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JANUARY 2016

Jan 4-10 **SBCC 10-Year Anniversary Celebration,**
South Bellevue Community Center, 15409 SE Newport Way
Enjoy a week-long schedule of free fitness and general recreation classes as we celebrate our 10-year anniversary. Free giveaways and drawings will add to the fun! **Ages:** All ages – specific ages depending upon the class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

Jan 8 **Winter Wonderland Adaptations,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
As winter brings snow to the mountains of the Northwest, animals like the Snowshoe Hare have amazing features to keep them safe in the changing environment. Come learn how some animals have certain adaptations that help them weather through the cold months of the year. We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** $2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 96155. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

Jan 8 **Winter Wonderland (Story Time Program),** two sessions - choose one:
11 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What do the wolves of winter find? Come follow Gray Wolf by the light of the full moon on his journey through a winter wonderland! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 103217 or 103218. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 9 **Coal Creek Park Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Coal Creek East Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, just west of Redtown Trailhead)
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Jan 10 **Wondering about Wildlife,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever wondered about the elusive wildlife that surrounds us? Discover some of the features that make these animals unique. Enjoy a rare opportunity to touch some of their pelts and skulls. Test your knowledge and see if you can guess the animals based on their habitat needs, diet, and structural features. We will have an assortment of pelts and skulls to see and touch, temporarily on loan to use by the Waskowitz Outdoor School. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Jan 13 **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Rockin' with the Rabbits,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99004. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Jan 15 **Winter Woof Walk,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Park, 410 130th Place SE (Meet at the kiosk in the lower parking lot)
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog(s) and learn how you can enjoy your parks with your furry friends. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 102251. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

Jan 16 **Sketch Your Garden with Watercolor, Pen, Ink and Pencil,** 10 a.m. – noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Come and learn to celebrate each of the seasons in your garden using fun techniques. This class, taught by Molly Hashimoto, is perfect for beginners as well as artists of all abilities. All supplies are included; students are encouraged to bring extra paper. **Cost:** $30 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $40 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required.
Info and to register: http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html#Jan16

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Jan 16 **Meet the Habitats of Lewis Creek: Fantastic Forests,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What kind of wildlife lives in the forest? How can you use clues like leaves, flowers, and bark to solve the tree mystery at Lewis Creek? Come discover the forest habitat as the first program of this three-part series. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 17 **"Wild Kratts: Whale of a Squid" (Children's Movie),** 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Jan 20 **Bodacious Borders: The Art of Making Plant Combinations,** 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture is presented by Lucy Hardiman, a nationally-recognized garden designer, writer, teacher, and speaker as well as the owner and principal of the award-winning Perennial Partners, a collaborative garden design group in Portland, OR. **Cost:** $5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $15 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Not required. Pay at the door; space is first-come, first-served.
Info: http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html#Jan20

Jan 22 **Owl Prowl,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover what owl species live in the Pacific Northwest. Then take a night hike with a Ranger to listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $5/resident and $6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 103253.
Info: 425-452-4195.

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Jan 23 **Starting Vegetable Seeds Indoors,** 10 a.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Presented in partnership with Seattle Tilth. Get a head start on spring and summer by starting your garden indoors now. Save money, grow varieties of plants you can't find in stores, and become more self-sufficient by growing your own plant starts. Our instructor will show you how to grow your veggie garden from seeds, how to find the right supplies, and how to transplant your plant starts into your garden come spring. Topics include setting up your own indoor growing space, caring for your seedlings, and getting plants ready to move outside. Be prepared to get your hands dirty! Limited to 25 participants. **Cost:** $25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required.
Info and to register: http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html#Jan23

Jan 23 **Let's Rock & Roll,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Let's brighten the dark winter days creating art to cheer up our spaces and places. We'll make yummies to warm your tummies, and raise your voice by singing songs to move and groove! This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course #103357. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Jan 23 **Bellevue Aquatic Center Employment/Volunteer Open House,**
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Come to this open house to gather information regarding employment and volunteer opportunities at the Bellevue Aquatic Center. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2806.

