Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List

OCTOBER 2011 EVENTS

Oct 1 **Fall Foliage Tour – Local Area Walk,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Come "ooh and ahh" at the marvel of beautiful fall colors in the Pacific Northwest. Explore and walk the Lake Hills Greenbelt with a Park Ranger amongst the hues of red, yellow, orange and green. Learn about the different types of deciduous trees. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Oct 1 **The International Gathering: Cultural Conversations,** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m..
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Meet and hear people from several countries talk about their experiences in their homeland and in the United States. Enjoy a special musical performance by Master Teacher Mindy Li on the Gu Zheng, a traditional Chinese instrument. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Registration** is not required. **Info:** Kevin Henry, khenry@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886 or Crossroads Center – 425-452-4874.

Oct 2 **Ranger Program – Salmon of Mercer Slough,** 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The iconic salmon of the Pacific Northwest end their epic journey with a dangerous migration back to their home waters. Learn about the salmon's life cycle and how, when and where you can see salmon travel up Mercer Slough to their spawning grounds in Kelsey Creek. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

Oct 7 **"Where Do I Sleep" (Children's Story Time),** 11 a.m. - Noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bring your favorite blanket along for this Pacific Northwest lullaby. Discover the creatures that bed down in Washington's wilderness. Choose your favorite animal and turn its picture into a puzzle. **Ages:** Three and older. **Cost:** $2; both parent and child must register **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59523. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 8 **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair,** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Bring your family to the farm and enjoy a variety of old-time activities: live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, kids' crafts, tractor-pulled hay rides, pony rides and barnyard animals. No pets, please. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; other costs vary by activity. Sorry, no ATM is on site, and we cannot accept charge cards. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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Oct 8 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fraser Cabin, Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult.. **Cost:** Free. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – visit www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or call 425-450-1049.

Oct 8 **"Wilderness Skills" (Children's Activity),** 11 a.m. - Noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Children will learn the essential items to take with them on a day hike, and what to do if they become separated from an adult in a wild place. They will complete a Wilderness Wildbook and use the skills they've learned as we hike through Lewis Creek Park looking for signs of wildlife. Parents and children will explore together. **Ages:** Six and older. **Cost:** $1; both parent and child must register **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59340. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 9 **Mushrooms of Mercer Slough,** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Mushrooms are fascinating organisms that display a striking variety of shapes, colors and sizes. Some are delicious and some are deadly. But what exactly is a mushroom? Why do we need fungi, and how do they affect our everyday lives? Learn how fungi are essential to the ecosystem at Mercer Slough, and how to identify some common mushrooms that grow in this area. **Ages:** Best for ages 10 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Oct 11 and 13 **Kelsey Creek Pony Partners,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Children will learn pony safety, grooming, basic parts of a pony, and then will enjoy a craft. Each partner must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The program runs, rain or shine. **Ages:** 2-5 years; no infants or older siblings. **Cost:** $50/residents and $60/non-residents. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Oct 11 **Autumn Leaves Dance,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sound of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $3 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

Oct 11 **"Beyond Talking Points" – Immigration Forum,** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE
These forums (also one on Oct. 25) feature guests speakers, panel discussions and group discussions about the immigration system and how it affects business owners and immigrants to the United States. **Cost:** Free. **Ages:** All ages. **Info:** Kevin Henry – khenry@bellevuewa.gov .

Oct 13, 20 **Pumpkin Patch Fun,** 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This program is ideal for your toddler to come and pick his or her first pumpkin. Pumpkins are not on the vine but located in a farm garden for easy pickin'. Bring your camera! **Cost:** Entrance fee is $5 and includes one pumpkin. Additional pumpkins may be purchased for $5/each. **Ages:** 18 months to 9 years. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .

Oct 14 **A Night with Bats,** 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bats affect our lives in more ways than we realize. They contribute to the quality of life on Earth and the welfare of humans. Join bat specialist Barbara Ogaard from Sarvey Wildlife Center to learn facts from myths as we meet some live bats at the Mercer Slough. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $5. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course #59320. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

Oct 15, 16, 22, 23 **Pumpkin Patch Fun,** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This program is ideal for your toddler to come and pick his or her first pumpkin. Pumpkins are not on the vine but located in a farm garden for easy pickin'. Bring your camera! **Cost:** Entrance fee is $5 and includes one pumpkin. Additional pumpkins may be purchased for $5/each. **Ages:** 18 months to 9 years. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .

