



DATE: Wednesday, May 20, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

LOCATION: This is a hybrid meeting. It will be held in-person at the Eagle's Nest Community Center (1195 Fairgrounds Road, Bremerton) and on Zoom.

Zoom link will be posted on the [home page](#) of Kitsap County Parks website on the day of the meeting. The link is the bottom right-hand side under the heading: **Upcoming Parks Advisory Board Meeting**.

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PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Pre-Meeting: Virtual meeting format, information, and instructions

I. Welcome & Introductions

II. Adoption of the April 15, 2026 meeting minutes

III. Public Comment (3-minute limit/person)

Public comments are welcome at this time. If you have questions or are seeking information from the Parks Department, please contact us at parks@kitsap.gov so that your inquiry may be directed to the appropriate Parks Department staff for a response.

IV. Special Presentations/Reports

- a. Sustaining Parks Service Levels: Demand, Damage, and Capacity *Bre Ganne*
- b. *Community Engagement Summary* *Carmen Smith*

V. Parks Report

- a. Director's Report *Alex Wisniewski, Alex Hardy, Irene Weber, Carmen Smith, Bre Ganne*

VI. Sub-Committee Meetings (since last PAB meeting)

- a. Capital Projects & Parks

VII. District Representative Reports

VIII. Public Comment (3-minute limit/person)

IX. Adjournment



2026 Sub Committee Assignments

Sub Committee	Type	Focus Area	PAB Members	Parks Staff (<i>may vary by topic</i>)
Finance & Budget	Standing (per by-laws)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating Budget Funding Opportunities 	Larry Walker Jessica Rice Linda Berry-Maraist	Parks Director
Capital Projects & Parks	Standing (per by-laws)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital Projects Program M&O Program 	Linda Berry-Maraist Lisa Hurt Dawn Dockter Tom Coleman	Parks Planner M&O Supervisor
Community Outreach & Visitor Services	Ad Hoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events and Rentals Program Marketing Volunteer Program Youth Engagement 	Jessica Rice Jen Skalbeck Tom Coleman	Admin & Events Supervisor Natural Resources Supervisor
Planning & Property	Ad Hoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning Program Natural Resources Program Land Acquisition & Divestiture Park Code 	Larry Walker Linda Berry-Maraist Lisa Hurt Jen Skalbeck	Parks Planner Natural Resources Supervisor

2026 Agenda Items and Sub-Committee Meetings (*updated monthly as needed*)

Month	Task or Agenda Item	Board or Sub-Committee Assignment
January	Board Chair and Vice Chair Elections	Board (completed in November 2025)
	Sub-Committee Assignments	Board
	2026 Department Goals	Board
February	Events: Year in Review	Board
March	Rolling Hills Golf Course RFP	Board
	PAB Annual Workplan	Board
April	CIP Evaluation Tool Review	Capital Projects & Parks
May	CIP Plan Development	Capital Projects & Parks
	Draft CIP Development	Capital Projects & Parks
June	2027 Budget	Finance & Budget
July	Draft CIP Development	Board
	2027 Budget	Board
August		
September		
October	Nominating Sub-Committee (appointed by Chair)	Chair
November		
December	<i>No Meeting, written report only</i>	
	2026 Accomplishments	



KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

April 15, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

The Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board records their monthly meetings. You can find the full recording of this meeting on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPeA0ooGVE>

Previous meetings can also be viewed by visiting: <https://www.youtube.com/@kitsapcountygovernment9963>

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Parks Advisory Board Chair, Dawn Dockter. Meeting guidelines of the hybrid Parks Advisory Board were read.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 18, 2026, and March 18, 2026

- Approval postponed until after Meeting Minutes discussion item in IV. *Special Reports*

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – (*Comments from 00:08:10 – 00:26:19*)

- Steve Ruggiero, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Beverly Parsons, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Carol Price, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Joe Lubischer, comment on North Kitsap Heritage Park
- Don Willot, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS – (*Reports from 00:26:30 – 00:56:10*)

- New Board Member introduction
 - Tom Coleman introduced himself
- Meeting Minutes – Discussion on how to record meeting minutes, specifically regarding capturing public comments.
 - *Jessica Rice moved to record public comments in the future going from today's meeting forward in the same format as March with the name, if with an organization, and what they are speaking about, as well as adding a link to the website so people know where to go to find the full exactly*
 - *Seconded by Larry Walker*
 - Vote to approve minutes formatting in a similar fashion as the March meeting minutes
 - 7 votes received, motion passed unanimously
 - *Larry Walker moved to adopt the February meeting minutes as written*
 - *Seconded by Linda Berry-Maraist*
 - Vote to approve February minutes
 - 7 votes received, motion passed unanimously
 - *Larry Walker – moved to adopt the March meetings as written*
 - *Seconded by Linda Berry-Maraist*
 - Vote to approve February minutes
 - 7 votes received, motion passed unanimously



V. **PARKS REPORT** – [\(Report from 00:56:20 – 01:12:48\)](#)

- Director's Report
 - Volunteer Award Winners
 - Maintenance and Operations Team recognition as summer season opens
 - Natural Resources – Forest Diversity Planting at PGFHP
 - State Appropriations Funding
 - Planning – Gordon Park Master Plan
 - Capital Improvement
 - Concluded community engagement re: Kola Kola and will be presenting next month along with engagement from Gordon Park
 - North Gateway Trailhead Parking at PGFHP – celebratory event May 2nd – details to follow
 - Synthetic Turf bids on Gordon 1 Field closed – looking to have completed by end of July before Fair season
 - South Kitsap Regional Park – prepping to apply for grant through RCO Youth Athletic Facilities grant

VI. **Sub-Committee Reports**

None

VII. **District Representative Reports** – [\(Reports from 01:13:28 - 01:25:25\)](#)

- Jen Skalbeck (North District):
 - Comment on joining virtually vs. in person
 - Conversation with Kingston Youth Sports Association about their user groups and concerns about lack of field space in the NK District. Having to use CK fields or are partnering with schools.
 - Saving comments regarding Kola Kola park for until after survey results are released
 - Thank Parks Dept for North Gateway opening, exciting for users with some limitations
 - Kingston Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Committee about trail work parties this quarter. There is a feeling they could do more if there was more direct support from the County on those volunteer tasks with materials being provided.
- Lisa Hurt (North District):
 - Comment – my car was vandalized at main PGFHP parking lot
 - Discussion regarding EMBA contract that was just approved; expediency creates misrepresentation of necessary environmental protections and facts. Critical area ordinances are not being adhered to.
- Jessica Rice (South District):
 - Visited Banner Forest a few times in the last month. Got comments from users that map on website, as using the trail the map was confusing. They ended up using a different app. Some trails were unmarked.
 - South Kitsap Regional Park – so excited for this development with funding. The lighting improving at some point is phenomenal. There has been a lot of vandalism, nice to think there will be more lighting and turf.



