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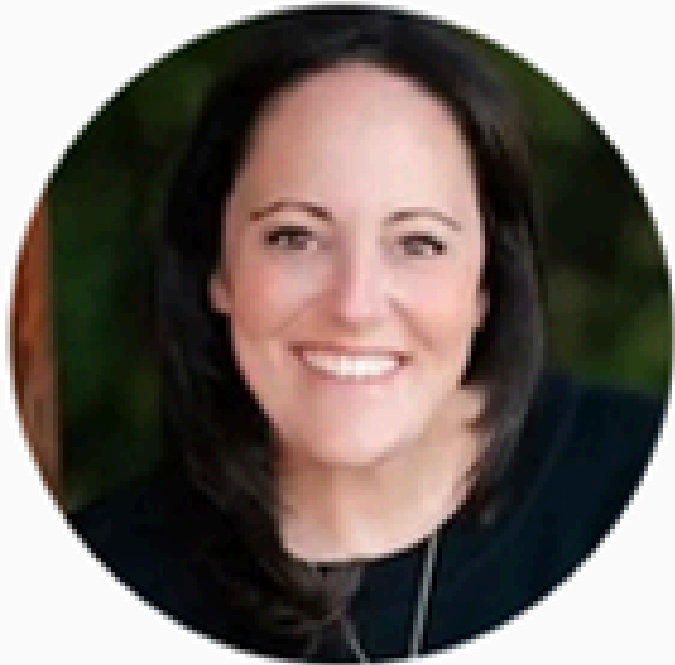
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Company Profile



- Trusted partner across the Pacific Northwest
- Creating **inclusive spaces** that drive **connection, movement** and **community impact**
- Exclusive Distributor of **BCI Burke**



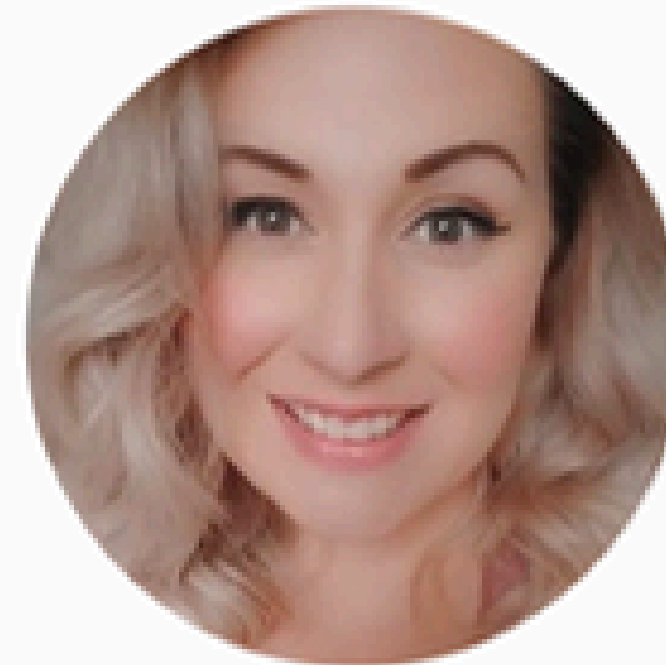
Kati Radziwon
General Manager +
Oregon Representative



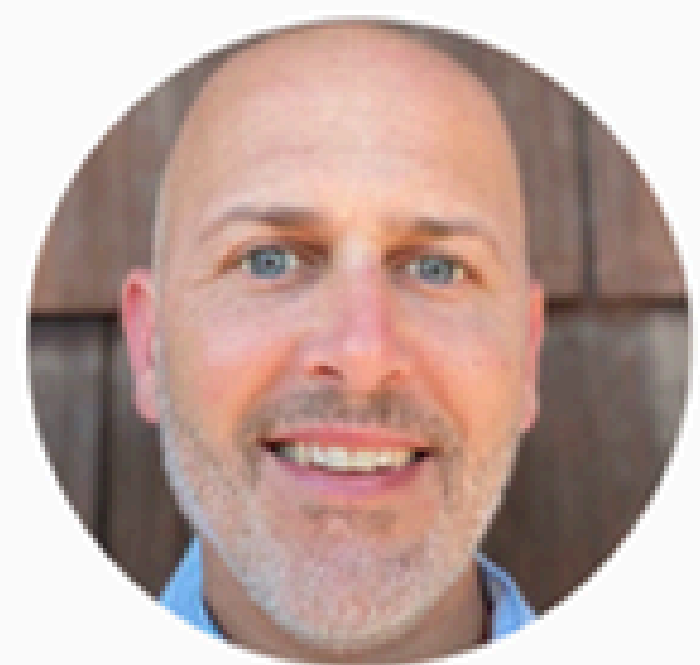
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Why Buell?