Oct 16 **"John Muir in the New World" (Film),** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
The life and career of John Muir come to life through this inspiring and beautiful documentary set against the magnificent landscapes of the American West. The Scottish-born naturalist was one of the first nature preservationists in American history, inspiring others through his writing and his advocacy to keep the wilderness wild. A diversity of images run through the program: the Wisconsin woods of his childhood, his incredible journey on foot through the American South, the Yosemite Valley, the California fruit ranch where he lived with his wife and daughters, the Alaskan wilderness that so attracted him, and the National Parks that he was so instrumental in creating. Running time is 85 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59478. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 20 **How to Reach Ethnic and Diverse Communities through the Media,** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Attendees will learn about new opportunities to increase outreach to diverse populations by working with the "ethnic media." The program will also focus on the basics of media relations, which include writing press releases and pitching news story ideas to the press. Panelists include: David Cho - President of AAT Television; Stacy Nguyen - Editor, NW Asian Weekly; Olga Kazakova - Reporter, Russian World; Gabriel Fernandez – Senior Consultant, El Mundo Communications Inc.; Julie Pham, Ph.D. – Managing Editor, Người Việt Tây Bắc/Northwest Vietnamese News; Eddie Rye – Urban Forum Northwest Radio Program; Javier Palmer – News Producer for Univision TV. **Cost:** Free! **Info and to RSVP:** Kevin Henry, khenry@bellevuewa.gov .

Oct 21 **Haunted Indoor Miniature Golf,** 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Come play miniature golf in the dark with new special effects! **Ages:** 7 years and older. **Cost:** $5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Email sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4240.

Oct 22 **The Great Northwest Glass Pumpkin Patch,** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Wander through a pumpkin patch of thousands of hand-blown, one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins made by the artists at the Tacoma Glassblowing Studio. Pick your favorite to bring home, or just come and see the beautiful band-crafted art. Rain or shine! **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; pumpkins range in price from $35 - $200. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Oct 22 **Grimsby Manor Pancake Breakfast,** 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Enjoy a pancake breakfast and Halloween activities with the little ones in mind. Play a free round of Drop-in Halloween Indoor Miniature Golf after breakfast. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** $8 per person; kids 2 and under eat free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Email sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4240.

Oct 22 **Great SBCC Pumpkin Race,** 10 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Think Pinewood Derby with a twist. Upon registration you will receive a race packet that will give you directions for making your own racing pumpkin, or you can pick up a racing kit at SBCC for $15. Kits will be available at the end of September. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free for individuals, families and groups. $25 for business entries. **Pre-registration:** Recommended. **Info and to register:** Email sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4240.

Oct 22 **"Free or Forgotten" (Hot Topic Series),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
The domestic cat is the most popular pet in the United States, with numbers ranging between 148 and 188 million individuals. Originally bred from wild cats in the Near East approximately 10,000 years ago, domestic cats are now considered a distinct species. As a domesticated animal, cats have no native range and, therefore, are a non-native species in natural systems worldwide. In addition, native prey species often have no evolved defenses against this exotic predator, making the domestic cat a potential threat wherever it is introduced. Explore the ecological impacts of free-roaming cats, discuss the pros and cons of Trap-Neuter-Release programs, and learn about the health risks feral and free-roaming cats can pose to humans and wildlife. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59342. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 22 and 23 **Drop-in Halloween Indoor Miniature Golf,** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Oct. 22; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Oct. 23
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Come play miniature golf with a scary Halloween theme. **Ages:** 7 years and older, or younger with parent's permission. **Cost:** $3/resident; $4/non-resident. **Registration:** Not required. **Info:** Email sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4240.

Oct 22 **Haunted Indoor Miniature Golf,** 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Come play miniature golf in the dark with new special effects! **Ages:** 7 years and older. **Cost:** $5 per person. **Registration:** Not required. **Info:** Email sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4240.