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- Barriers on the playground side, put up because someone was driving on grass with car – put up hastily, there are still major divots in the grass from the installation. Should be fixed – I will put on see click fix. Concerning safety wise for families and small kids.
- Good comments from a non-profit that was using the parks. Working with Scott has been phenomenal. Kudos to Scott and the team.
- Tom Coleman (Central District): No report
- Dawn Dockter:
 - Trails – lots of rogue trails in a lot of parks, maps might not be up to date, but people should also realize they shouldn't be on all of those trails
- Larry Walker (South District):
 - Nothing personally, but that app is Maprika and it's a lot more user friendly

VIII. **Public Comment** – *(Comments from 01:25:39 – 01:34:55)*

- Bradley Barry, EMBA, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Carol Price, comments on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park.
- Don Willott, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Martha Burke, question on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park

IX. **Adjournment**

- *Larry Walker – moved to adjourn the meeting*
 - *Seconded by Linda Berry-Maraist*
 - Discussion: None
 - 7 votes received, motion passed unanimously
 - Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Parks Advisory Board Meeting Attendance

PAB MEMBERS	STAFF	PUBLIC
Lisa Hurt – North	Alex Wisniewski - Director	Dave Onstad
Linda Berry-Maraist – North	Jaycee Brown - Office Support Specialist	
Larry Walker – South	Chuck Cuzzetto - Communications Coordinator	
Dawn Dockter – South		
Jessic Rice – South		
Jen Skalbeck – North		
Lisa Hurt – North		
Tom Coleman – Central		



Director’s Report

Date: May 20, 2026

To: Parks Advisory Board

From: Alex Wisniewski, Parks Director

Administration Program

Communications

In 2025, Parks communications staff developed a “fun” calendar to promote events in Kitsap County Parks via social media in celebration of National Park and Recreation Month. Due to the overwhelmingly positive response, the team has decided to continue producing and sharing these calendars monthly. The June calendar is attached; *please see Attachment A.*

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-4, Objective 4.1 (Action 4.1.3)*

April Volunteer Public Work Party Update

On April 18, 2026, the Parks Department hosted a Volunteer Work Party at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park with 27 participants, including 21 first-time volunteers. The group completed critical trail brushing along the Bluff Trail, improving accessibility and overall trail conditions.

The strong turnout reflects the success of recent updates to the Parks Department’s volunteer program and expanded social media outreach. This event highlights growing community engagement and the essential role volunteers play in supporting Parks operations.

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-2, Objectives, 2.2 (Action 2.2.2), Goal PR-4, Objective 4.2 (Actions 4.2.1, 4.2.2), Objective 4.4 (Actions 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.5, 4.4.6, 4.4.7), Goal 6.3, Objective 6.3 (Action 6.3.2)*

April 2026 Park Maintenance & Volunteer Activity Log

Photos from the April events are attached; *please see Attachment B.*

Date	Access	Location	Group/Partner	Activity Description
4/1/2026	Private	Banner Forest Heritage Park	Stewards	Trail brushing and vegetation clearing.
4/1/2026	Public	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Stewards	Invasive species removal
4/1/2026	Private	Anna Smith Park	Master Gardeners	Maintenance and upkeep of the garden, including plant care and site clean-up.
4/2/2026	Private	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Stewards	Invasive species removal
4/3/2026	Private	Square Lake Park	Washington Youth Academy	Invasive species removal



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4/3/2026	Private	Anna Smith Park	Master Gardeners	Maintenance and upkeep of the garden, including plant care and site clean-up
4/4/2026	Public	Chico Salmon Park	Stewards	Invasive species removal
4/4/2026	Private	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Washington Youth Academy	Invasive species removal
4/6/2026	Private	Buck Lake Native Plant Garden	Buck Lake Native Plant Gardeners	Maintenance and upkeep of the Native Plant Garden, including plant care and site clean-up
4/8/2026	Public	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Stewards	Invasive species removal
4/8/2026	Private	Anna Smith Park	Master Gardeners	Maintenance and upkeep of the garden, including plant care and site clean-up
4/9/2026	Private	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Stewards	Invasive species removal
4/10/2026	Private	Anna Smith Park	Master Gardeners	Maintenance and upkeep of the garden, including plant care and site clean-up
4/11/2026	Public	Banner Forest Heritage Park	Stewards	Trail brushing and vegetation clearing
4/15/2026	Public	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Navy	Trail brushing and vegetation clearing
4/15/2026	Private	Anna Smith Park	Master Gardeners	Maintenance and upkeep of the garden, including plant care and site clean-up
4/16/2026	Private	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Stewards	Hazard tree removal
4/17/2026	Private	Anna Smith Park	Master Gardeners	Maintenance and upkeep of the garden, including plant care and site clean-up
4/18/2026	Public	Silverdale Dog Park	Stewards	Park clean-up
4/18/2026	Public	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Washington Youth Academy	Trail brushing and vegetation clearing
4/18/2026	Public	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	Volunteers	Trail brushing and vegetation clearing
4/19/2026	Public	Harper Park	Stewards	Invasive species removal
4/20/2026	Private	Buck Lake Native	Buck Lake Native	Maintenance and upkeep of



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		Plant Garden	Plant Gardeners	the Native Plant Garden, including plant care and site clean-up
4/22/2026	Public	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Stewards	Invasive species removal
4/22/2026	Private	Anna Smith Park	Master Gardeners	Maintenance and upkeep of the garden, including plant care and site clean-up
4/23/2026	Private	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Stewards	Invasive species removal
4/24/2026	Private	Anna Smith Park	Master Gardeners	Maintenance and upkeep of the garden, including plant care and site clean-up
4/25/2026	Public	Norwegian Point Park	Stewards	Park clean-up
4/25/2026	Public	Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park	Educational	BioBlitz: Nature Walk and iNaturalist's App
4/25/2026	Public	Illahee Forest Preserve	Educational	Discover Kitsap Parks – Nature Walk
4/25/2026	Private	Erlands Point Preserve	Volunteers	Park clean-up and Invasive species removal
4/29/2026	Public	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Stewards	Trail brushing and vegetation clearing
4/29/2026	Private	Anna Smith Park	Stewards	Maintenance and upkeep of the garden, including plant care and site clean-up
4/30/2026	Private	Newberry Hill Heritage Park	Stewards	Invasive species removal

Upcoming May Public Events

Date	Access	Location	Event	Activity Description
5/23/2026	Public	Island Lake County Park	Park Clean Up	Park Clean-Up Day
5/30/2026	Public	Point No Point	Discover Kitsap Park	Seabird Migration Education

- Supports PROS: Goal PR-2, Objectives, 2.2 (Action 2.2.2), Goal PR-4, Objective 4.2 (Actions 4.2.1, 4.2.2), Objective 4.4 (Actions 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, 4.4.5, 4.4.6, 4.4.7), Goal 6.3, Objective 6.3 (Action 6.3.2)



Events Program

Events By the Numbers and Events Calendar

Data on the number of events at each Parks Facility is attached; *please see Attachment C.*

- Outward-facing events calendar: Kitsap County Parks Event Calendar (kitsapgov.com)
- Online reservations and payment portal: Kitsap County Parks > Home (recdesk.com)

June Public Events

Event	Date	Location
Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue Kids Day	June 6	Kitsap County Fairgrounds and Event Center
West Sound Roller Derby	June 6	Pavilion @ the Kitsap County Fairgrounds and Event Center
Kitsap Live Steamers – Public Run Day	June 13	South Kitsap Regional Park
Kitsap Destruction Derby	June 13	Thunderbird Arena @the Kitsap County Fairgrounds and Event Center
Kitsap Medieval Faire	June 20	South Kitsap Regional Park
PNW Flea Market	June 26-27	Pavilion @ the Kitsap County Fairgrounds and Event Center
Kitsap Live Steamers – Public Run Day	June 27	South Kitsap Regional Park

BoCC Sponsored Events

In 2025, the Board passed a resolution updating Commissioner Sponsored Events with associated fee waivers. The proposed resolution continues fee waivers for events held at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds and Events Center, including Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Veterans Day, Farm Days (formerly Corey’s Day on the Farm), Toys for Tots, and the Greater Kitsap Chamber Military Appreciation Day. The total estimated value of waived rental fees is \$50,000 annually, or \$10,000 per event, to be applied toward internal Kitsap County costs such as facility rentals, equipment rentals, and fire permit fees. An update on the first two events in 2026 is provided.

