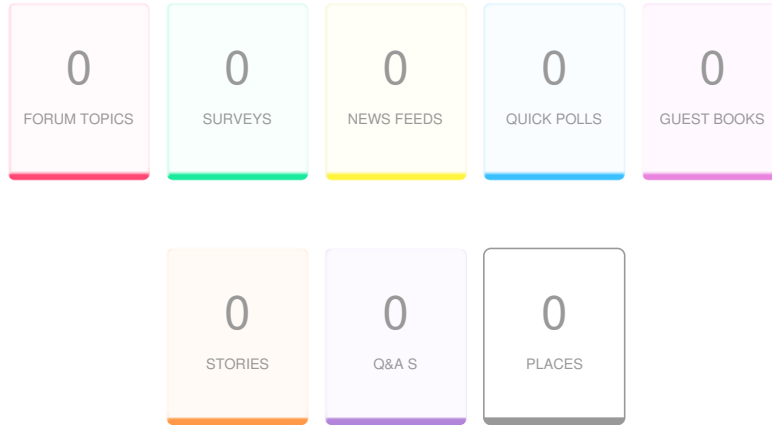
## Highlights



Aware Participants		Engaged Participants			
1,170		908			
Aware Actions Performed		Engaged Actions Performed			
Participants		Registered	Unverified	Anonymous	
Visited a Project or Tool Page	1,170				
Informed Participants		Contributed on Forums			
1,013		0	0	0	
Informed Actions Performed		Participated in Surveys			
Participants		0	0	0	
Viewed a video	0	Contributed to Newsfeeds			
Viewed a photo	0	0	0	0	
Downloaded a document	0	Participated in Quick Polls			
Visited the Key Dates page	0	0	0	0	
Visited an FAQ list Page	0	Posted on Guestbooks			
Visited Instagram Page	0	0	0	0	
Visited Multiple Project Pages	119	Contributed to Stories			
Contributed to a tool (engaged)	908	0	0	0	
		Asked Questions			
		0	0	0	
		Placed Pins on Places			
		0	0	0	
		Contributed to Ideas			
		52	116	740	



## ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
				Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Ideas	Add your name idea here!	Published	1078	51	116	739

## IDEAS

Add your name idea here!

Visitors	1078	Contributors	907	CONTRIBUTIONS	1564
14 June 24	adavis	The Salish Seawalk			
	VOTES	68			
14 June 24	Anny	Squalicum Pier			
	VOTES	17			
14 June 24	starsong16	Bridge to Nowhere			
	VOTES	3			
14 June 24	NWoldguy	Big Little Squalicum Pier			
	VOTES	1			
15 June 24	Samish	Sunset Pier			
	VOTES	7			
15 June 24	cbmac	Our non-peerage pier			
	VOTES	0			
		A pier for everyone			

## IDEAS

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15 June 24 Roman	Tilbury Pier
VOTES 18	Should be named for historical notation and because Tilbury sounds English and classy. Much better than "Salish Seawalk." It's not a seawalk, it's a pier! Besides, whatever the official name becomes, it'll be referred to as the Squalicum Pier by most.
15 June 24 Robert Dudley	Wh-mahl-ut-choo Pier
VOTES 22	Named after the Central Salish description of the location (place of many springs)
15 June 24 QSBJ	Eternity Pier
VOTES 5	... how long we'd like it to last ...
15 June 24 Seeing 2020	Squalkway to Heaven
VOTES 9	None needed
17 June 24 BN@	The Plank
VOTES 85	let's go walk The Plank
17 June 24 JN	Squalicum Dock Walk
VOTES 5	
17 June 24 Christy Russell	Pier to the East
VOTES 3	

## IDEAS

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18 June 24 Lisa Arroyo	<b>Little Squalicum Beach Pier</b>
VOTES 41	We all know that beach as Little Squalicum Beach so the name is fitting. Lots of memories for lots of residents have been made at this beach with this pier in view.
18 June 24 liway65	<b>The Salish BayWalk</b>
VOTES 6	
18 June 24 Tyler Fehlman	<b>Sqwhalikcom pier</b>
VOTES 2	Combination of Squalicum, Whatcom, and Walk
18 June 24 Krotchett	<b>Heritage Point Pier</b>
VOTES 3	Its all in the name.
18 June 24 Roseosharon	<b>Olympic Pier</b>
VOTES 5	To recognize its historical significance as part of the cement plant.
18 June 24 Biker	<b>Olympic pier</b>
VOTES 4	For historical reasons instead of a goofy name
18 June 24 Trickeenickee	<b>Lummiview pier</b>
VOTES 7	
18 June 24 Munchkolina	<b>The Whatcom Wharf</b>
VOTES 4	