Jan 24 **Northwest Perennial Alliance Lecture,** noon – 2 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture is "The Good, the Bad, and Why Bother?" with George Lasch. Doors open at noon for Hellebore plant sale and refreshments. Lecture begins at 1 p.m. **Cost:** Free for NPA members; $15 for non-NPA members. **Pre-registration:** Required.
Info and to register: http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/index.php

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Jan 24 **Wondering about Wildlife,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever wondered about the elusive wildlife that surrounds us? Discover some of the features that make these animals unique. Enjoy a rare opportunity to touch some of their pelts and skulls. Test your knowledge and see if you can guess the animals based on their habitat needs, diet, and structural features. We will have an assortment of pelts and skulls to see and touch, temporarily on loan to us by the Waskowitz Outdoor School. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Jan 27 **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Wooly Ewe,**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99001. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Jan 29 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "The Animal House,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Animals build their homes for a variety of reasons that include safety from predators, availability of a nearby food source, and protecting their young. These places are often the site of great drama and extraordinary behaviors. *The Animal House* provides a fascinating look at the "home life of wildlife." **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Jan 30 **Amphibians Among Us,** 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that the Pacific Tree Frog is the Washington State Amphibian? There are many species of amphibians in Washington, in all shapes and sizes. Learn about frogs, salamanders, newts and toads, the adaptations that help them thrive and the dangers that they are facing. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Feb 5 **Where Would I Be in an Evergreen Tree? (Story Time Series),** two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Who lives in an evergreen tree? Come learn about the many creatures and plants who depend on evergreens for their home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 103219 or 103220. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Feb 6 **Funny Little Valentine,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make a special gift for your special pal to take home. We'll sing songs, do a little dance, and complete the morning decorating a sweet Valentine treat. Come join the fun! This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. Each additional family member - $5/residents and $6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course #102132. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Feb 6 **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Ranger in exploring the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Feb 7 **Become a Garbologist,** 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever wondered what happens to our garbage once it leaves our homes? Does it ever really go away? Bring the whole family for a fun, interactive, hands-on workshop to learn more about the four R's, how our landfill in King County works, and what we can do to help make better earth-smart choices. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP to 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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Feb 10 **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Valentine's Day,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99005. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Feb 12 **As Snug as a… Beaver??!,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
During the chilly winter months of the year, beavers keep warm and snug in a wooden lodge. Come learn how beavers build their warm home, and why they build river dams! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 102221. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

Feb 12 **Valentine's Dance,** 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Ages: 16 years and older. **Cost:** $9/Bellevue residents; $11/non-Bellevue residents. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7686.

Feb 14 **Sweetheart Hike,** noon – 1 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Get outside before your dinner date! Bring your sweetheart or best friend, and join a Park Ranger on a hike to celebrate Valentine's Day. Learn about native animal pairs and more, as we wander through Lewis Creek Park. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Feb 20 **Meet the Habitats of Lewis Creek – Misty Meadows,** 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
How do meadows form? What type of animals use meadows as part of their home range? Come discover an important habitat of Lewis Creek in the second program of this three-part series. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Feb 21 **"Stranger in the Woods" (Children's Film),** 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Journey deep into the winter woods and meet two snowdrifts, Pierre and Janine, who will introduce you to their forest friends and reminisce about the time a mysterious stranger came to visit. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Feb 21 **Become a Garbologist,** 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
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Feb 24 **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Pony Pleasures,**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99002. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Feb 25 **Grow Fruit in Small Spaces,** 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Do you think you need an orchard or a big backyard to grow fruit? This class, taught by Seattle Tilth, will show you how to utilize small spaces to grow tasty berries and fruits on bushes, vines and trees. Topics include special techniques for gardening in small spaces, using containers to grow fruits, selecting plants and varieties, and ongoing fruit tree care. Leave with the knowledge you need to incorporate delicious fruits into your landscape so you can enjoy sweet rewards with limited effort. **Cost:** $25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html .

Feb 26 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "How the Earth was Made,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
"How the Earth was Made" plots the twisting course of Earth's amazing journey, using groundbreaking special effects, and traveling to remote locations where our planet still bears the scars of its violent history. This compelling story reveals the unimaginable timescales, world-shattering forces, and mass extinctions. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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Feb 26 **Night Hike,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 103255. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Feb 27 **Rain Garden Basics,** 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
How would you like to garden, beautify your property and help protect local waterways at the same time? Lisa Haglund will teach you how rain gardens capture, hold, and filter stormwater and wastewater runoff, and if your site is suitable for a rain garden. Basics will include where to site a rain garden, needed components, suggested plants and care, and construction planning. Alternatives to rain gardens such as rain barrels and permeable paving will also be discussed. Class will include a visit to our rain garden on site at the Bellevue Botanical Garden for inspiration! **Cost:** $25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html .