- Responsive, Personalized Service
- Local Expertise
- Turnkey Delivery (*design → install → support*)
Playgrounds, fitness, shelters, amenities, surfacing & more
- Inclusive, Value-Driven Design
- Single Point of Contact
- Procurement Support (*grants, co-ops, billing*)
- Quality & Durability
- Fast Warranty Resolution & Support
- Long-Term Partner





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MICKEY CORSO LEADERSHIP GRANT

The Passing of a Friend:

"The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time", a verse from a James Taylor song. This was always on Mickey Corso's bulletin board and it's a passage he lived by. Because of his enjoyment of life, Mickey had many interests.

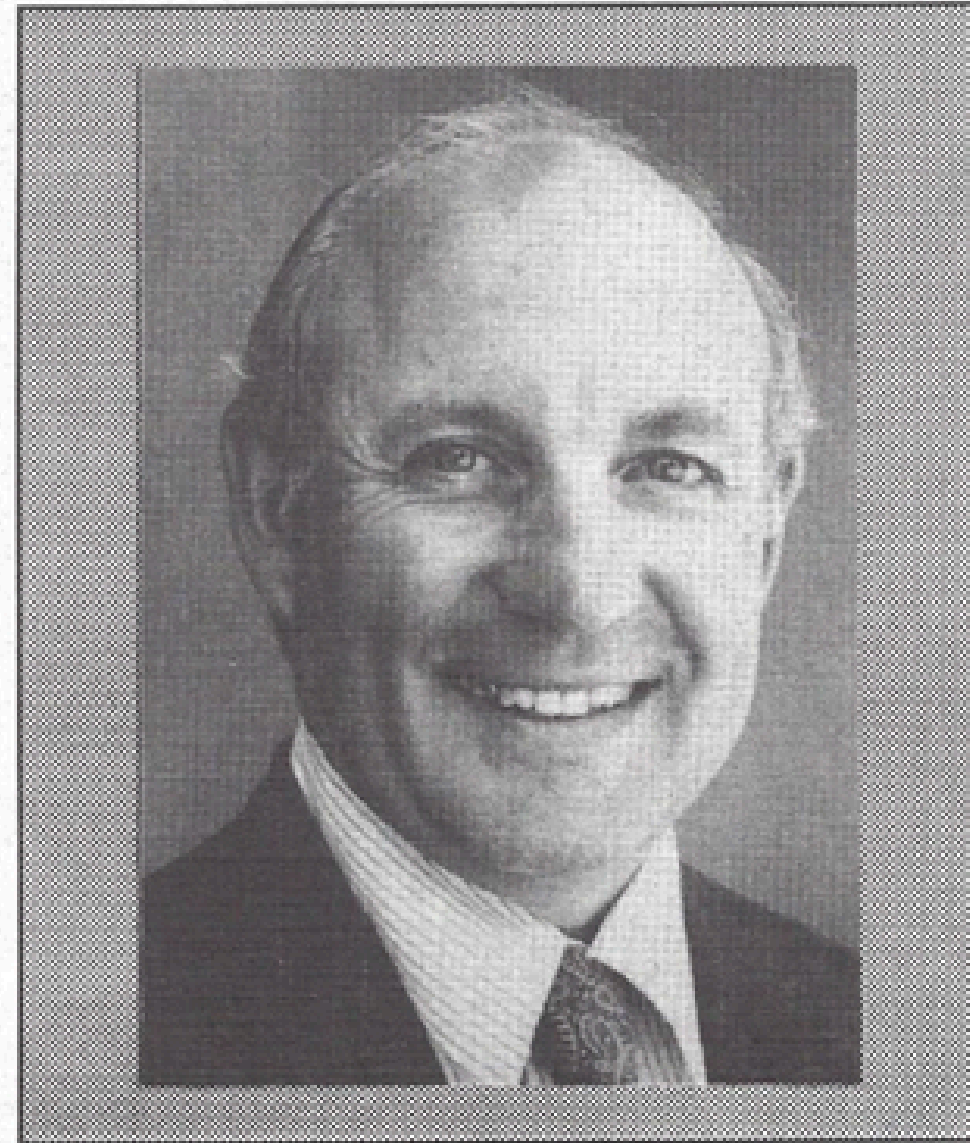
One of his earliest loves was baseball: Mickey was a standout in his sport, both in high school and college. He was a 5'6" catcher who received the Blanket award, he stole home plate twice in one game and even pitched a "no-hitter" in San Francisco A league play. But the highlight of his baseball career he felt was when he hit a triple off of Tom Seaver in a college game. Mickey was even drafted by a "Philly" farm team, but chose a second love...recreation.

