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NOVEMBER 2014

Nov 1 **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. 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.

Nov 2 **"North America: Learn Young or Die" (Nature Movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
"North America" is a Discovery Channel series featuring amazing cinematography to explore our own backyard and all of the marvels it holds. Survival is a daily battle on this continent; learn about the struggles of creatures living in extreme conditions. **This film contains a predation scene that may be inappropriate for younger viewers.** Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 2 **Leaving No Trace: Proper Trail Etiquette,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Learn the basics of the Leave No Trace principles. Find out what you can do to ensure that those who visit nature after you will never even know you were there before them. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, activity code 86752. **Info:** 425-452-2565.

Nov 4 **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Hike Mount Park – More difficult hike (includes moderate elevation gain)
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. Every other Tuesday, between September 16 and November 5, we'll meet at Highland Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Look forward to guest leaders on topics from birding to local history. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** $5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Jenna Walenga at jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883, activity code 86930.

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Nov 5 **Farm Hands – Cows, Butter and a Log Cabin**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #81674. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Nov 7 **Whoo! Whoo! (Children's Activity),** two sessions; choose one -
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Harvest moons and owl moons! When all the leaves are gone, it is easier to spot owls. Learn about the habits of our feathered friends. 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:** 425-452-6885, activity code 86687 and 86688. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 7-16 **"Peter Rabbit & Friends" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
November 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m.;
November 9, 15 and 16 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Enjoy the charming adventures of Peter Rabbit and his friends as they try to stay out of mischief. **Ages:** Suitable for all ages. **Cost:** $10/advance tickets or $12 if purchased after October 31. Tickets will be available in late September. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Nov 8 **Green Is Not Always Better – Let's Talk about Ivy!,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
It sneaks in everywhere, creeping into your yard, on our buildings and in our parks… and it doesn't belong here. Although it may have the appearance of belonging and adding green to our landscape, it can take down a tall big leaf maple, damage buildings and provide the perfect home for rats! Learn about what you can do on your own property, how the City manages it, and how you can help out the natural areas you live near. **Ages:** All ages; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 86980.

Nov 8 **The Food Chain (Family Activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All living things depend on each other to survive. Who do you depend on? Learn about the web of life as you create your very own food chain model to take home! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, activity code 86695. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Nov 9 **"Wild Kratts: Build It Beaver" (Children's Movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 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! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 15 **Art of Etiquette #1 – Young Ladies and Gentlemen,** 9 a.m. - noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet manners are the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This fun, hands-on workshop teaches telephone etiquette, basic table manners, introductions, personal care and posture. **Ages:** 6 to 11 years old. **Cost:** $50/resident and $60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, activity code 86574. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Nov 15 **Visions of Sugarplums**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Jelly bellies, gumdrops and peppermint FUN! Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season by making a mini gingerbread house, singing songs, dancing and eating yummies for your tummies! Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome fun. This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** 2 to5 years old. **Cost:** $20/residents and $25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course #85524. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Nov 15 **Art of Etiquette #2 – Young Ladies and Gentlemen,** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
This course is a natural follow-up to Young Ladies and Gentlemen #1. One of the first social settings that children encounter is being a guest. Learning how to be a gracious guest, guest of honor or host, are skills they will use lifelong. Boys and girls will learn about invitations, being a great guest and host, meeting and greeting others, polite conversation, giving and receiving gifts, basic table manners while neatly eating birthday cake, and how to create their own thank you notes. It is not necessary to have taken Ladies and Gentlemen #1 to enroll in Ladies and Gentlemen #2. **Ages:** 6 to 11 years old. **Cost:** $50/resident and $60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, activity code 84685. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Nov 15 **Coal Creek Park Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Nov 16 **Bellevue's Colorful History (Eastside Heritage Center Program),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Take a stroll through history with the fascinating tale of how Bellevue has changed through time. This program is presented in cooperation between the City of Bellevue and the Eastside Heritage Center. **Ages:** This is an Adult Enrichment Program, but we welcome families. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Nov 19 **Thanksgiving Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a delicious Thanksgiving feast. Entertainment will be provided. Please pre-register by November 10. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $3 for people 60 years and older; $6 for all others. **Pre-registration:** Required by November 10. **Info and to register:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.