Feb 28 **Adult Enrichment: Myth vs Fact: The Great Pacific Petroleum Patch,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, also known as the Pacific Trash Vortex, is a collection of marine debris of massive amounts. This debris is often transported from urban areas through smaller bodies of water, eventually finding its way to the North Pacific Ocean. For many people, the idea of a "garbage patch" creates an image of a floating island of trash. In reality most of this "trash" is made up of microplastics often not visible to the naked eye. Join us to discover more about the myths and facts of the Great Petroleum Patch. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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MARCH 2016

March 3 **Choosing Drought-Tolerant Plants for Northwest Gardens,** 10 a.m. – noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Pat Roome. With predictions of more warm, dry summers in store for the Pacific Northwest, we need to know which plants can adapt to dry conditions. Learn plant selections from trees and shrubs to perennials and vines, and what the gardener can do to prevent plant and lawn damage from drought. You will see a hands-on demonstration of parts needed for a simple soaker hose irrigation system as well as find out about proper fertilization, mulching, and watering techniques. **Cost:** $25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

March 4 **Hippity Hop (Story Time Series),** two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Frank wasn't satisfied doing ordinary frog things. He wanted to fly, but he was a frog. Follow along as Frank jumps, runs, and leaps until he finally finds his place in the pond. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 103222 or 103221. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 5 **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Ranger in exploring the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 6 **Living with Urban Wildlife,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
For many of us living in King County and the surrounding areas, nature is our backyard. While we enjoy the tranquility of our parks in urban areas, humans are not the only ones taking advantage of these natural spaces. Many animals are adapting and thriving in urban environments, and together we must coexist. Learn more about the animals living in these areas and how we can avoid negative interactions. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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March 9 **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Springy Goats,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99006. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

March 11 **It's Time to Wake Up Bear,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Did you know that many animals sleep through the winter? Join a Park Ranger and learn which animals do this, and why they sleep through the cold! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 102222. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

March 12 **Northweset Perennial Alliance March Mania Plant Sale,** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Get a jump on spring and stock up with plants available from specialty nurseries. Bring the whole family – there will be a kids' corner that might inspire our next generation of gardeners! Proceeds support the NPA perennial border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. **Cost:** Free admission; prices vary for plants. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/

March 12 **Lucky Leprechauns,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Top o' the mornin' to ya! Join us for art, games, music and all things green! Don't forget to wear something Leprechaun green so you won't get pinched! There's a pot of "gold" waiting for you at the end of the rainbow. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course #102133. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

March 12 **Meet the Habitats of Lewis Creek – Wonderful Wetlands,** 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
During the rainy spring season, wetlands play a very important role in cleaning water that travels to local lakes and rivers. Discover riparian zones, and how they impact the ecosystem around them in the third and final program of this three-part series. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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March 13 **Lakemont Park Ranger-Led Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SW
This lovely trail winds through green corridors alongside Lewis Creek as we ascend and descend through the park. **Distance:** 4.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 16 **Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: Growing the World's Best Vegetables!,**
Lecture at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Lecture by Alice Doyle, co-founder of the innovative Oregon wholesale nursery, Log House Plants, www.loghouseplants.com. Alice was the first grower in the United States to offer grafted vegetables to home gardeners. This fascinating look at the challenges and treasures of tomorrow's table will change the way you think about growing veggies. **Cost:** $5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $15 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

March 18 **Gardening with Your Children: Plan and Prepare Your Garden,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Learn about ideas to make your garden fun for the entire family. Learn how to pick a location, utilize the materials you may already have, and how to prepare the soil for a successful garden. Learn about what seeds and plants can go in the ground in early spring, and which need to wait for the warm sun of June. You will make a fun craft to bring home to your very own garden. As we investigate the world of plants, parents and their children can also grow together. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 102956. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

March 18-26 **"Madeline" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
March 18, 19, 25, and 26 at 7 p.m.; March 19, 20, and 26 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
Twelve little girls all in a line, the youngest was Madeline. First shown at Bellevue Youth Theatre in 2000, this classic tale tells the story we have all come to love and adore. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** $12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to $15 if purchased after March 14. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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March 19 **Peep Peep,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs as well as other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt round off our morning of fun! This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course #103134. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

March 19 **Hot Topics in Washington State: Flooding and Landslides,** 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know fall and early winter floods are produced by heavy rainfall on wet ground, whereas winter and early spring floods typically are caused by rainfall and a melting snowpack? Come learn about flooding and landslides in Washington State and what the recent trends have been. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 20 **"Wild Kratts: Voyage of the Butterflier" (Children's Movie),** 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 20 **Living with Urban Wildlife,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
For many of us living in King County and the surrounding areas, nature is our backyard. While we enjoy the tranquility of our parks in urban areas, humans are not the only ones taking advantage of these natural spaces. Many animals are adapting and thriving in urban environments, and together we must coexist. Learn more about the animals living in these areas and how we can avoid negative interactions. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