## IDEAS

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18 June 24 Fernando	<p><b>'99 Memorial Pier</b></p> <p>Liam Wood Wade King and Stephen Tsiorvas Memorial pier. In remembrance of the 19 99 pipeline explosion</p>
VOTES 74	
18 June 24 GaryJr	<p><b>Expedition Pier</b></p> <p>The landing point of the George Vancouver and William Bellingham Expedition</p>
VOTES 14	
18 June 24 MiaMosing	<p><b>Pier 99</b></p> <p>same reason as the other user on here, but this one seems simpler</p>
VOTES 40	
18 June 24 EdLarson	<p><b>King Tsiorvas Wood Pier</b></p>
VOTES 54	
19 June 24 A.Ieland	<p><b>Michael Kloc Memorial Pier</b></p> <p>This man worked his entire adult life with the Port of Bellingham. He was lost to us too soon. He is deeply loved and dearly missed.</p>
VOTES 1	
19 June 24 JamieJJ	<p><b>Vista Pier</b></p> <p>Such a stunning Vista vantage point to Lummi island and the San Juan's</p>
VOTES 3	
19 June 24 onedollabill	<p><b>Little Squalicum Pier</b></p> <p>Everyone will end up calling it this anyways so avoid the confusion.</p>
VOTES 21	

## IDEAS

Add your name idea here!

19 June 24 Nathan Woods	<b>Octopus's Garden</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	A few reasons why this works- This song is a euphemism for a safe place where every one gets along and is happy. Local residents have a strong connection to the octopus as an unofficial symbol of Bellingham. And an Octopus's garden is literally a place where an octopus rearranges rocks and trash into something beautiful and useful, just like how we are going to restore and repurpose this pier.
19 June 24 RitaF	<b>The Squalk</b>
VOTES <b>6</b>	
19 June 24 dannystraten	<b>S.W.O.A.L.P Pier</b>
VOTES <b>2</b>	Short Walk On A Long Pier
19 June 24 Lovecjes	<b>Wadestephliam Pier</b>
VOTES <b>4</b>	In Remembrance out of the 3 lives lost
19 June 24 Common Cents	<b>Piers Brosnan</b>
VOTES <b>10</b>	
19 June 24 KRT	<b>Sunset Discovery Pier</b>
VOTES <b>1</b>	
19 June 24 MMW	<b>The PierPoint</b>
VOTES <b>1</b>	It's a Pier that comes to a Point. "Meet me at the Pierpoint"

## IDEAS

Add your name idea here!

19 June 24 Blackdog	Higginson Pier
VOTES 5	Named after Ella Rhoades Higginson-- Bellingham resident, WA's first poet laureate, a nd incredibly popular author of her time who made the PNW famous. Would be nice to have a landmark named after a woman who did amazing things.
19 June 24 MeJane!	Sea Life Wharf
VOTES 0	
19 June 24 Aaron Dickson	The Pier of Subdued Excitement
VOTES 6	
19 June 24 Danielley	Puget Pier
VOTES 0	
19 June 24 Cl's	Skylar dock
VOTES 3	Skylar is the best dog in the world. His dad provides fish for many restaurants around t own. He even made it into the cascadia once for being such a cool dog. He's a bellingh am national treasure. Local legend
19 June 24 Lisa Sanchez	Salish Seawalk
VOTES 15	
19 June 24 RC	If it's really an historical landmark, DON'T change it! Change the name and you wipe out the history, eve n a liberal council knows that!
VOTES 2	

## IDEAS

Add your name idea here!