Nov 19 **Animal Enrichment – Pony Enhancement,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This NEW program is for 8-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 8 to 10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 86955. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Nov 21 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "My Life as a Turkey,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
"My Life as a Turkey" is one man's remarkable experience of raising a group of wild turkey hatchlings to adulthood. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP requested. **Info and to RSVP:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Nov 21 **The Ladies Musical Club of Seattle Concert,** 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center Theatre Room, 16000 NE 10th Street
The historic Ladies Musical Club of Seattle will present its series of free, public concerts at Crossroads Community Center from October to May. The one-hour concerts provide an intimate enrichment experience for music lovers of all ages. The artists are available post-concert for questions and conversation. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4874 or www.LMCSeattle.org .

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Nov 21-23 **"Babes in Toyland" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
November 21, 22 and 23 at 7 p.m.
November 22 and 23 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre – Ivanhoe, 16661 Northup Way
Come and join us on the journey to Magical Toyland! Singing, dancing, action and adventure await as all as all your favorite Mother Goose characters come together to stop an evil plot. **Ages:** Suitable for all ages. **Cost:** $10/advance tickets or $12 if purchased after November 21. Tickets will be available in late September. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Nov 21 **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 and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #86696. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 23 **Fungus Among Us,** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Fall is a wonderful time to look for fungus! Join an instructor from the Puget Sound Mycological Society for a fungus hunt to look for and identify the many varieties that call Lewis Creek home in the wet fall months. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #86704. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Nov 25 **Thanksgiving Dinner,** family crafts at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Crossroads Community Center and Aldersgate Methodist Church invite Bellevue families for a community Thanksgiving dinner. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4874.

Nov 27 **Free Thanksgiving Day Indoor Cycle Class,** Three start times - 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Burn 600+ calories before your feast! Each class lasts one hour. Class is free, with a donation of a Target or Fred Meyer gift card. Gift cards will be used to purchase socks and underwear for disadvantaged kids in the Boys & Girls Club program at SBCC. Bring water and a towel. Pedals are SPD compatible, or wear sneakers. We welcome all fitness levels! **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** FREE with donation listed above. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Joan Perugini at jperugini@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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Nov 27 **Fit for the Feast,** 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Join us for a masters swim workout. **Ages:** 19 years and older. **Cost:** $10 – includes a designer t-shirt. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong - 425-452-2806.

Nov 28 **Youth Appreciation & Safety Day,** 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
This event for children ages 12 and under promotes water safety and offers free swimming. Free raffle drawings throughout the event. Free admission and open swim for children 12 years old and under. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free for kids up to 12 years old; $6.75 for those 13 years and older. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4444.

Nov 29 – Jan 3 **Garden d'Lights,** 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., every evening
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This annual holiday season tradition features thousands of tiny twinkling lights that transform Bellevue Botanical Garden into a winter wonderland. Be sure to join us this year, and bring your family, friends and out-of-town guests to see the new Visitor Center and new Garden d'Lights route. **Cost:** $5; children 10 and under are free. **For driving, parking and ticket information:** http://www.gardendlights.org/

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Nov 29 – Jan 3 **Garden d'Lights,** 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., every evening
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Dec 3 **Farm Hands – Happy Holidays to All**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #81675. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Dec 4-6 **Hilltop Holiday Craft Show**,
December 3-5 - 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
December 6 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical, one-of-a-kind craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 65 selected Northwest crafters. It's not your ordinary craft show! **Ages:** All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; craft items vary in price. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106. **Crafter application/information:** hilltop.crafts@frontier.com or 206-920-2957.

Dec 4 **Christmas Ship Festival**, 8:50 p.m. – 9:10 p.m.
Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to gather together to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's presentation. All this, and a beach fire to keep you warm! **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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Dec 5 **What's Better than Recycling? Reducing and Reusing!,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Come learn about what you can do in your own home, day-to-day, to help reduce what ends up in your curbside bins. Learn about fun and useful "upcycle" projects, and make one of your own to take home. **Ages:** All ages; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 86612.

