

THE INSIDE OF BELLEVUE

When the clouds move in off Puget Sound, the city reveals a parallel world of bowling alleys, virtual reality, candlelit concerts and curious young minds. **BY SALLY VERRANDO**



There is a version of Bellevue that exists entirely under a roof. It runs parallel to the trails, the peaks and the waterfront promenade—quieter in some ways, louder in others, and just as deliberate in what it offers. Whether the clouds have moved in for the week or the sun is simply pointing somewhere else, the city's indoor destinations make a compelling case that the adventure was never really about the weather.

FOR THE YOUNG'UNS

FUNTASTIC PLAYTORIUM

Active fun is the mission at one of the largest indoor playgrounds in the state for kids ages 1-10. Colorful padded floors with kid-size climbing and sliding plus ball pits and a separate toddler area.

FUNTASTICPLAYTORIUM.COM

KIDSQUEST CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) intersect through hands-on activities for children up to age 10. Low-sensory afternoons are on the third Thursday of each month. KIDSQUESTMUSEUM.ORG

TWINKLE LAND PLAY CAFÉ

Tots to preteens with boundless energy and imagination climb, slide and jump in this colorful indoor playground with an arcade, craft area and café for parents needing a breather. TWINKLELANDPLAYCAFE.COM



SNAPDOODLE TOYS & GAMES

This beloved local toy company brings curated, screen-free fun to kids and families of all ages. Stocked with quality games, puzzles and imaginative playthings spanning arts, science, music and the outdoors, it's the kind of neighborhood shop that makes gift-giving memorable. SNAPDOODLETOYS.COM

ADRENALINE RUSH

K1 SPEED

Burn rubber go-karting—or glo-karting with neon LEDs. Switch gears to arcade games, billiards and the Seattle Paddock Lounge, the perfect pit stop to recharge.

K1SPEED.COM

MONSTER MINI GOLF

Monsters in blacklight kick up the fun factor. Choose mini golf, mini bowling, laser maze, arcade games and virtual reality for glow-in-the-dark adventures.

MONSTERMINIGOLF.COM





MOX BOARDING HOUSE

The Pacific Northwest's tabletop culture finds its cathedral here. Browse more than 600 games from the free library, roll dice at Magic: The Gathering tournament or settle into the art deco dining room for house-made food, craft cocktails and local brews. Find the speakeasy behind the bookcase if you dare.

MOXBOARDINGHOUSE.COM

BELLEVUE PICKLEBALL CLUB

Smash, dink and volley on four signature pink courts, which happen to be the first indoor pink court design in the United States. Open daily 6 a.m. to midnight, no membership required. Paddle rentals and balls available. Wear your sneakers.

THEBELLEVUEPICKLEBALLCLUB.COM



LINCOLN SQUARE

MIRRA - SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUE

Immersive, high-energy team games (that turn into a nightclub with DJs and immersive visuals), food and fun abound. Fridays and Saturdays after 10 p.m. are 21-and-older only.

VISITMIRRA.COM



FORUM SOCIAL HOUSE

Hit "the ultimate playground" for enchanting mini golf, golf swing simulators and the Rockwell Sound Lounge. After 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, it's 21-and-older only.

FORUMSOCIALHOUSE.COM

CINEMARK LINCOLN SQUARE CINEMAS AND IMAX

Sixteen screens with comfy high-back rockers. On-screen captions for selected showings. Sensory immersion with IMAX, sometimes in 70 mm or 3D. Also check out Cinemark Reserve for luxury movie viewing with dine-in and bar service for ages 21 and older.

CINEMARK.COM/THEATRES

LUCKY STRIKE BELLEVUE

Boutique bowling with 12 lanes, four VIP lanes and giant plasma screens. Test skills in the arcade then head to Lucky Lounge for meals and libations. DJs and dancing for ages 21 and older on Friday and Saturday nights after 8 p.m. LUCKYSTRIKEENT.COM