- The Martin Luther King Jr. Event was held on January 19, 2026, and had a total attendance of 275 participants. Event producers shared the following feedback with Parks staff: “Great event; smooth as always.” Photos from the event are included; *please see Attachment D.* A breakdown of the sponsored event budget is provided below:



Martin Luther King Junior Event	
Rental Fees	\$ 1600
Equipment Rental Fees	\$1826
Fire Permit Fee	\$463.38
Total Sponsored Fee	\$3,889.38

- The Greater Kitsap Chamber Military Appreciation Day Event was held on March 14, 2026, and had a total attendance of 2,000 participants. Event producers shared the following feedback with Parks staff: “Fantastic event; terrific! Great staff.” Photos from the event are included; *please see Attachment E*. A breakdown of the sponsored event budget is provided below:

Greater Kitsap Chamber Military Appreciation Day Event	
Facility Rental Fees	\$ 2875
Equipment Rental Fees	\$4046
Fire Permit Fee	\$538.05
Total Sponsored Fee	\$7,459.05

Maintenance & Operations Program

Park and Facility Maintenance

As spring sunshine has arrived, staff are spending the majority of their time performing routine cleanup, restroom custodial services, picnic shelter maintenance, trash removal, and general groundskeeping across the system, consistent with the designated April 1–October 1 service levels. Highlights include:

- **Cartegraph System Onboarding:** M&O continues to make strong progress onboarding assets into the County’s OpenGov (Cartegraph) system, including development of preventative maintenance schedules and work activity templates for assets loaded during the initial phase. Staff are working closely with Public Works to align asset types, utility records, and maintenance standards, reflecting Parks’ role in managing a broad portfolio of infrastructure. Because many assets are jointly owned or managed between the two departments, this coordination is helping establish clear jurisdictional responsibility. The system is already identifying assets that previously lacked defined ownership or consistent tracking. This onboarding work is creating a more unified and accurate asset inventory and strengthening long-term stewardship of County infrastructure.
- **Restroom Painting and Repairs:** Restrooms at Silverdale Gateway Park, Veterans Memorial Park, South Kitsap Regional Park, and Howe Farm Park were repainted with a durable epoxy coating to improve longevity and facilitate easier graffiti removal.
- **Site Amenity Repairs:** Staff replaced boards on benches and tables at Silverdale Waterfront Park, Norwegian Point Park, and Arness Park, improving safety, usability, and overall park appearance.



- **Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park Signs:** Staff have installed new park name signs at the Bayview parking lot and completed repairs to the round-rail fence that had been damaged after being struck and knocked down.
- **Point No Point Park Septic System:** The septic drainfield serving the Keeper's Quarters duplex, which houses the rental unit and the U.S. Lighthouse Society office, has failed. To maintain uninterrupted operations, staff are arranging for the tank to be pumped approximately every two weeks as needed. Staff are also contracting with Drain Pros to design a replacement drainfield. Construction costs will be determined once the design is complete.
- **Point No Point Park Dune Fencing:** A gap in the fencing at Point No Point Park between the planted upper North Beach area and the adjacent private property has been closed, resolving ongoing impacts to the neighbor's beach frontage. The opening had originally been left at the neighbor's request; however, increasing foot traffic began directing visitors along the property's fence line, creating unintended intrusion.
- Sealing the gap has eliminated this shortcut and restored a clear boundary between public and private areas.
- **Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – North Gateway Parking:** The parking lot project is now complete, and staff have begun daily servicing of the onsite Romtec pit toilet. A new water meter and service line were installed to support regular cleaning, and the building has already required pressure washing due to bird activity. Staff installed bird deterrents and cleaned both the restroom wall and the adjacent ADA parking stalls, where the blue and white decals have already deteriorated since installation. The ADA spaces will be repainted once the surface is fully prepped for new striping. New signage indicating park hours, rules, and a trail map were installed at the soft opening in mid-April.
- **Kola Kola Schoolhouse:** The undersized sink and sewer pipes in the Historical Building became clogged, and staff were unable to clear the blockage, requiring a contracted plumber to resolve the issue. After clearing the lines, the plumber advised that the building's plumbing should be brought up to current code to prevent future failures.
- **Fairgrounds and Event Center Groundskeeping:** Staff have resumed a biweekly landscaping work party at the Fairgrounds and Event Center to ensure the grounds are well maintained ahead of the spring and summer event season. While routine mowing maintains the primary areas, the more detailed work that enhances the overall appearance of the Fairgrounds and Event Center is most effectively completed through coordinated group efforts.
- Staff have noted they enjoy the increased collaboration on these projects, which also strengthens coordination with the Events M&O team. This approach allows Events staff to focus on grounds maintenance around buildings, while work party crews concentrate on high-visibility detail work across the site.



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- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-6, Objective 6.1 (Actions 6.1.2, 6.1.3), Objective 6.5 (Action 6.5.2)*

Ballfield Maintenance

- **Annual Field Operations:** Staff completed annual spring field operations on all athletic fields except Field 1, which is being withheld from fertilizing and seeding in preparation for chafer beetle treatment. This approach helps minimize the pest's impact on remaining grass fields and preserves field quality until the artificial turf project can proceed.
By adjusting maintenance practices at Field 1, staff are also avoiding unnecessary utility and material costs, resulting in significant annual savings.
 - **Bloomquist Infield Renovation** - Field 2 remains unfinished due to the continued unavailability of the 30 cubic yards of infield mix needed to restore the field to its proper grade, with the vendor indicating that material will not be available for at least another month.
To ensure the softball league can continue its season without disruption, staff installed an additional pitching rubber positioned 10 feet closer to home plate at, allowing games originally scheduled for Bloomquist Field 2 to be relocated to South Kitsap Regional Park Field 3.
- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-6, Objective 6.1 (Action 6.1.2, 6.1.3), Objective 6.5 (Action 6.5.2)*

Trail Maintenance

Tree Clearing: Fallen trees were addressed at Howe Farm Park, South Kitsap Regional Park, North Kitsap Heritage Park, Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park, and Guillemot Cove Park.

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-6, Objectives 6.3 (Actions 6.3.1, 6.3.2), Objective 6.4 (Action 6.4.1)*

Unplanned Maintenance: Vandalism and HEART Response

Throughout April, staff responded to multiple incidents of vandalism, illegal dumping, and encampment cleanup across the park system:

- **Homeless Encampment Cleanups:** Staff completed cleanups at Illahee Forest Preserve Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Old Mill Park, and Silverdale Waterfront Park.
- **Illegal dumps:** Staff addressed illegal dumping at the Fairgrounds and Event Center, Illahee Forest Preserve Park, Silverdale Waterfront Park, Wicks Lake, and South Kitsap Regional Park.
- **Vandalism:** Graffiti was found on the freshly painted interior walls of the restroom at Horseshoe Lake Park and inside the skate bowl at South Kitsap Regional Park; staff were able to remove it quickly. At Kitsap Kids Playground, multiple boards were removed by vandals, and a swing was cut in half. The restroom building at Old



Mill Park continues to be vandalized and broken into, resulting in damage to locking mechanisms and metal doors. At Wildcat Lake Park, a stump was set on fire.

Natural Resources Program

Seedling Donation from Rayonier

Kitsap County Parks accepted a donation of approximately 9,000 western hemlock seedlings from Rayonier. The seedlings have been heeled into a nursery bed at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park until they can be planted in forest restoration areas throughout the County in the fall/winter of this year.

- *Supports PROS plan goals PR-2, Objectives, 2.1, 2.2, 3.2 (Actions 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.2.1)*

Environmental Assessments

Environmental assessments, including vegetation mapping and wildlife habitat utilization analyses, are ongoing at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park, Coulter Creek Heritage Park, and Eglon Forest. Biologists and ecologists are continuing to collect field data throughout spring and summer, with reports anticipated near the end of 2026. Additionally, Parks is contracting with Wild Fish Conservancy to complete hydrologic mapping and analysis at Coulter Creek Heritage Park. These data will help inform restoration needs, natural resource management, and future park planning.

- *Supports PROS plan goals PR-1, PR-2, Objectives, 1.1, 2.1, 3.2 (Actions 1.1.3, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 3.1.4)*

Planning & Capital Program

Planning

Gordon Park Master Plan

Parks staff and the consultant team have concluded a successful initial engagement phase for the Gordon Park Master Plan. Engagement activities included a user-focused workshop for individuals with disabilities, a community open house, an online survey, and several pop-up/tabling events.