March 23 **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Piggly Wiggly,**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99003. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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March 24 **Build a Succulent Terrarium,** 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Come and design, plant, and decorate your own miniature succulent terrarium garden. Choose your container and the plants to include, learn how to layer your gravel, and use special planting mixtures and colored sand. Each participant will leave with a fabulous terrarium for their home. All supplies included! Led by Claire Woodward, a docent and plant enthusiast from the Volunteer Park Conservatory. Limited to 20 participants. **Cost:** $35 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $45 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

March 25 **Gardening with Your Children: Maintain Your Garden – Watering, Weeding, and Trellising,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Learn some fun and environmentally-friendly ways to keep your plants growing throughout the summer. Learn which plants need a little help along the way with supporting structures, and how you can make some easy and fun trellises. Bring a plate home to start your own garden! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 102957. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

March 25 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Raccoon Nation,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Is your trash can making raccoons smarter? Scientists use radio collars to track the movements of one family of urban raccoons through the city over the course of six months. High-definition, infrared footage takes viewers deep inside the hidden world of these elusive and witty creatures. Find out why we may be enhancing their brain development and sending them down a new evolutionary path. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

March 25 **Frog Hop,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
One of the earliest sounds of spring is the constant rub-bit song of frogs. Learn about the intricate life cycle of these amphibians, as well as the kinds of frogs that live in Wester Washington. Then join us to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 103256. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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March 26 **Create a Miniature Fairy Garden,** 10 a.m. – noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Design and create your own miniature fairy garden! You will create a miniature fairy garden using a tray, gravel, a lush soil mix, and a choice of up to three tropical plants. After planting, choose from special colored sands, rocks, and other decorative elements to complete your one-of-a-kind miniature fairy garden. This is a great class for families! All supplies are included in the fee. Led by Claire Woodward, a docent and plant enthusiast from the Volunteer Park Conservatory. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $35 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $45 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

March 26 **History of Eastside Logging (Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center),** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that most of the east side of Lake Washington was clear-cut by 1920? Or that nearly all of the big trees that we see today are less than 100 years old? (It will take another 400 years for our evergreens to reach 'maturity'!) Come and see the equipment that evolved from two men working one tree all day with a hand saw, to sky-line cable operations that could clear a whole Cougar Mountain valley in a single day. Join Eastside Heritage Center volunteer and former Cougar Mountain Park Manager Steve Williams for this wonderful presentation. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 27 **Adult Enrichment: The Bear Essentials,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
As population increases and urban sprawl becomes inevitable, we will undoubtedly continue to encroach on bear habitat. Learn from an expert with the Department of Fish and Wildlife how we can coexist in a safe and peaceful way with the black bears in our area. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Daily, times vary
Kids on the Farm
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Meet the farm animals and learn interesting animal facts. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding while creating a wooly sheep to take home. These tours are for preschool and school groups. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** $85 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are $5.50 per child and $2.50 per adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

3rd Sunday of each month
NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, Noon - 2 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE
Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month
Reading with Rover
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Dogs help kids learn to read. Reading with Rover dogs will be at the Crossroads Community Center to listen to children read to them. This free program inspires children to discover the joy of reading while developing literacy skills and confidence in a fun, safe environment using trained therapy dogs. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** http://www.readingwithrover.org/ or call Judi Hagen, 425-452-4874.

4th Tuesday each month
Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers
Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or hstephens@bellevuewa.gov .

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
Youth Link 25th Anniversary & Community Leadership Awards Event Planning Meeting, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120
Assist in planning our 25th anniversary celebration scheduled for May 2015, and help set the theme, program and marketing of the youth recognition event. Students will help plan and will gain experience in planning the community event from concept to delivery. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

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1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120
Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
Action Team Meetings, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE
Participate in planning community special events, community service projects, and other youth leadership activities. Action Teams and planning committees include Youth Link Marketing, Kids Care Coat Drive, Youth Involvement Conference, Community Leadership Awards, We Day, Youth Link University, Crossroads Homework Help, and Youth Link Robotics**. Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st Thursday each month
Bellevue Network on Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120
Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

Every Thursday
Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st Saturday each month
Lewis Creek Ranger Walk, 10:30 a.m. - noon.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Every Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered migratory visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Discover the history of the park, view community gardens, and share stories about our local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Every Saturday
Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington's largest wetland and Bellevue's second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Luncheon, Noon
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. ***Suggested donation***: $3 for those 60 and older; fee of $5.95 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches. **Info/Pre-register:** 425-452-7681.