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Oct 25 **"Beyond Talking Points" – Immigration Forum,** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE
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Oct 28 **"The Secret World of Bats" – Movies at Mercer Slough,** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This film captures all aspects of bat behavior with remarkable slow motion photography. Merlin Tuttle, founder of Bat Conservation International, and Dieter Plage, world-renowned cinematographer, travel across five continents in this 48-minute film. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Oct 28 **Halloween Howl Dance, 7** p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come dance the night away if you dare! We will have a DJ and will provide light refreshments. This dance is for adults and teens with developmental disabilities. **Ages:** 16 and older. **Cost:** $8/residents; $10 for non-residents. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885. **Info:** 425-452-7686.

Oct 28 **Spooky Halloween Dance, 7** p.m. – 10 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Teens from all Bellevue middle schools are invited to dance to the hottest tunes. Costumes optional but encouraged. Students must show their ASB cards to enter the dance, or call Crossroads Community Center (425-452-4874) for prior approval. This is a drug/alcohol-free dance. Bellevue Police will be on site during this event. **Ages:** 6th, 7th and 8th graders. **Cost:** $5/student. Pre-registration is not required. **Info:** 425-452-4874.

Oct 28 **Owl Prowl – Family activity,** 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Take a night hike with the Rangers and listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or a headlamp for the journey, as well as sturdy shoes. **Ages:** Six and older. **Cost:** $3. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59521. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 28-Nov 6 **Frankenstein – Bellevue Youth Theatre Production,**
Oct. 28, 29 and Nov. 4 and 5 at 7 p.m.; Oct. 29, 30 and Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
You know the story; now watch as BYT takes an irreverent look at the timeless tale. Great Halloween fun for the entire family. **Ages:** 8 and older. **Cost:** $10 per advanced ticket; $12 per ticket beginning on Oct. 24. **Info:** 425-452-7155.

Oct 30 **"The Mountains of California" by John Muir (Naturalists' Book Club),** 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A crucial figure in the creation of our national parks and a far-seeing prophet of environmental awareness, John Muir was a writer who evoked the unique power and intimacy of the untrammeled landscapes of the American West. *The Mountains of California* draws on a lifetime of exploration to celebrate the High Sierra country. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 18 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59337. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 31 **Halloween Luncheon,** 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Come out and enjoy a great lunch, and wear your favorite Halloween costume. Enjoy a great meal and fun music. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $3 per person. **Pre-registration is required. Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.

NOVEMBER 2011 EVENTS

Nov 4 **"Where Would I Be in an Evergreen Tree?" - Children's Activity,** 11 a.m. – Noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
You will be surprised at how many different animals fit into the neighborhood of an evergreen tree! We will make our own three-dimensional evergreen trees to take home. **Ages:** 3 and older. **Cost:** $2; parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration** is required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59524. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 5 **Veterans' Day Dance,** 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Enjoy an evening of fun and the songs of the "Sound of Swing" band. USA Dance will be here to teach a lesson from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., followed by dancing to all of your big band favorites. **Ages:** 18 and older. **Cost:** $15 per person. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

Nov 6 **Winter Wildlife – Ranger Program,** 2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
What happens to all the wildlife in winter? Discover how our year-round wildlife survive the Pacific Northwest winter, and who migrates to Mercer Slough during the winter months. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Nov 8 **Veterans' Day Dance,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sound of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 and older. **Cost:** $3 per person. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

Nov 11-20 **The Frog Prince – Bellevue Youth Theatre Production,**
Nov. 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 13, 19 and 20 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
This is a charming story about an unlikely romance between an enchanted frog and a princess. Hilarity ensues as the frog races against a curse to win the heart of a reluctant princess. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** $10 per advanced ticket; $12 per ticket beginning on Nov. 7. **Info:** 425-452-7155.

Nov 12 **Living with Wildlife – Local Area Walk,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Come walk the trails at the Greenbelt with a Park Ranger to learn about local wildlife. Learn ways in which humans and wildlife coexist, protecting what "wild" open spaces are left and taking proper actions/precautions to ensure the safety of wildlife and habitat. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Nov 12 **"Nature Charades" – Children's Activity,** 11 a.m. – Noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Children will learn about the characteristics of living things as they choose a favorite thing found in Lewis Creek Park. They will then apply what they have learned in the familiar game of Charades. Parents and children will explore together. **Ages:** 6 and older. **Cost:** Free, but parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration** is required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59341. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 16 **Thanksgiving Luncheon,** 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a delicious turkey and trimmings feast. Entertainment provided. Please pre-register by November 10. Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** 3 and older. **Cost:** $3 suggested donation for those 60+; $5.75 fee for those under 60, both payable at the door.. **Pre-registration** is required by November 10. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.