The project will now move into the design phase. The consultant team will host a design charrette to initiate the design process, and Parks staff will provide a presentation summarizing engagement activities at this meeting.

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-1, Objective 1.3 (Action 1.3.2), Objective 3.2 (Action 3.2.1)*

Park Impact Fee Study

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on February 10 and closed on March 10, with five responses received. Staff from the Parks Department and Auditor's Office evaluated and scored all proposals and issued a Notice of Intent to Award to FCS, a Bowman Company. Parks is currently working through the contracting process. Staff will bring this item back to the Board of County Commissioners once additional information is available.

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-1, Objective 1.3 (Action 1.3.2), Objective 1.6 (Action 1.6.1)*



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Kola Kole Park Community Engagement

Parks engaged with the Kingston community regarding future uses of Kola Kole Park to help inform capital planning efforts. A community survey was released on March 2 and closed on March 31, receiving 330 responses.

Parks staff will provide a presentation highlighting the survey results at this meeting.

- *Supports PROS Plan Goal PR-1, PR-4, Objective 4.1*

Rolling Hills Golf Course

Kitsap County Parks intends to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the operation of Rolling Hills Golf Course. Parks staff have contracted with the National Golf Foundation (NGF) to assist in the development of the RFP.

Following directions from the Board of County Commissioners, NGF will begin drafting an RFP that allows vendors to submit proposals for either an operating lease or a management agreement. Staff will bring this item back to the Board of County Commissioners once additional information is available.

- *Supports PROS Plan Goal PR-4, PR-6, Objective 4-1, Objective 6.5 (Action 6.5.1)*

Dan Thompson Grant

Parks is working with the Kitsap Public Health District on a parks and trails accessibility project funded by the Dan Thompson Grant. The overarching project includes improving accessibility information for parks and trails, conducting an outreach campaign to publicize accessible parks and trails, developing a process to integrate accessibility into planning efforts, and implementing accessibility improvement projects at parks throughout Kitsap County.

The grant includes funding for these improvement projects, and Parks staff are currently developing a process to receive and evaluate project requests.

- *Supports PROS Plan Goal PR-1, Objectives 1.3, Objective 1.4 (Actions 1.4.1 & 1.4.2)*

Capital

Capital Improvement Plan

Parks staff are beginning the annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) development process. Initial activities include meeting with the Capital Projects and Parks Subcommittee of the Parks Advisory Board to review the evaluation tool developed last year, as well as compiling and evaluating proposed capital projects.

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-1, Objective 1.3 (Action 1.3.2), Goal PR-2, Objective 2.1, Goal PR-3, Objective 3.2 (Action 3.2.1), Goal PR-5, Goal PR-6, Objective 6.5 (Action 6.5.1)*

Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – North Gateway Trailhead

The project is complete and the parking lot is now open. Parks is planning a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the Phase 1 Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park projects, which include the North Gateway parking lot, Stottlemeyer parking lot, the mountain bike ride



park, and forest restoration efforts. The celebration will be held on May 28; *please see Attachment F.*

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-4, Objective 4.1 (Action 4.1.2)*

Eagle's Nest Deck Replacement

Construction is complete, and Parks is awaiting final inspection.

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-5, Objective 5.3 (Action 5.3.2), Goal PR-6, Objective 6.5 (Action 6.5.1)*

Gordon 1 Field Synthetic Turf Replacement

The bid for replacement of the synthetic turf at Gordon 1 Field closed on April 8, with three bids received. Public Works – Capital Facilities Division evaluated the responses and selected FieldTurf as the lowest responsible bidder. The Capital Facilities Division is currently working through the contracting process and expects the contract to be signed on May 11.

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-5, Objective 5.3, Goal PR-6, Objective 6.5 (Action 6.5.1)*

Roof Replacement Projects

- Village Greens Golf Course Clubhouse: Public Works – Capital Facilities Division is working through contracting, which is expected to be complete by the end of April. Construction is anticipated to be completed by mid-June.
- Point No Point Lighthouse: This project is resuming after a delay due to a lack of federal funding for the United States Coast Guard. Next steps include completing asbestos testing and contracting for roof replacement.
- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-6, Objective 6.5 (Action 6.5.1)*

Sport Courts

Public Works – Capital Facilities Division is developing design concepts for the Suquamish Sport Court and Indianola Tennis Court projects. Following this phase, the projects will be bid as staggered construction packages.

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-1, Objectives 1.3 & 1.4*

South Kitsap Regional Park Athletic Fields

Parks staff applied for the Recreation and Conservation Office's Youth Athletic Facilities grant to secure construction funding for athletic field and lighting improvements at South Kitsap Regional Park. Awards are expected to be announced in October.

- *Supports PROS: Goal PR-1, PR-5, Objective 1.3 (Actions 1.3.1 & 1.3.2)*

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PUBLIC EVENTS HOLIDAYS & ACTIVITY IDEAS 	<p>1 MINDFUL MONDAY Celebrate the start of the month by taking a no-tech hike, and listen to the sounds of nature</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 NBA FINALS WORLD BICYCLE DAY</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 NATIONAL DONUT DAY </p>	<p>6 CKFR KIDS DAY 10am - 2:30pm Kitsap County Fairgrounds</p>
<p>7 SUNSET SUNDAY All Parks are open until dusk, so why not watch the sun set at your favorite waterfront park, like Norwegian Point</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 TIDEPOL TUESDAY Low tide is the perfect time to see starfish, crabs, and more at Salsbury Point Park</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 PHOTO FRIDAY With sunshine and warm weather, it's the perfect time to head outdoors to capture nature on camera</p>	<p>13 KITSAP LIVE STEAMERS PUBLIC RUN DAY 10am - 4pm South Kitsap Regional Park</p>
<p>14 FLAG DAY</p>	<p>15 FOREST ADVENTURE DAY Go on an adventure to a Park you've never been to before and explore new trails and sights</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 ART IN THE PARK Sketch, paint, or photograph at your favorite park, and use nature as your inspiration</p>	<p>18 INTERNATIONAL PICNIC DAY</p>	<p>19 JUNETEENTH PARKS OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>20 KITSAP MEDIEVAL FAIRE 10am - 5pm Kitsap County Fairgrounds</p>
<p>21 GO SKATE DAY Head to your local skate park to join this international celebration of skateboarding</p>	<p>22 NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK See how many types of pollinators you can ID in the Parks</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 WILDCAT WEDNESDAY Boat, swim, fish, or just relax at Wildcat Lake Park</p>	<p>25 THROWBACK THURSDAY Visit a park you haven't been to in a long time, and share with us on social media</p>	<p>26 PNW FLEA MARKET 10am - 4pm Kitsap County Fairgrounds</p>	<p>27 PNW FLEA MARKET 10am - 3pm Kitsap County Fairgrounds</p>
<p>28 TOUR THE LIGHTHOUSE The Point No Point Lighthouse is open to public tours from 12pm to 4pm</p>	<p>29 FIRST DAY OF WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS</p>	<p>30</p>				

Park Stewards

April 3 – Square Lake Park
Park Stewards, in
partnership with the Kitsap
County Noxious Weed
Program, conducted Scotch
broom removal.





Volunteer Public Work Party

April 18 – Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park (Bluff Trail)
Volunteers conducted trail brushing and vegetation
clearing to improve trail access and overall conditions.