19 June 24 bscore	Xwullemy Pier
VOTES 16	Xwullemy is the Lummi word for Salish Sea
19 June 24 eyeLovePiers	Finger of Fortune
VOTES 0	(Name for the Bellingham pier)
19 June 24 Sterling Powell	New Pier name
VOTES 1	Bellingham Bay Pier
19 June 24 Jones Family	Pier Pressure
VOTES 6	
19 June 24 4reels	Toxic Pier
VOTES 4	Self explanatory
19 June 24 TAP	Squalicum - Salish Boardwalk
VOTES 6	Keep a part of our city's history and add the name of the people who settled here from the beginning.
19 June 24 Rick Whitfield	OPC dock.
VOTES 0	Olympic Portland Cement Dock.
19 June 24 Erica Baril	Squalicum skyway,
VOTES 0	



## IDEAS

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19 June 24 Jacob Stewart	Little Squalicum Pier
VOTES 55	Don't over think this one
19 June 24 Unknown	Railcar Pier
VOTES 3	Keeping some of the history.
19 June 24 LokisQueen22	Sunset Pier
VOTES 7	Because the view of the sunset is spectacular from this vantage point!
19 June 24 Helium	Pier Pressure
VOTES 1	
19 June 24 Patty Rodgers	Salish
VOTES 0	Salish Seaway. Bellingham Bay Dock. PLEASE no Heaven or eternity!! That's morbid!
19 June 24 Mo Stewart	Craft Beer Pier, Pier of Subdued Excitement, Pier Bliss, Piery McPierFace
VOTES 1	Little bits of Bellingham
19 June 24 Michelle Kellogg	Bellingham Pier
VOTES 0	
19 June 24 Peter W	Clemens Pier
VOTES 1	Named for a famous visitor to our area, and a great reminder of that heritage.

## IDEAS

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19 June 24 Bitoshi	Piery McPierface
VOTES 31	Because Boaty McBoatface
19 June 24 Jacob Belcaster	Henry King memorial pier
VOTES 5	In memory of Henry King
19 June 24 sophie shafer	walk the sea
VOTES 0	cause the pier goes over the water you're walking on the water, pick this one! and then carve some little sea creatures into the sign and into the pier itself
20 June 24 Valerie D	Sea Walk
VOTES 0	
20 June 24 Kim Tisovec	Xwot'qom Pier
VOTES 0	Lummi for The waters of Bellingham Bay near mouth of Nooksack River. Translated to "Whatcom".
20 June 24 stagger	little squalicum pier
VOTES 0	call it what it is, where it is.
20 June 24 Bananatree61	Pier McPierFace
VOTES 9	
20 June 24 Tahta	People's Pier
VOTES 0	

## IDEAS

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20 June 24 Jrasik	<b>Piery McPierson</b>
VOTES <b>5</b>	A fun play off the word Pier. Not based on anyone or anything I'm aware of.
20 June 24 maddied107	<b>Salish Seawalk!</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	
20 June 24 Sarah Aday	<b>The Other End of the World, or The Other World's End</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	The Other End of the World, or The Other World's End.... And magically have the Otherlands open a small beer kiosk/coffee hut at the end - a sunrise and sunset gathering area.
20 June 24 Claydot	<b>Eldridge wharf, Eldridge pier, or Eldridge dock</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	The pier is located within the E. Eldridge donation claim area based on historical maps.
20 June 24 sculpy	<b>Dogfish Pier</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	By the dog park and by the fish...dog. fish. pier.
20 June 24 smashma	<b>Puget Sound Tentacle Town</b>
VOTES <b>1</b>	(I found a washed up giant pacific octopus there a couple years ago)
20 June 24 Space Time With Robert	<b>The Astro Pier</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	Great place to stargaze and see the auroras within Bellingham.
20 June 24 Piery4Ever	<b>Piery McPierface</b>
VOTES <b>22</b>	Named after local Salish Seamen