Nov 18 **Backcountry Film Fest,** 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Join TRACKS and the Foothills Branch of the Mountaineers for a special showing of the Backcountry Film Festival. This film festival promotes the works of grassroots filmmakers who tell compelling and entertaining stories of backbrounty, non-motorized recreation and environmental preservation. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Tickets required **Info and for tickets:** www.mountaineers.org/ .

Nov 20 **"Green Fire – Aldo Leopole and A Land Ethic for Our Time" – Movie,** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Watch the first full-length, high-definition documentary film ever made about legendary environmentalist Aldo Leopold. "Green Fire" highlights Leopold's extraordinary career, tracing how he shaped and influenced the modern environmental movement. Leopold remains relevant today, inspiring projects all over the country that connect people and land. Running time is 72 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. Screening premieres have sold out across America. Therefore, **pre-registration** is required. Additional screenings will be scheduled if demand dictates. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59335. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 21-22 **KidsCare Coat Drive,** 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue families in need can shop for a free winter coat for each family member while supplies last. This event is sponsored by the KidsCare Coat Drive and volunteers with the City of Bellevue's Youth Link Program. Please bring photo ID. **Info:** 425-452-4874.

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Nov 22 **Thanksgiving Dinner,** 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
A free Thanksgiving dinner is provided for our neighbors in need. Come early to enjoy holiday arts and crafts at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by Aldersgate Methodist Church. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free for those in need. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-4874.

Nov 24 **Turkey Day Indoor Cycling Rides,** 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Come to this FREE one-hour indoor cycling class to burn 600+ calories before the "feast," and benefit the Eastside Domestic Violence Program. A list of suggested donation items will be available when you sign up. Please call to reserve a bike. Bring a bike-cage size water bottle and towel. Wear SPD cycle shoes or athletic shoes. **Ages:** 13 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donation encouraged. **Pre-registration** is required. **Info and to register:** Joan Perugini at jperugini@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

Nov 24 **Fit for the Feast,** 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Ave NE, Bellevue WA
Join us for a two-hour Master's swim workout prior to your Thanksgiving dinner. All abilities are welcome. **Ages:** 19 and older. **Cost:** $10, which includes a designer t-shirt. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4444.

Nov 25 **Youth Appreciation & Safety Day,** Noon – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Ave NE, Bellevue WA
This fun event offers swimming and raffles while promoting water safety and proper life jacket use. Free designer t-shirts to the first 50 children under 12 years of age. **Cost:** Free for 12 and under; $6 for 13 and older. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4444.

Nov 25-27 **A Christmas Carol – Bellevue Youth Theatre Production,**
Nov. 25 and 26 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 26 and 27 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
This is the traditional retelling of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, BYT-style. We follow Ebenezer Scrooge as he is unwillingly taken through his past, present and potential future. This ultimately uplifting tale with music and dance will leave you ready for the holiday season. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** $10 per advanced ticket; $12 per ticket beginning on Nov. 21. **Info:** 425-452-7155.

Nov 26-Dec 31 **Garden d'Lights,** 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. nightly (last entry at 9:30 p.m.)
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This annual holiday season tradition features over one-half million lights which transform the Bellevue Botanical Garden into a blossoming winter wonderland. Inspired by plants found in Northwest gardens, hundreds of volunteers work year-round to bundle strings of lights into three-dimensional flowers, shrubs and vines. The volunteer team also has created charming animal characters. Charlotte the spider remains a favorite. Be on the lookout this year for the newest member of the menagerie in the Yao Garden. The Trillium Gift Shop will be open every evening from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from Noon to 3 p.m. for daytime shoppers and ticket purchases. The shop is brimming with gift items, holiday ornaments and decor. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** $5 per person; ages 10 and under are free. Stay tuned for information about tickets. **Info:** www.gardendlights.org .