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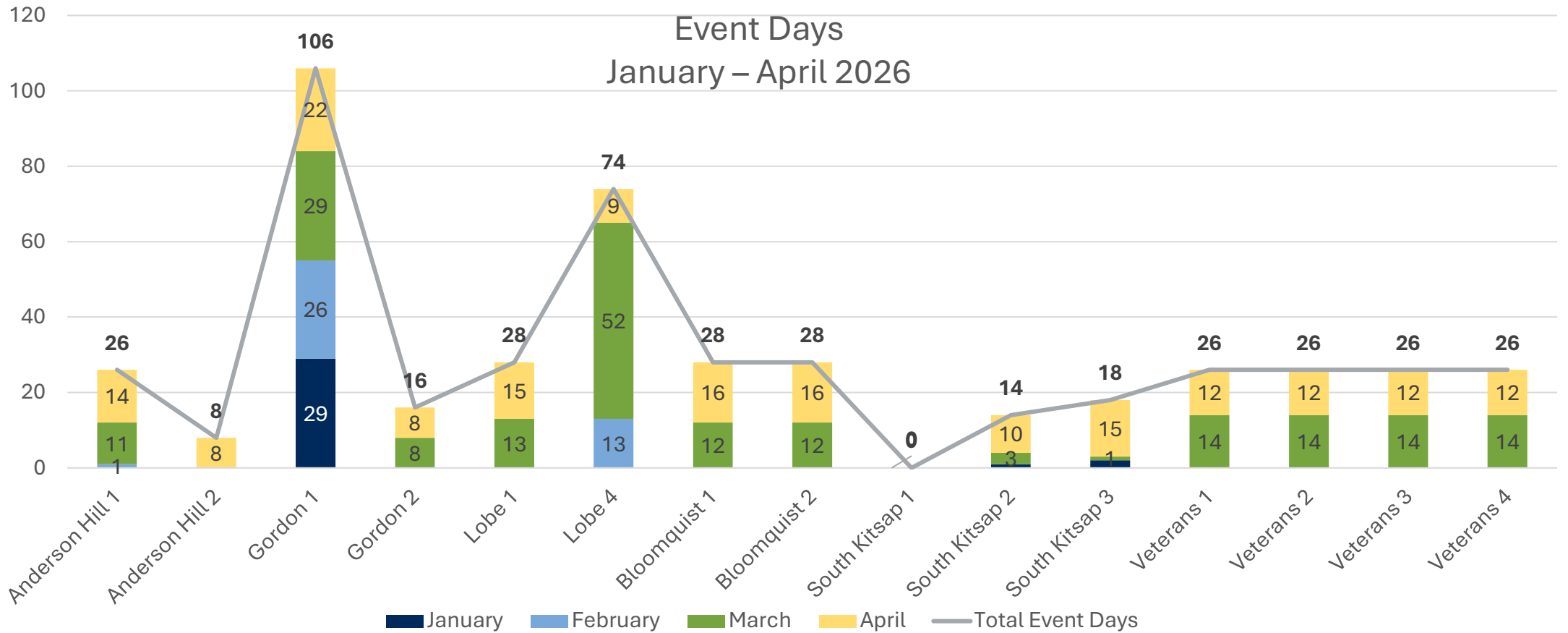
April 18 – Newberry Hill Heritage Park
Pacific Physical Therapy partnered with Park Stewards to remove Scotch broom, supporting ongoing habitat restoration efforts within the park.



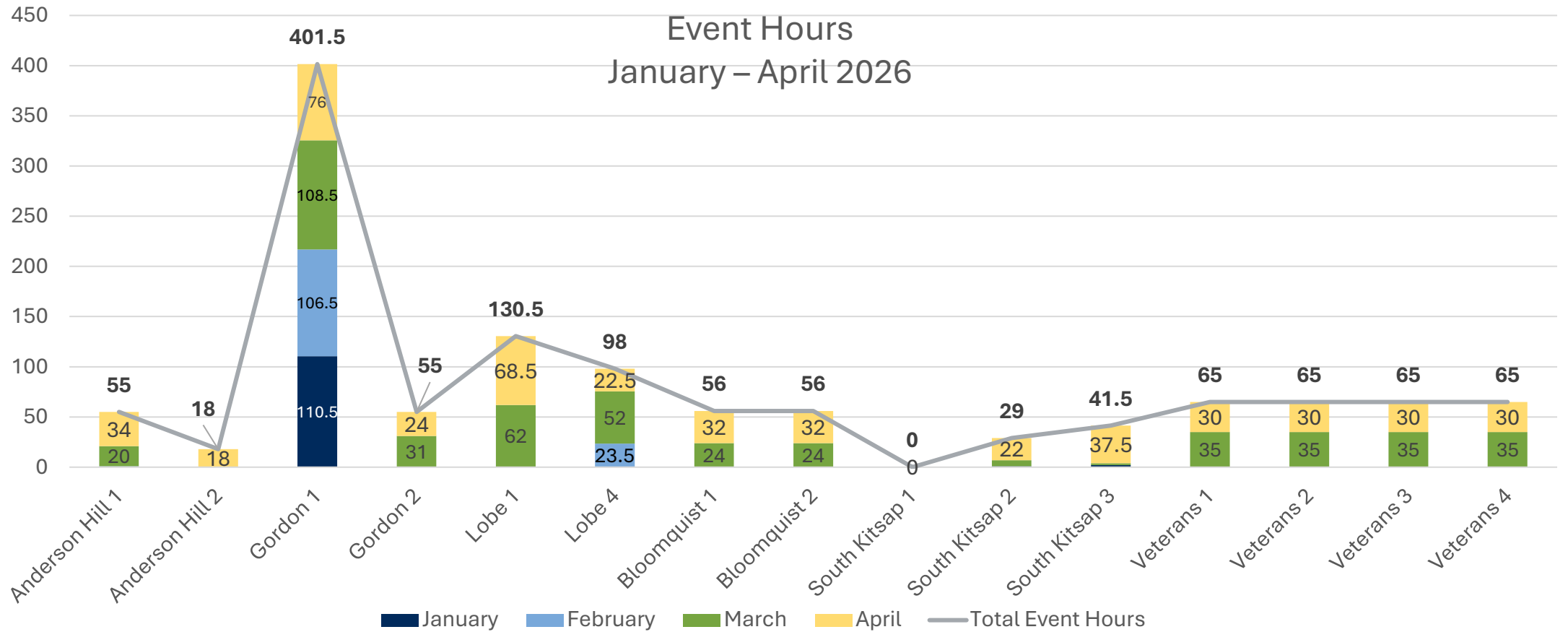
Organizational Group

April 25 – Erlands Point Preserve
The Kitsap Montessori School Association participated in a volunteer effort to remove Scotch broom and collect litter, contributing to the ongoing restoration and maintenance of the preserve.