Mickey's career in recreation started in South San Francisco, California as a Recreation Supervisor and Administrative Assistant.

Mickey came to Washington in 1972 to become the Director of Recreation and Parks for Mountlake Terrace. He held this position for 18 years before becoming the first Director of Parks, Recreation and Human Services for Federal Way in August, 1990.

Mickey was noted for his "hobo stews" as a recreation leader, as well as his work in developing the Mountlake Terrace system, which won the National Recreation and Park Association and Sports Foundation Gold Medal Award in 1986.

During his time in Mountlake Terrace, Mickey was



Mickey Corso
January 3, 1942 - November 9, 1990

Corso Leadership Scholarship

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Funds will be used to attend NRPA
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ANDREW FUZAK CITY OF SPOKANE PARKS AND RECREATION

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Risk Management for Administrators

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LEVY LEGISLATIVE AWARD



MARY DODSWORTH
PARKS, RECREATION AND
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PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

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LASTING LEGACY AWARD

The Lasting Legacy Award honors recently retired professionals for outstanding service in the field of parks and recreation. This award is not competitive in nature, anyone who is nominated and meets the eligibility requirements will receive this award.

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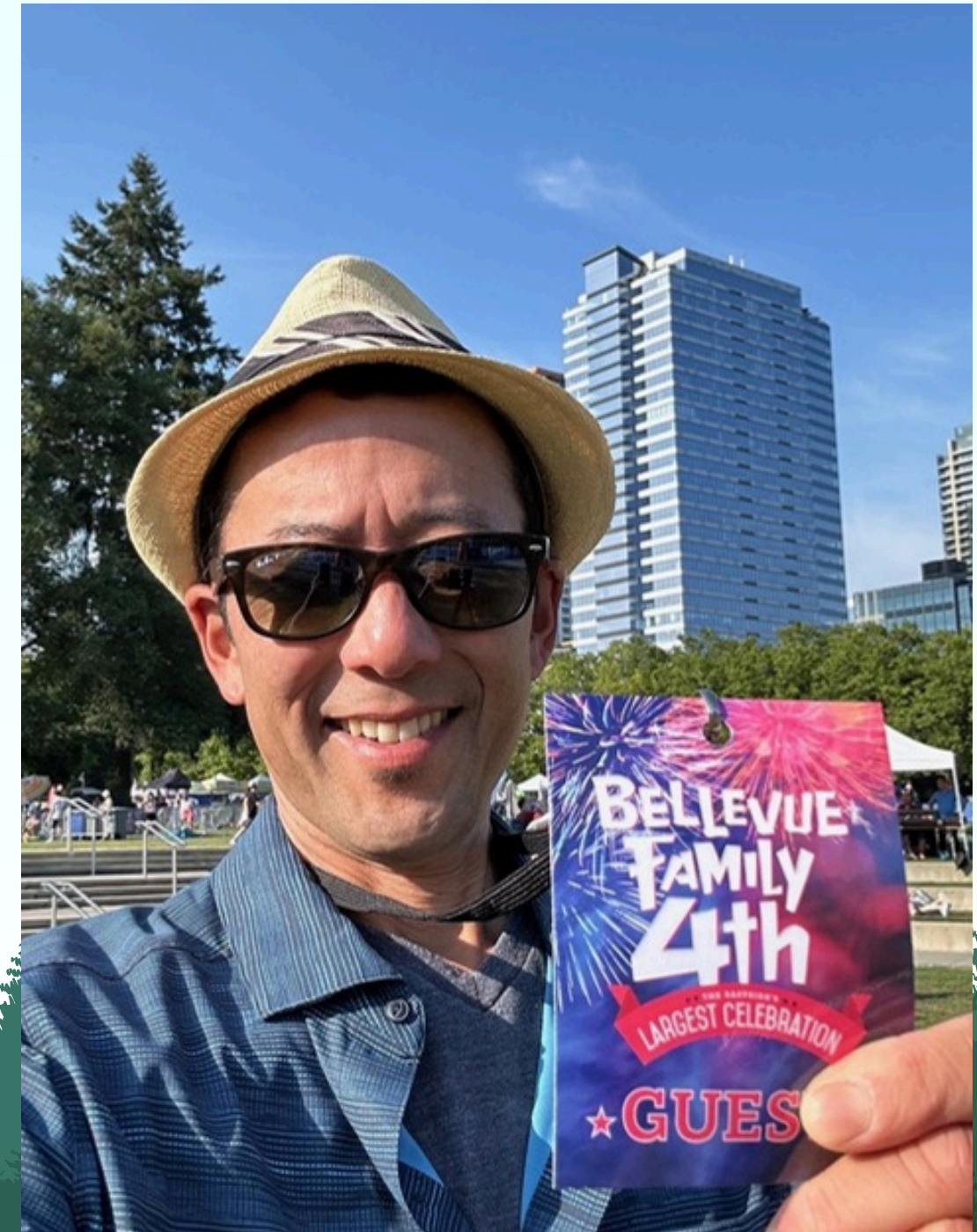


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MONICA TUBBERVILLE

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RON C. DAVIS II UNSUNG HERO AWARD

The Ron C. Davis II Award recognizes an individual for their unwavering commitment, leadership, passion, and contributions to the profession. This award is meant for those individuals who work tirelessly to make a difference in people's lives, without being in the spotlight, without significant acknowledgment, but with steadfast grace and passion. This award is for an Unsung Hero.

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KRIS KELLY
TUKWILA PARKS & RECREATION



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EMERGING PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The Emerging Professional Award recognizes up-and-coming future leaders in the field of parks and recreation. Nominees must possess the qualities and talents that will result in their assuming influential roles within their agency and/or WRPA in the future.

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EMERGING PROFESSIONALS AWARD



SIERRA KROSS
**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METRO PARK
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CITATION OF MERIT AWARD

The Citation of Merit Award recognizes individuals and organizations for their significant contributions to the field of parks and recreation.

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SPOTLIGHT AWARD PROGRAM EXCELLENCE

Program Excellence Awards honor achievements in the delivery of parks and recreation programs and services. There are three categories:

- Equity, Health & Wellness
- Innovative Programming
- Other Programs, Initiatives / Special Events

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HEALTH & WELLNESS
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HIGHLIGHTS