Dec 5 **Time to Hibernate (Children's Activity),** two sessions, choose one
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
During the cold winter months many animals take a very long nap called "hibernation." Find out what animals get very sleepy in winter! 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:** 425-452-6885, course 86689 or 86690. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 5 **Holiday Ball,** 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come and enjoy a light meal and dancing at the annual Holiday Ball. This dance is for teens and adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $9/resident and $11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com , activity code 76733. **Info:** 425-452-7686.

Dec 6 **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. 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.

Dec 7 **"Planet Earth: Pole to Pole" (Nature Movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:44 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Follow the sun as it touches the lives of creatures across the planet. This documentary will examine how seasons affect the Earth and produce spectacular events. Running time is 44 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 7 **Ranger Program: Hibernation,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that many animals sleep through the winter? Join a park ranger and learn which animals do this, and why they sleep thorugh the cold!. **Ages:** All ages, we welcome families. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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Dec 12-21 **"The Snow Queen" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
December 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 7 p.m.;
December 14, 20 and 21 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Enjoy this delightful musical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale. This timeless classic comes alive on the Bellevue Youth Theatre stage. You will want to bring the whole family. **Ages:** Suitable for all ages. **Cost:** $10/advance tickets or $12 if purchased after December 5. Tickets will be available in late September. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Dec 13 **History of Lewis Creek Park,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you ever wondered about how Lewis Creek came to be as you walk through the park? Lewis Creek has a rich history extending back into the 1800s. What signs of this history can you observe throughout the park? Discover the past of Lewis Creek, and what can still be seen today. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 14 **Ranger Program: Hibernation,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
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, we welcome families. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Dec 14 **"March of the Penguins" (Children's Movie),** 2 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Follow along with Emperor penguins as they make an incredible journey through the harshest environment on Earth to lay their eggs. Running time is 80 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 16 **Youth Holiday Party,** 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Crossroads Community Center invites Bellevue children, youth and teens to a community Holiday Party. **Ages:** Infants-18 years old and their parent (child must be present to receive a gift). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4874.

Dec 17 **Holiday Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a festive holiday meal. Enjoy seasonal music proceeding. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $3 for people 60 years and older; $6 for all others. **Pre-registration:** Required by December 9. **Info and to register:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.

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Dec 17 **Animal Enrichment – Happy Holidays to All,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This NEW program is for 8-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 8 to 10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 86956. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Dec 19 **Hibernation Pajama Party,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come learn about animals that hibernate, as well as other ways of surviving the winter. Make sure to bring your PJ's and a blanket or pillow as we settle in for the winter! ***Parents must register and attend with their child.*** **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course 86697. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 20 **Lakemont Highlands Open Spaces Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Dec 22 **Christmas Ship Festival**, 8:25 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98th Avenue NE
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to gather together to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's presentation. All this, and a beach fire to keep you warm! **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Dec 26 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Fortress of the Bears,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Admiralty Inlet in Southeast Alaska supports the largest concentration of bears anywhere in the world. These Alaskan brown bears are part of a unique circle of life that has played out here for centuries. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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Dec 27 **Wild Tracks (Family Activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about different signs of animals, and then take a walk through Lewis Creek looking for signs of wildlife: tracks, scat, rubbings, tunnels, etc. Each child will make and take home a plaster track! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course 86698. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Jan 6 **Creative Garden Writing Workshop with Steve Lorton,**
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Steve Lorton, former Northwest Bureau Chief and Garden Editor for *Sunset* magazine, will teach attendees how to write descriptive articles about gardens. Attendees will spend some time in one of the Bellevue Botanical Garden's gardens, after which they will write about what they observed, with Steve's guidance. Steve has written extensively about gardens in America, Japan, Korea, Finland, England, Spain, France and Brazil. Class is limited to 15 participants. **Cost:** $25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS people - $35. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

Jan 13 **Becoming a Northwest Gardener, 7** p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
Tom Fischer, senior acquisitions editor at Timber Press and former editor of *Horticulture* magazine, will lead this lecture. Tom traces the development of his front and back gardens in choosing plants and design elements. His talk also focuses on his "learning curve" (both successful and unsuccessful) after moving from the east coast in 2004. **Cost:** $5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS people - $15. **Pre-registration:** Not required; lectures are first-come, first-served. **Info:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