Athletic Fields

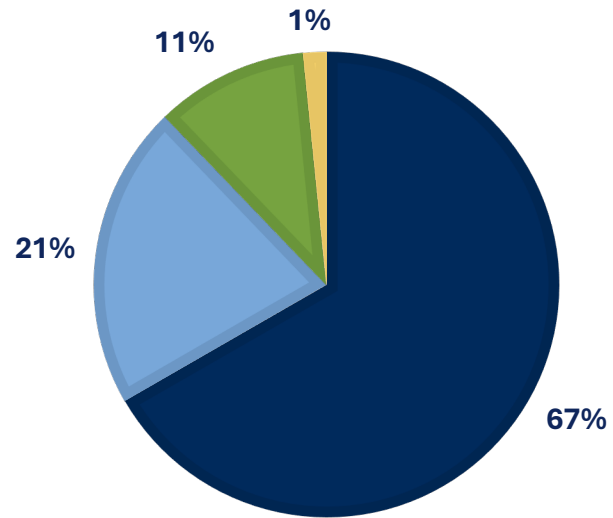


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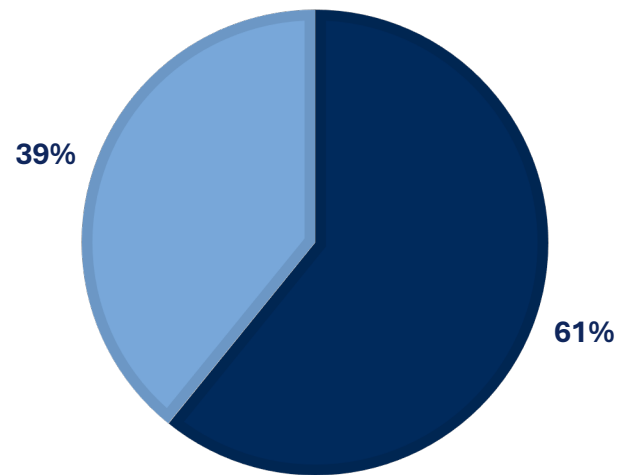
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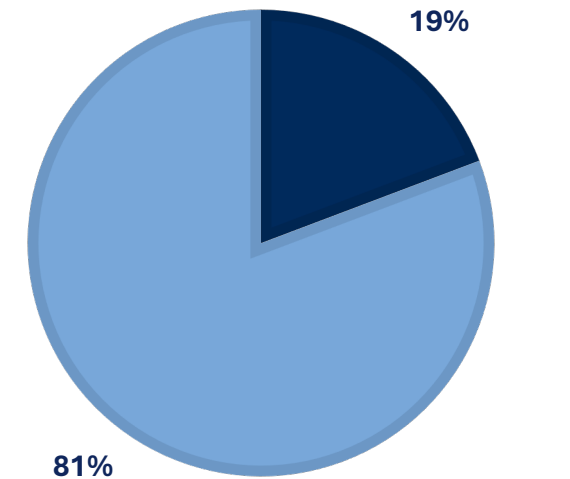
■ Soccer
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■ Baseball
■ Lacrosse

RAIN OUT DAYS JANUARY – APRIL 2026



■ Rain Out Days
■ Open Days

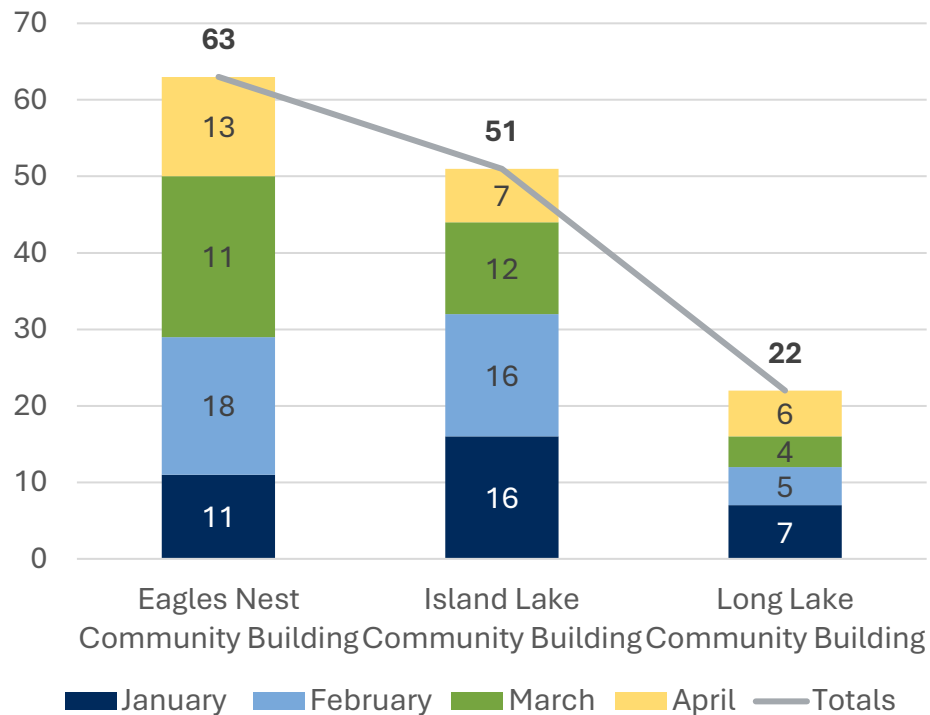
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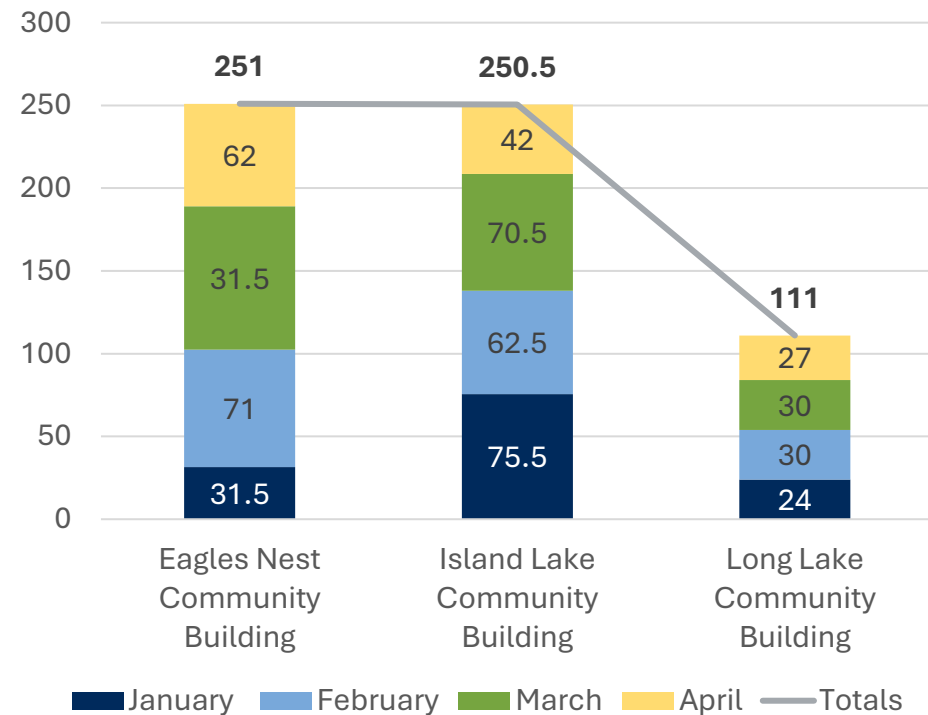
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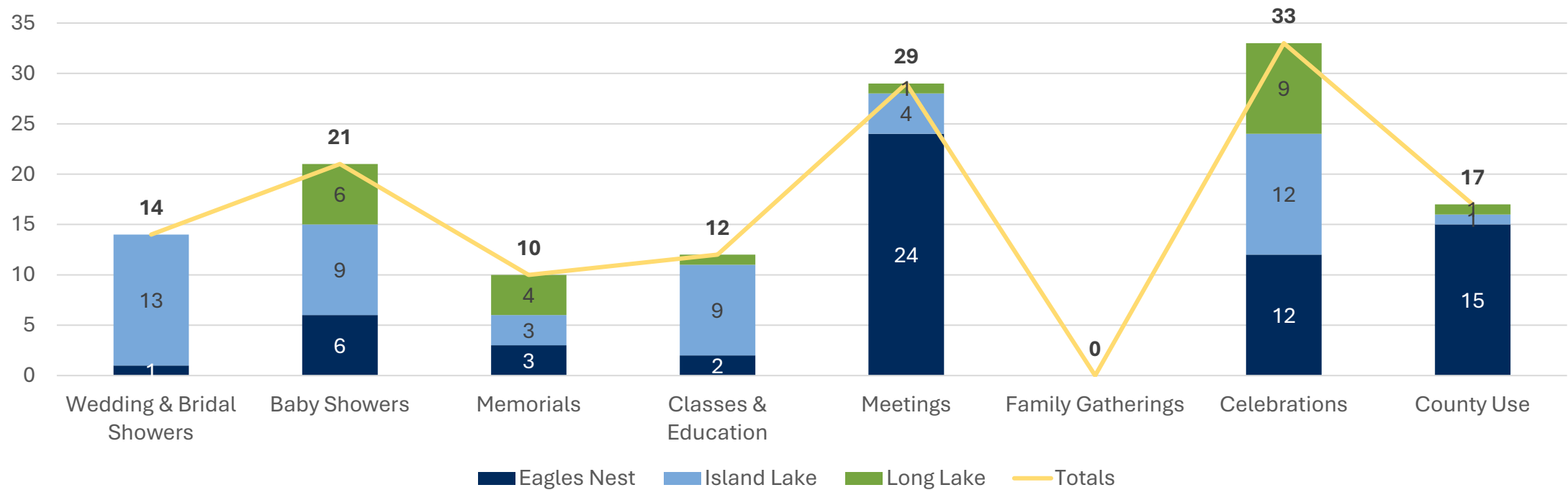