Nov 27 **"A Sand County Almanac" by Aldo Leopold (Naturalists' Book Club),** 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Widely cited as one of the most influential nature books ever published, *A Sand County Almanac* explores the breathtaking diversity of the unspoiled American landscape at the peak of its beauty and majesty. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 18 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59336. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 29-Dec 3 **Hilltop Holiday Craft Show,**
Nov 29-Dec 2 – 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Dec 3 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9819 NE 24th Street
Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy this delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 80 selected Northwest crafters. It's not your ordinary craft show. **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; crafts vary in price. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106. **Crafter application/information:** Hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or 360-668-1987.

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DECEMBER 2011 EVENTS

Dec 2 **"In the Snow: Who's Been Here?" – Children's Activity,** 11 a.m. – Noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Animals leave neat clues behind during their forest travels. Find the signs in the snow and join in guessing, "Who's been here?" Then make a pop-up snowflake card for the holidays. **Ages:** 3 and older. **Cost:** $2; parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration** is required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59525. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 2 **Seattle Civic Christmas Ship,** 8:50 – 9:10 p.m.
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE
Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship. There will be a beach fire for all to enjoy **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is **not** required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Dec 2-11 **How the Penguins Saved Santa Claus – Bellevue Youth Theatre Production,**
Dec. 2, 3, 9 and 10 at 7 p.m.; Dec. 4, 10 and 11 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Come and share the magic and laughter of the holiday season as a group of misfit penguins race against the clock to save Santa. The whole family will enjoy this offbeat tale of Santa who needs some big help from little friends. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** $10 per advanced ticket; $12 per ticket beginning on Nov. 28. **Info:** 425-452-7155.

Dec 4 **Holiday Christmas Cruise,** 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Meydenbauer Yacht Club, 9927 Meydenbauer Way SE
This cruise provides a fun experience for teens and adults with development disabilities. Club members volunteer their time and boats to offer a cruise and great food to celebrate the holiday season. All participants must wear life jackets during the cruise. Sponsored by Seafair. **Ages:** 16 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is required by November 15. **Info and to register:** Bellevue Parks - 425-452-7686.

Dec 7 and 8 **Tractor-Pulled Hayrides with Santa,**
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. on Dec. 7; 10 a.m. - Noon on Dec. 8.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Create a new family holiday tradition with farm-style fun for parent and child. Hop onto the tractor-pulled wagon for a festive ride around the farm. Bring your camera and take that special moment photo of your child with Santa. Adult must accompany child(ren). **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** $5 in advance; $6 on the day of the event. **Pre-registration is recommended. Info:** 425-452-7688 or kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .

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Dec 9 **Holiday Ball Dance,** 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come and celebrate the holiday season with friends. Finger foods and cake will be served. This dance is for adults and teens with developmental disabilities. **Ages:** 16 and older. **Cost:** $8/residents; $10/non-residents. **Pre-registration** is required; register at www.MyParksandRecreation.com . **Info:** 425-452-7686.

Dec 13 **Celebrate Snow Dance,** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sound of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $3 per person. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

Dec13 **Crossroads Youth Holiday Party,** 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street, Bellevue WA
Bellevue youth and families in need can enjoy free refreshments, entertainment, and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus while receiving a free gift. **Ages:** Event is open to infants through age 18 (must still be in high school). Child must be present to receive a gift. This is a drop-in event; no registration is required. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-4874.

Dec 14 **Holiday Luncheon,** 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a festive holiday meal. Enjoy seasonal music preceding lunch. Please pre-register by December 9. Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** 3 and older. **Cost:** $3 suggested donation for those 60+; $5.75 fee for those under 60, both payable at the door.. **Pre-registration** is required by November 10. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.