## IDEAS

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20 June 24 EmmaS	<b>Suddenlia Pier</b>
VOTES <b>3</b>	Subdued humor.
20 June 24 Colin Middleton	<b>Piery McPierface</b>
VOTES <b>12</b>	<a href="https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boaty_McBoatface">https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boaty_McBoatface</a>
20 June 24 akettman	<b>JW Sandison Pier</b>
VOTES <b>2</b>	In July 1912, Sandison had the distinction of taking the first aerial photographs of Bellingham. He made the series with a 5x7 inch camera from a hot-air balloon, a carnival attraction during the Mt. Baker Marathon, which was tethered behind the Bellingham Bay Brewery on Ellis Street. Today more than 6,000 of Sandison's original negatives are housed in the Whatcom Museum Photo Archives.
20 June 24 Mystery on the bay	<b>Mystery pier</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	It disappears in the fog and you can't see the end. So it's a mystery what you'll find at the end of the pier on a cold or cool foggy day. You might see a seagull or a seal or ducks on the end of the pier, or maybe an old sailor whose stories are as eerie as the Cape Cod or the Fog.
20 June 24 Dankerplanker	<b>Dank plank</b>
VOTES <b>9</b>	
20 June 24 JSingh	<b>Colby Downer</b>
VOTES <b>2</b>	Funny name, sounds historic, Also fun name for new generation
20 June 24 Capn	<b>Piery McPierFace</b>
VOTES <b>16</b>	It must be done

## IDEAS

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20 June 24 bellinghamfan	Boulevard Park	VOTES 1
20 June 24 bellinghamfan	Taylor Dock Boardwalk	VOTES 1
20 June 24 bellinghamfan	Bellingham Boardwalk	VOTES 2
21 June 24 bellinghamfan	Marine Drive Pier	VOTES 2
21 June 24 Phil McPhilface	Piery McPierface.	VOTES 28
21 June 24 rmm	Squalkway to Heaven The Squalkway for short	VOTES 4
21 June 24 Kelli99	Remembrance Pier 99 A place for remembrance of everyone's loved ones that have been lost, with a little special knod to the kids of 99	VOTES 2
21 June 24 WilliamRiker	Jean-Luc Picard Wunder Pier	VOTES 5

## IDEAS

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21 June 24 NJ	The Plank	VOTES 2
21 June 24 E. Burns	Christ is Lord Pier Because he is.	VOTES 423
21 June 24 Sroosendaal	Boulevard 48 It's latitude is on the 48th parallel. There are a lot of Pier 48's, so Boulevard 48 or Squa licum 48 will work.	VOTES 0
21 June 24 Shaun G	Kraken Pier Homage to the Seattle Kraken hockey team.	VOTES 0
21 June 24 Terrirific	SUNDANCE	VOTES 1
21 June 24 Kaz	Appearances decieve	VOTES 0
21 June 24 Terrirific	PNW PIER	VOTES 2
21 June 24 Matt Cole	Piery McPierface	VOTES 9

## IDEAS

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21 June 24 bensontc	Pier Bliss	VOTES 0
21 June 24 Kaybee	Pier Toby Tobe Tobe After our sweet old dog who loves the waterfront.	VOTES 0
21 June 24 Michael Adams	Site of a Future Brewery Pier	VOTES 3
21 June 24 Michael Adams	Dirty Dan Harris' Funtime Landing	VOTES 0
21 June 24 Michael Adams	Subdued Shipwreck Pier	VOTES 0
21 June 24 Robert the Bruce	Bay Reach Pier Providing access and reach into the bay	VOTES 0
21 June 24 Robert the Bruce	Bellingham Bay Pier Obvious	VOTES 4
21 June 24 missing_her	The Lucy Guerra Memorial Pier In memory of Lucy, the sweet soul we lost very near by the pier last year	VOTES 2

## IDEAS

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21 June 24 Joelle	<b>Narayan Pier</b>
VOTES 0	Narayan means "ocean of love" in Sanskrit
21 June 24 David St.Pierre	<b>Hamster Walk</b>
VOTES 1	Where Bellinghamsters stroll
21 June 24 missing_her	<b>Sunflower Pier</b>
VOTES 1	In memory of Lucy Guerra. The sunflower is her local symbol.
21 June 24 Pick Me!	<b>Matthew Pierry</b>
VOTES 6	RIP
21 June 24 Pick Me!	<b>PIERformative allyship</b>
VOTES 1	What Bham is famous for
21 June 24 Hamzilla	<b>Hold My Pier</b>
VOTES 6	Acknowledging the craft beer scene
21 June 24 Pick Me!	<b>Death Cab for Pier</b>
VOTES 1	Death Cab is the best band EVER I saw them live 1000's times in my friends front room
21 June 24 hawk tuah	<b>Pierce my buns</b>
VOTES 1	hawk tuah first