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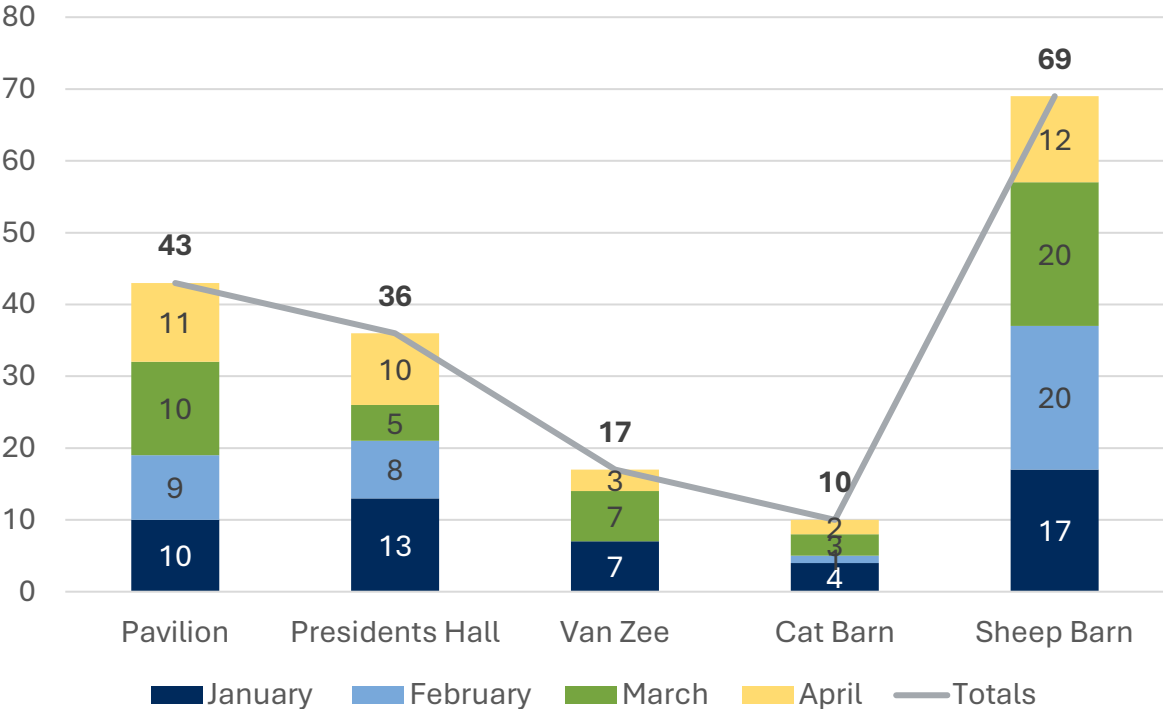
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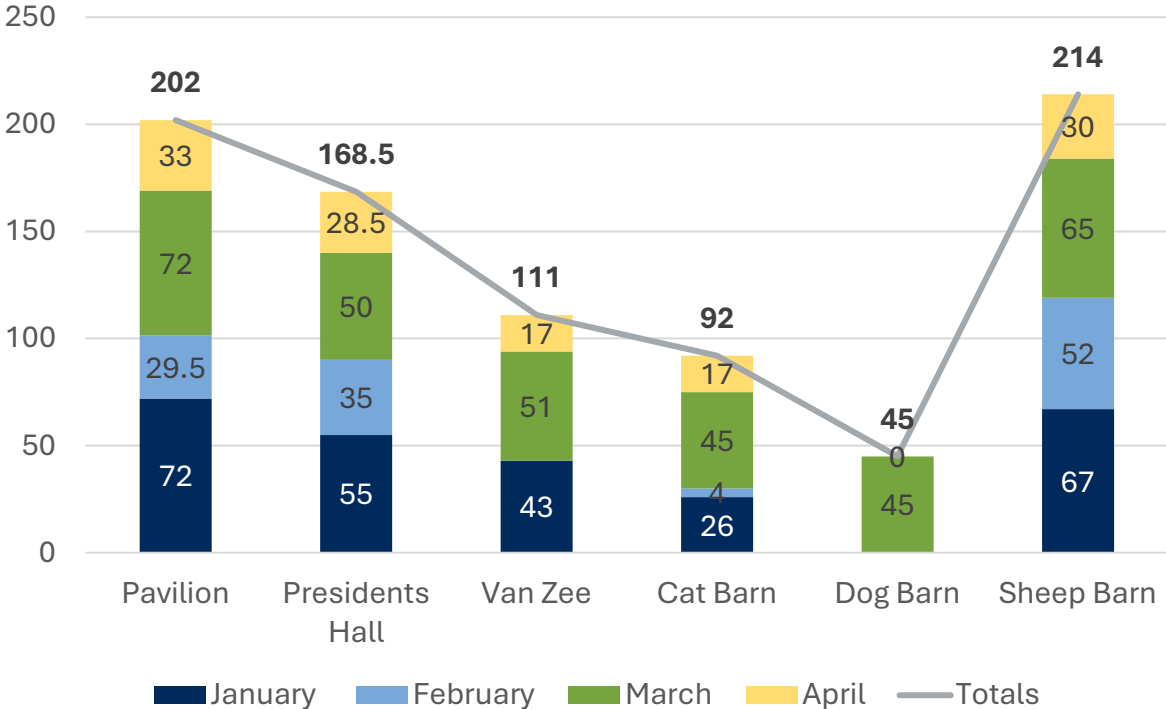


Fairgrounds and Event Center Usage

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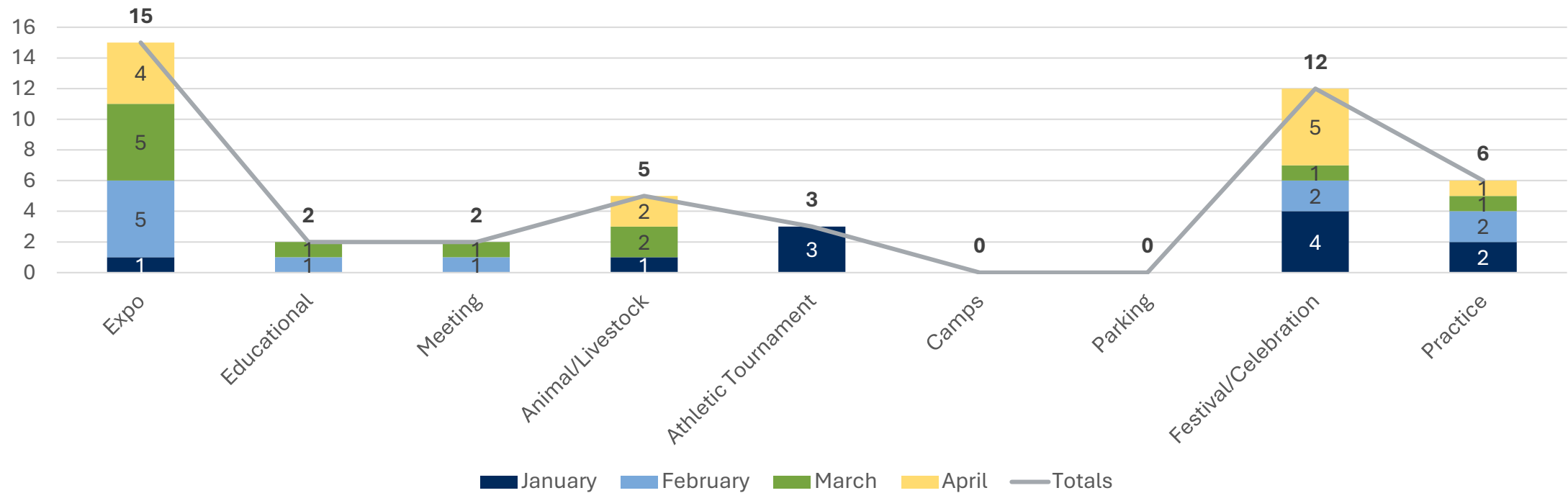