Jan 14 **Farm Hands – Chicken Meet & Greet,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #90764. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Jan 16 **Plantsmanship as Competitive Sport - Special Event with Dan Hinkley and Jim Fox,** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
Please join us for what promises to be a lively evening as plants-men Dan Hinkley and Jim Fox discuss their favorite plants. Silent auction includes rare plants, rare prints, and dinner at Windcliff. Proceeds benefit plant exploration and study. **Admission Cost:** $45. **Info and to purchase tickets:** http://www.heronswoodgarden.org/events/ and go to prompt for Fox/Hinkley lecture BBG.

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Jan 17 **Photography 101 Class (Part 1),** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
Professional photographer Leslie Cohan, of Images through the Door Photography, teaches "Getting to Know Your Camera." **Cost:** $45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS people - $55. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

Jan 24 **Photography 101 Class (Part 2),** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
Leslie Cohan continues the course by teaching about your camera's capabilities. You will take pictures in the garden for tips and pointers on composition and putting it all together. **Cost:** $45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS people - $55. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

Jan 24 **Capturing Nature through Watercolor (Part 1),** 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
This two-class series is taught by Carol McKinney, a professional watercolorist for over 30 years. She has exhibited in Washington, Massachusetts, California, and Italy. All supplies are included. **Cost:** $50 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS people - $70. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

Jan 24 **Frozen,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
'Chill-out' with Miss Karen! Make icy treats, snow people art, and dance to everyone's favorite movie soundtrack. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** $20/residents and $25/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 93027. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Jan 24 **I Painted That! (Part 1),** 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
This three-class series is for children 7 to 10 years old, and is an introductory watercolor class taught by Carol McKinney. All supplies are included. **Cost:** $60 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS people - $75. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

Jan 25 **Northwest Perennial Alliance Winter Lecture,** 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
Doors open at noon for plant and seed sales. Open to all ages. **Cost:** Free for Northwest Perennial Alliance members; non-NPA members - $10. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** http://northwestperennialalliance.org/

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Jan 28 **Animal Enrichment – Rainy Day Rabbits,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This program is for 8-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 8 to 10 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 90785. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Jan 31 **Capturing Nature through Watercolor (Part 2),** 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
This two-class series is taught by Carol McKinney, a professional watercolorist for over 30 years. She has exhibited in Washington, Massachusetts, California, and Italy. All supplies are included. **Cost:** $50 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS people - $70. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

Jan 31 **I Painted That! (Part 2),** 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
This three-class series is for children 7 to 10 years old, and is an introductory watercolor class taught by Carol McKinney. All supplies are included. Part 3 of this series will be held on February 7. **Cost:** $60 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS people - $75. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Daily, times vary
Kelsey Creek Farm Pioneer Days
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Experience life in the 1800s by visiting our historic log cabin. Tour includes grinding wheat and coffee, turning butter, and other living history activities. These tours are for preschool and school groups. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to $5 per person). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Daily, times vary
Fall on the Farm – Group Tours
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Experience harvest season in a traditional way. Visit a pony, feed the chickens and work on barn "chores" with child-sized pails and rakes. Tour the garden and pumpkin patch. Children finish up by choosing a pumpkin from our harvest-themed indoor pumpkin patch! Extra fee for pumpkins. **Ages:** Preschool and school groups, 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to $5 per person). **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.

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, 4 p.m. - 5 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. - 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 palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
Youth Link Marketing Committee, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE
Learn marketing through hands-on training and activities! Marketing team members work on the Bellevue Patch, YouthConnect, an online youth publication, develop marketing materials for the program and develop other marketing strategies using social media**. Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
Youth Link University Project Planning Meeting, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120
Assist in the development of a youth business training course during the school year. Students will work with other adult volunteers and business professionals in the planning of the training curriculum, marketing and delivery of the program. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

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.

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.

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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 Saturday and Sunday, April through October
Docent-led Tour of Bellevue Botanical Garden, 2 p.m.
Meet at Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-2750.

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.