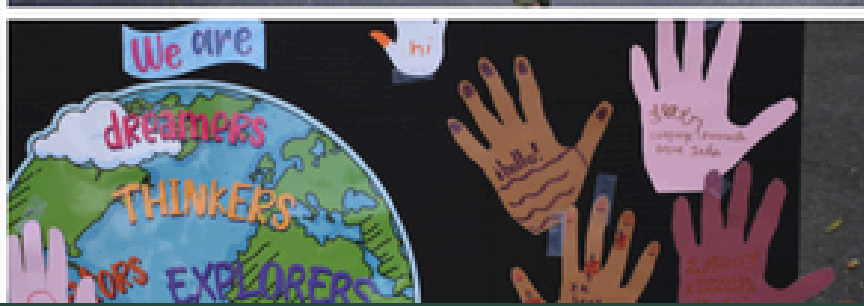
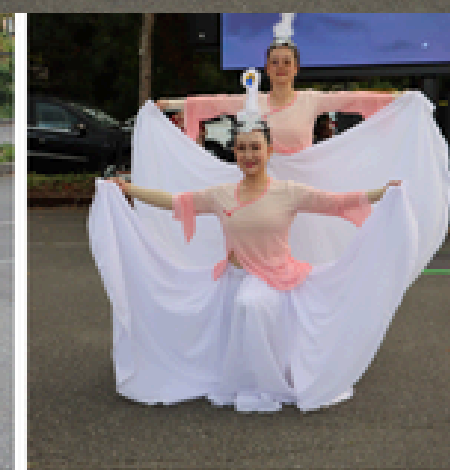
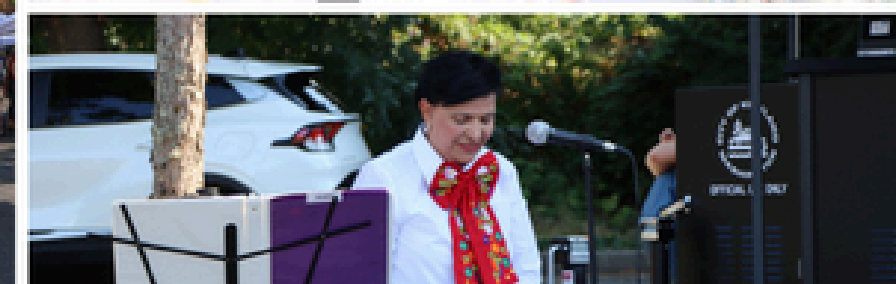
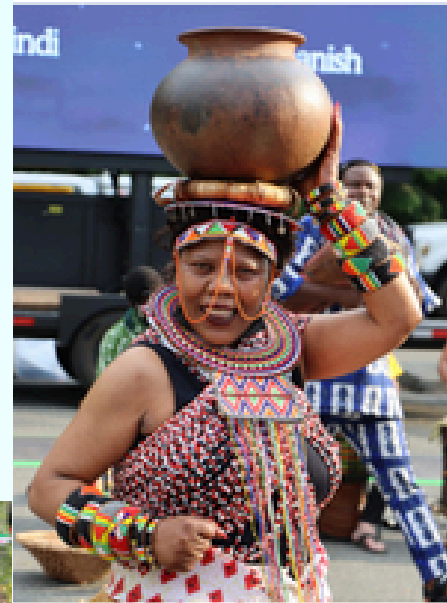
Total Attendance: 5,000+

Live Performances:
Salsa, traditional Mexican dance, Indian singing and guitar, African dance and drumming, Hispanic choir, Chinese dance and cultural performance

27 vendors
9 local resource booths, 8 cultural craft vendors, and 10 international food booths

CULTURES & COUNTRIES

Caribbean ■ China
Columbia ■ Egypt
Ghana ■ Huichol
India ■ Japan
Laos ■ Lebanon
Mexico ■ Middle East
Taiwan ■ Turkey
Ukraine ■ Uzbekistan





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FACILITIES, PARKS & TRAILS

Facilities & Parks Awards recognize the highest standards in the design, development, and renovation of park and recreation areas:

- Indoor Space: Facilities (defined as having a roof and walls) that have a recreational use component
- Outdoor Space: Outdoor areas that have recreational use component
- Trail: Recreational trail or path