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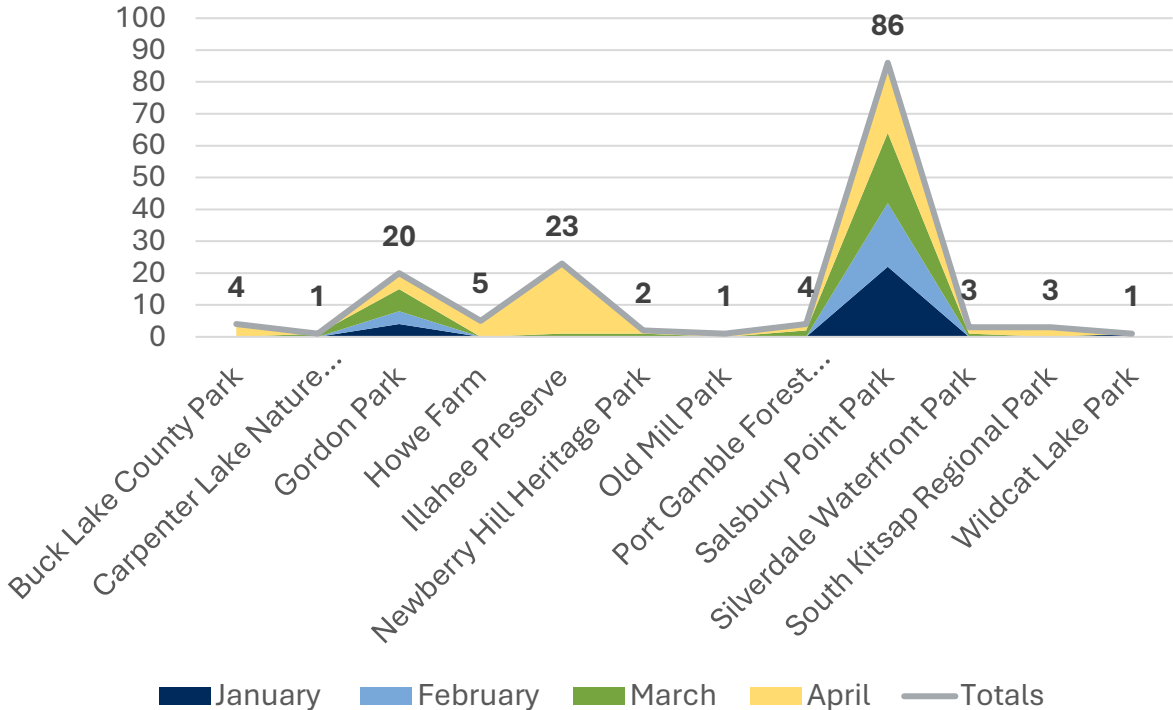
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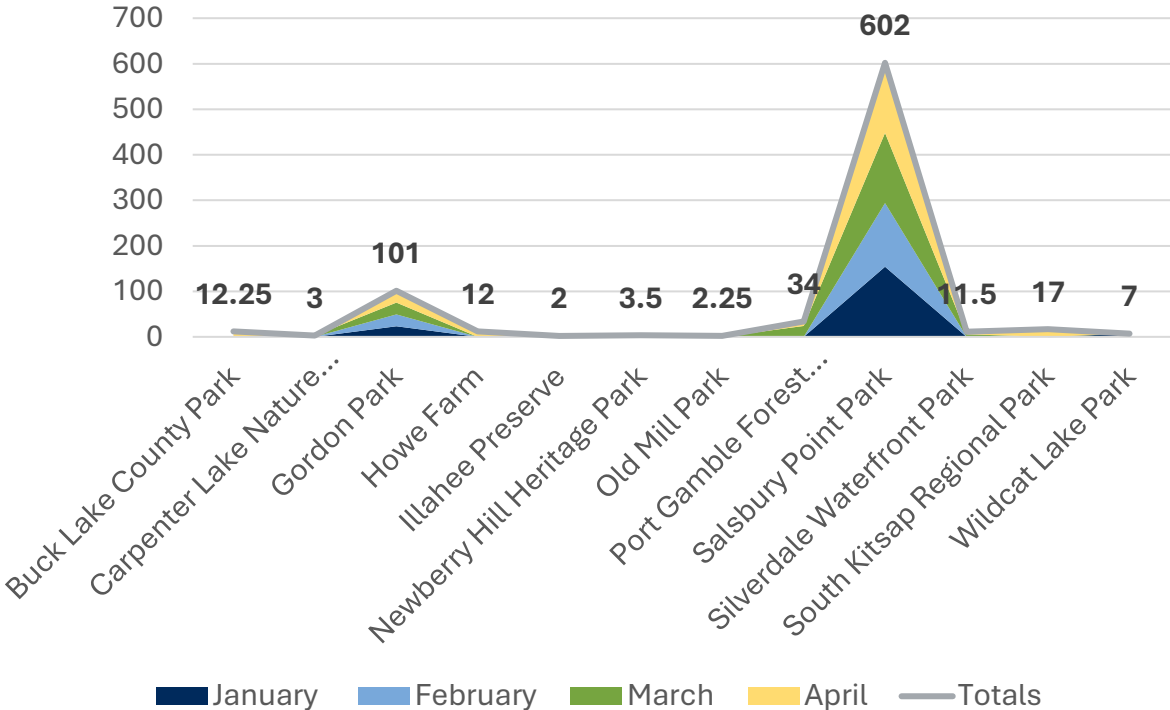


Special Park Events

Event Days
January – April 2026



Event Hours
January – April 2026





Martin Luther King Day Celebration

Jan. 19, 2026





Military Appreciation

March 14, 2026





YOU'RE INVITED!

Kitsap County Parks invites you to join us for a celebration event at the new North Gateway Trailhead at Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park. We'll be celebrating the brief, yet mighty, history and evolution of the park. At the event, we'll be reflecting back to celebrate the Forest & Bay Coalition's successful acquisition and protection of the land, as well as the park activation that has happened since.

DETAILS:

WHAT: *Celebration of Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park*

WHEN: *Thursday, May 28, 2026 (3pm-6pm)*

WHERE: *North Gateway Trailhead, 3800 NE Carver Drive*

ACTIVITIES:

- Welcoming and brief remarks (~3:00pm)
- A birding adventure with Kitsap Audobon Society (~3:30pm)
- A walk in the woods to learn about forest restoration (~4:00pm)
- A high-flying demonstration in the mountain bike ride park (~4:30pm)
- Information booths
- Food vendors

The event will celebrate Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park, from the Forest & Bay Coalition's efforts to acquire the land (2014-2017) and all the actions that have happened since, including: the drafting of a park management framework (2021-2023); the creation of a mountain bike ride park (2021-2023); the purchase of 750 acres of timber rights that saved thousands of trees from clear cutting (2022-2023); analyzing route feasibility and building a segment of the Sound To Olympics trail (2018-2025); and improving access by constructing two new trailhead parking areas (2023-2026). And learn about exciting renewed efforts to purchase more timber rights to save more forest, a new inventory of important wildlife habitat areas, and an upcoming update to the draft park management framework.

Please join us in celebrating the beautiful wonder that is Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park!