Dec 17 **Holiday Ball,** 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Enjoy an evening of fun and the songs of the "Sound of Swing" band. USA Dance will be here to teach a lesson from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., followed by dancing to all of your big band favorites. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $15 per person. **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

Dec 18 **"Stranger in the Woods" – Movie,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Based on the award-winning children's book by the same name, the winter storm has ended, and the entire forest is wearing a coat of glistening white. As the animals come out of their shelter at daybreak, they discover there is something, or someone, new in the forest. Who is this stranger in the woods, and what wonderful surprises does he bring? Running time is 23 minutes. We will read the book together and then enjoy the movie. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 5 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration** is required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #59479. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 20 **Seattle Civic Christmas Ship,** 7:45 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.
Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98th Avenue NE
Join us on shore to welcome the Seattle Civic Christmas Ship. There will be a beach fire for all to enjoy **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is **not** required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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SEASONAL EVENTS

Jan-Oct **King County Master Gardener Workshops**, 10:30 a.m. to Noon, every Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Demonstration Garden 15500 SE 16th Street
Learn good gardening practices and home-based horticulture tips from a trained Master Gardener. **FREE. No registration required. Info:** 425-452-7225 or Demonstration Garden email – bellevuedemo@hotmail.com . For a full schedule of topics and dates, please visit http://bellevuewa.gov/lake_hills_greenbelt.htm

April-Oct **Docent-Led Tours,** 2 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Reservations are not required. **Info:** 425-451-3755.

April-Oct **Gourmet Bikers**, dates vary
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join other older adults for a day of low-impact exercise, fun, fellowship and lunch. We start around 10 a.m., bike for 12-15 miles for lunch, and then return. We will ride on flat bike trails and low-traffic roadways. Riders must provide their own bicycles and helmets. Contact Judy at 425-378-0645 to get involved.

April-Oct **Senior Hikers**, every Thursday at 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Like to get out of doors, commune with nature and get some exercise all at the same time? Join our hiking groups at the North Bellevue Community Center. Call Darrion at 425-452-7681 for details.

Apr-Oct **King County Master Gardener Drop-In Clinics,** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., every Wednesday and Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th Street
Consult with Master Gardeners about all aspects of plant care, disease, propagation, identification and more. Bring questions! **FREE. Info:** 425-452-7225 or Demonstration Garden email – bellevuedemo@hotmail.com . **No registration is required.**

Apr-Oct **2011 Community Gardens and P-Patch Programs**
The City of Bellevue offers P-Patch garden plots to the community at two locations. Each plot measures approximately 400 square feet, and water is supplied onsite. The Gardens will re-open on April 2, 2011. For more information, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact the Ranger Station at 425-452-7225. Administrative Office for the P-Patch program is at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station. Garden locations:

- Crossroads Par 3 Golf Course, 15801 NE 15th Street
- Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Sept-Nov **After School Volunteers,** 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Earn community service hours in this once-a-week after-school volunteer program at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. You need to have a willingness to learn, a positive attitude, a tolerance for being outside and an interest in animals. **Pre-registration is required. Info/Register**: 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .

Sept-Dec **Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., first Saturday of each month
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. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! No registration is required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct - Daily **Kelsey Creek Farm – Fall at the Farm,**
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Children learn how life in the 1920s varies from today when they work on "chores" in the barn with child-size buckets and rakes. Children will also view animals before ending up in our indoor pumpkin patch. Extra fee for pumpkin. **Ages:** For preschool and school groups. **Cost:** Please call or email. Pre-registration is required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

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.

Every 1st Monday each month
Snocone Night, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Bellevue Skate Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road (within Highland Community Park)
Bellevue Skate Park and Snowboard Connection are proud to present "Snocon Night." Various games, best trick contest, and give a ways for families and youth of all ages. Come check it out - you may walk away with some cool prizes. **Info:** 425-452-2722. **Register:** not required.

Every Monday
2011 Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

Every Monday
2012 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Committee, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan a biennial city-wide youth conference in Bellevue. Decide with other teens on selecting themes, workshops and speakers. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

Last Monday each month
Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road
Teen Closet is a free clothing bank for teens and families in the Bellevue area. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick, Youth Link Program Coordinator, 425-452-5254, e-mail palina@bellevuewa.gov, or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every Tuesday
21st Annual Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan a city-wide youth recognition event in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month
Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-119
Help plan a citywide youth recognition event in our community. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

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 visit www.youthlink.com.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 7 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 visit www.youthlink.com.

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-112
Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

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 an environmental restoration site? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Learn the history of the park, tour community gardens, and learn about local wildlife. **Ages:** Fun for the family; 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! **Register:** not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565. **NOTE:** No walk on December 24 or 31.

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.