## IDEAS

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21 June 24 kingkong	pier pressure	VOTES 5
21 June 24 kingkong	wet walk rising sea level will make it underwater....or tidal wave wil wash it away	VOTES 0
21 June 24 Julie Carpenter	Squalicum Park Pier Honors the native name, keeps it simple, helps with location.	VOTES 19
21 June 24 Tanya	Shéqsan or Ch'ésqen (Shusksan) Bridge Honor the local Indian heritage	VOTES 0
21 June 24 Franz Ferdinand	The Queen Charles III Royal Pier of Peerdom Honoring the monarch of our neighbors to the north. And west.	VOTES 2
21 June 24 Franz Ferdinand	The Queen Charles III Royal Pier Give the Canadians a place to walk.	VOTES 2
21 June 24 Franz Ferdinand	The Queen Charles III Royal Pier of Peerdom Honouring our neighbors to the north. And west.	VOTES 2
21 June 24 Douglas	mixed waters crossing What it was should be kept and cleaned up	VOTES 1

## IDEAS

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22 June 24 Taj williams	<b>Pier into the future</b>
VOTES 1	Just a glance at the potential of tomorrow
22 June 24 Thiran Udawatta	<b>Pier bliss</b>
VOTES 1	Pun on pure bliss
22 June 24 Wazdor	<b>Pier-Per-View</b>
VOTES 0	Thought it was a funny twist to pay per view, people are going to go there to see the lovely view of the land and sea
22 June 24 Bellinghamster1234	<b>Call the reconstructed pier "Olympic Pier"</b>
VOTES 1	To honor the working class men and women who built it and worked on it
22 June 24 Long Gone	<b>The Pier of Subdued Excitement</b>
VOTES 4	
22 June 24 Hardy	<b>The Plank</b>
VOTES 1	As in "plank" of wood.
22 June 24 LAlvarado	<b>Salish Sea Pier</b>
VOTES 0	
22 June 24 Kat	<b>Lehigh Pier at little Squaticum</b>
VOTES 0	Link to history and location

## IDEAS

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22 June 24	Bonnie Andersen	Birds Eye view
	VOTES 0	There have always been birds sitting on this pier, and it will be cool to walk out and finally see what they see!
22 June 24	Bonnie Andersen	Pollute Bay pier
	VOTES 1	Literally what my dad has called it my whole life
22 June 24	Luke R	Christ is Lord
	VOTES 9	
22 June 24	Charles Underhill	The Pickett Pier
	VOTES 1	
23 June 24	Lirael	Pierless in Bellingham
	VOTES 0	
23 June 24	Dawn Diver	Olympic-Lehigh Lookout (or Pier)
	VOTES 0	Olympic-Lehigh Lookout (or Pier) - The name combines the historical reference to the Olympic Portland Cement Company with the proposed new overlook feature, as well as a nod to the Lehigh Northwest Cement Company, which donated the pier to the city. This name pays tribute to the pier's past and the continuity and contribution of the current company to the community.
23 June 24	Ecw	The Squalla Pier
	VOTES 0	Squalla means dog salmon and is taken from squalicum

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23 June 24 SharyEnnen	Lehigh Pier
VOTES 0	
23 June 24 Tanker	Century pier
VOTES 0	Century pier for the 100 years
23 June 24 Rick Laursen	From Pier to Eternity
VOTES 0	
23 June 24 RC	Bluewater Pier
VOTES 0	
23 June 24 Neko	Piery mcpeirface
VOTES 2	Name submission
23 June 24 Poowoo	Poo poo Pier
VOTES 1	I like it
23 June 24 Donnyteriyaki	Up River Pier
VOTES 0	It seems far too late but I beg that the squalicum master plan be cancelled. It's such a nice are and there's no need to make another obnoxious park like boulevard.
23 June 24 Katie N K	Pier Pier Pumpkin Eater
VOTES 1	