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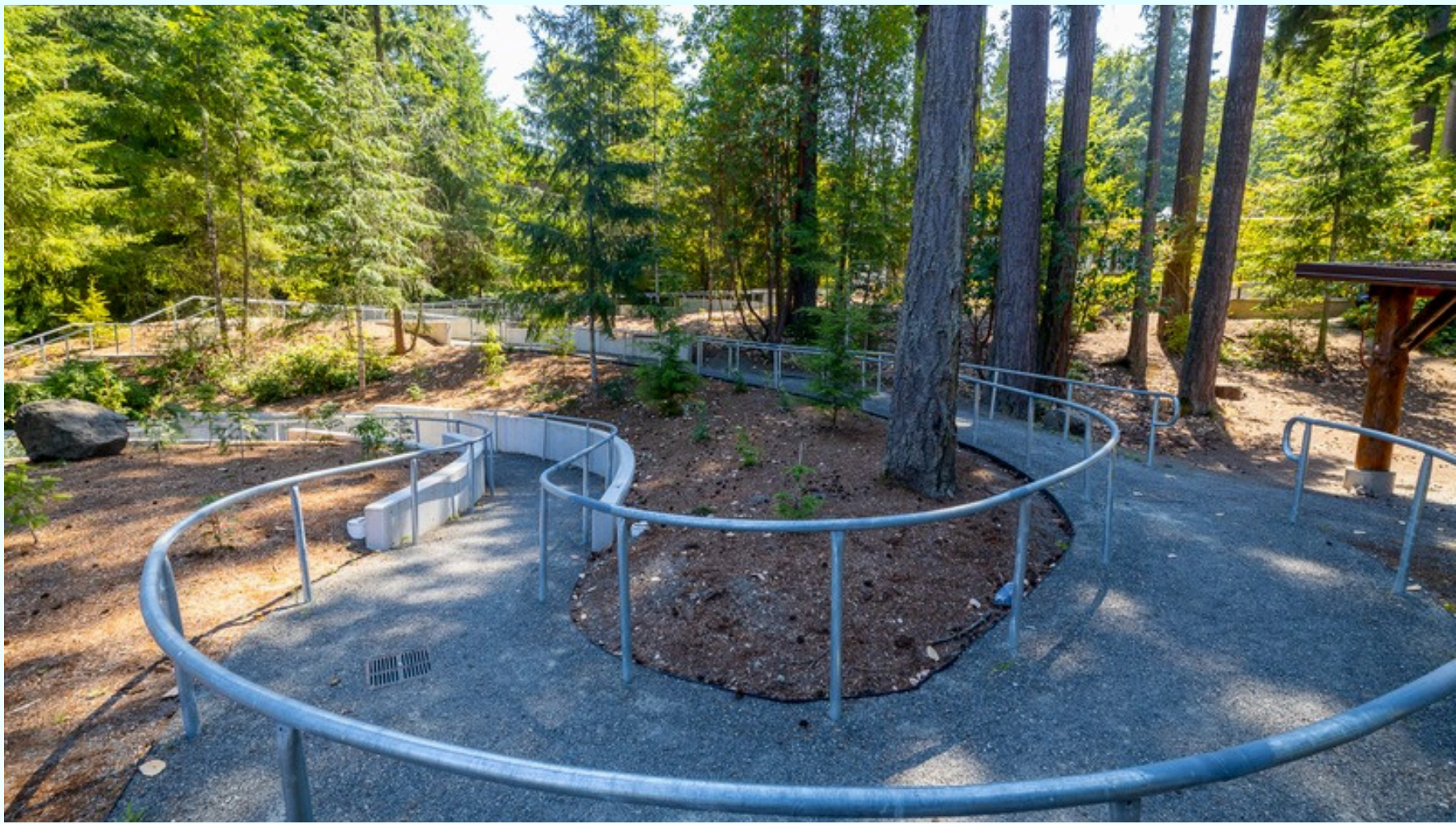
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CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE

The Champions for Change Award is presented to an agency with unique, innovative, and exemplary practices of and or all of the following:

- Increasing access
- Fostering diversity and inclusion
- Addressing environmental impact
- Overall enhancement of social equity within their
- Community or organization