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23 June 24 Scholten	The Birchwood Pier
VOTES 0	
23 June 24 Bluejay	Heron's View Pier
VOTES 2	
23 June 24 Lucy10	The LeHigh Pier
VOTES 0	
24 June 24 Adelaide Myers	Christ is Lord Pier
VOTES 6	
24 June 24 Brooksana	I Can See Canada From Pier
VOTES 2	You really can see it!
24 June 24 Jessi V.	Lhaq'temish Pier
VOTES 1	The Lhaq'temish People, AKA the Lummi people as well as the nooksack, samish, and semiahmoo tribes were the first people to live and love this land. This name in particular is for the Lummi people, the nearest tribe to the area.
24 June 24 Looburns	Marietta Pier
VOTES 16	The pier is located in the Marietta neighborhood of Bellingham. Marietta is a feminine name with myriad meanings, including "drop of the sea" and "beloved".

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24 June 24 Looburns	<b>Rea Pier</b>
VOTES <b>10</b>	Rea Pier is a play on the word reappear. The pier is being restored and will reappear as a public space for all to enjoy. In Greek, Rea means "to flow" or "ground" and is a variation of the name Rhea, borne by the Titan mother of gods and wife of Kronos. Rhea represents the eternal flow of time and generations and embodies the importance of family.
24 June 24 chanaway	<b>Heron Point</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	
25 June 24 Cascajun	<b>Little Squalicum Park Pier</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	Keep it simple. Doesn't need to be clever.
25 June 24 Kevin Williamson	<b>From Pier to Eternity!</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	
25 June 24 Talia Nuckolls	<b>The New Dock</b>
VOTES <b>2</b>	This is what people will end up calling it anyway.
26 June 24 Wooderson	<b>Seems Safe Pier</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	
26 June 24 Wooderson	<b>Tall Dock</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	

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26 June 24 Daniel Wefers	Panorama Pier
VOTES 0	
27 June 24 Puzzle	North Bay Pier
VOTES 0	
30 June 24 McG	Pierless
VOTES 0	
01 July 24 SkyHawkNW	Bayview Pier
VOTES 1	Something short, generic, and memorable, and easily rolls off the tongue
06 July 24 WatkinsInc.	Abalone dreams
VOTES 0	In remembering the beautiful mollusks that used to be plentiful
08 July 24 Watumbi	Pierre the Peir
VOTES 0	
12 July 24 Courtyard	Northern Light Pier
VOTES 0	American Newspapers were being published in the 18th Century. In Whatcom County, "the Northern Light," was the 1st newspaper, in 1858, publisher William Bausman.
13 July 24 dma	Chinook Pier
VOTES 0	

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14 July 24 Steven F	<b>Piers Ploughman</b>
VOTES <b>0</b>	Adds a bit of culture





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## Planning and Community Development City of Bellingham

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### MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Bellingham Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB)  
Nicole Oliver, Director, Parks and Recreation Department

**From:** Darby Galligan, Senior Planner

**Subject:** Proposed artwork at Lee Memorial Park

**Date:** August 6, 2024

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The City has allocated substantial resources over decades to enhance the vibrancy and welcoming atmosphere of downtown. These efforts have increased in 2024, including the creation of a new grant program using lodging tax and general funds to support projects that activate and beautify the district.

The Mayor and Tourism Commission supported the issuance of the first of several Request for Proposals (RFP) last May, resulting in the jury recommendation and approval of seven (7) projects for funding, totaling approximately \$350,000. One of these projects is a series of murals on three staircases leading into Lee Memorial Park at the downtown library.

The project is being undertaken by Paper Whale, a local event and creative placemaking organization. Paper Whale has partnered with artists Jaime Molina and Pedro Barrios on this project to develop the attached artwork concepts. The concept and final design will also be reviewed by the Bellingham Arts Commission for recommendation to the Mayor prior to approval.

The project will cost approximately \$40,000 and is intended to be temporary. The artwork may be removed in the future at the discretion of City staff in consultation with relevant boards and commissions, including the PRAB. A maintenance and removal plan will be included in the contract deliverables.

The project is being presented to the PRAB for your information and to solicit comments, considerations or recommendations prior to the next stages of review.

Please reach out to me with any questions or for additional information at [dgalligan@cob.org](mailto:dgalligan@cob.org) or (360) 778-8389.