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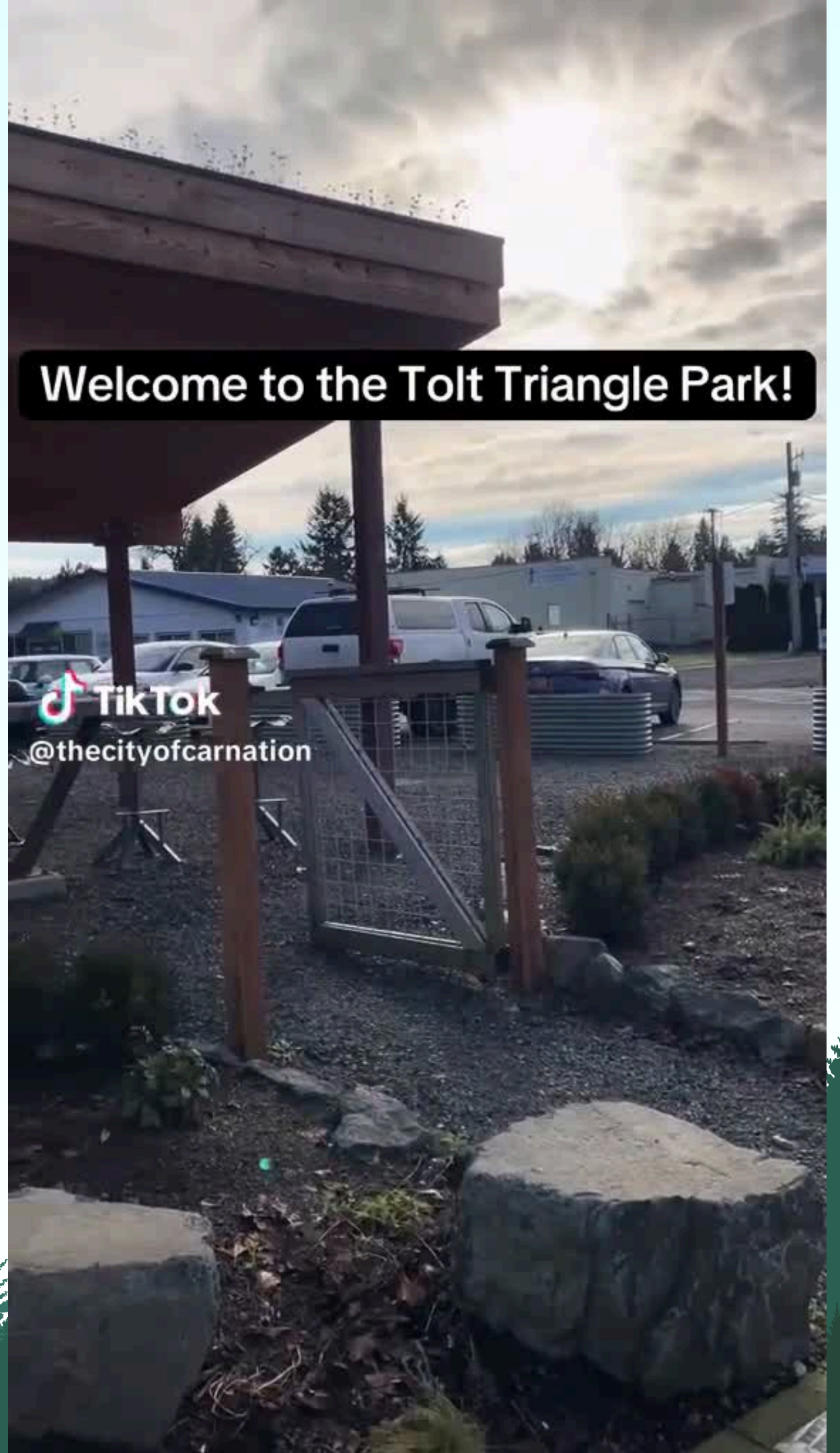


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PRESIDENT'S AWARD



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**KING COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION
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IMPACT & INFLUENCE

As the highest recognition bestowed by WRPA to an individual, the Impact and Influence Award recognizes an individual's dedication and achievement in the field of parks and recreation.

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