

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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FEBRUARY 2015

- Feb 1** **“Planet Earth: Forests” (Nature Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Investigate temperate regions and find elusive wildlife and well-adapted plants. From the giant sequoia trees of the West Coast to the forests of Siberia, explore the forests of the world. 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.
- Feb 5** **Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival**, 7 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
The Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival celebrates the human-powered winter experience through film. The festival aims to entertain while helping to raise funds and awareness for Winter Wildlands and our like-minded partners. The selection of unique films that make up the Backcountry Film Festival will inspire you to grab your buddies to embrace the fun and beauty of winter. Event is co-sponsored by The Mountaineers. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Advanced tickets - \$12 for Mountaineers members and Bellevue residents. Day of show tickets - \$15. **To buy tickets:** www.eventbrite.com . **Info:** jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or <http://winterwildlands.org/what-we-do/backcountry-film-festival/> .
- Feb 6** **Going Batty (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
What does it mean to go batty?! Come find out what bats do! 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 90866 or 90867. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 7** **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Ranger to 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.

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- Feb 7** **Mason Bees (Garden Class)**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join us for this class with Dave Hunter of Crown Bees, Woodinville. Learn about the gentle nature of these amazing pollinators. Creating safe havens for bees also protects our environment, food supply, water and even our pocketbooks! **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS members - \$55. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Feb 8** **Hiking Year Round – Winter Trail Series, Twin Falls**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(Rescheduled from January 25)
Leaves from Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Your season doesn't have to end in October. The crisp winter air or eerie fog rolling through a valley can really add new beauty to a hike. In this all-ages hiking series, we'll head out into the nearby mountains to see some old classics with a new perspective. Be sure to dress for the weather with warm layers and boots. Our experienced guides will explain the basics of staying happy and safe on a wintertime hike, and will lead you on the trail. Transportation will be provided. Some gear is available. Bring a snack and water. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$5. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 89695. **Info:** 425-452-6883.
- Feb 8** **“Growing Up Wild: Crazy Croakers” (Children’s Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
“Growing Up Wild” gives fun and entertaining insight into the animal kingdom. In this episode, learn all about amphibians from frogs and toads to salamanders! 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.
- Feb 8** **Ranger Program: Creatures of the Night**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
At night when people go to sleep, the forest comes to life! Many nocturnal creatures make their home in the northwest and have amazing adaptations that allow them to succeed in a world with no light. Whether it's a group of bats, a silent owl, or even a sneaky raccoon, the world of darkness is a fascinating place! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Feb 10** **Beginner Nordic Skiing Course – Intro Lecture**, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
(Rescheduled from January 22)
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This course, offered by TRACKS and 1 World Outing Club, is for anyone looking to start cross country skiing! A great activity for all ages, we'll show you the basics and open the doors to trips throughout the winter. This lecture will cover the basic how-tos of planning a trip, choosing and renting gear, and getting started on your skis to prepare you for the day field trip (February 28), or to head out on your own. **Lecture:** Tuesday, February 10. **Ages:** 16 years and older, or 8 years and older if taking the course with a parent. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Optional; not required for evening lecture. **To register (optional):** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 93942. **Info:** Lance Young, 1 World Outing Club, 206-363-0859.
- Feb 11** **Farm Hands – Happy Valentine's Day to our Animal Friends**,
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Create Valentine's Day treats for our animal friends and deliver the goodies around the barnyard with Farmer Jayne. We'll use our imaginations with card making for our favorite people too, and end up our time with a special holiday treat for ourselves. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #90765. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Feb 14** **My Little Valentine**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Bring your mom or dad and make a special box-lunch for both of you to share. Together, make a special gift to take home. Sing songs, do a little dance, and complete the morning by decorating a sweet Valentine treat. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 90609. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- 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 as we wander through Lewis Creek Park. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Feb 15** **Ranger Program: Creatures of the Night**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
At night when people go to sleep, the forest comes to life! Many nocturnal creatures make their home in the northwest and have amazing adaptations that allow them to succeed in a world with no light. Whether it's a group of bats, a silent owl, or even a sneaky raccoon, the world of darkness is a fascinating place!
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 19-April 9** **Docent Training**, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., eight consecutive Thursdays
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The Bellevue Botanical Garden Society is accepting volunteer applications for new docents. Learn how to be a garden docent and give tours at the Garden – share your gardening passion! Go to www.bellevuebotanical.org for the Volunteer Application or contact bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org.
- Feb 20** **Bats of Bellevue**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Have you ever wondered what bats we have around Bellevue? How much or what they eat? What exactly do these little flying mammals do? If so, come by the Ranger Station to discover all about bats, their benefits, and how they contribute to a healthy ecosystem. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 90762.
- Feb 21** **Now You See Me, Now You Don't**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Why are deer brown? Why are frogs green? Why do owls have spots? Discover how various animals disguise themselves and “disappear” into their environment using camouflage. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 21** **Bat Hike**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Discover what types of bats live in Mercer Slough, and then take a short Night Hike to look and listen for bats and other nocturnal wildlife. Bring a flashlight or a headlamp, as well as good shoes for the journey! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Feb 22** **Hiking Year Round – Winter Trail Series, Little Si**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Leaves from Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Your season doesn't have to end in October. The crisp winter air or eerie fog rolling through a valley can really add new beauty to a hike. In this all-ages hiking series, we'll head out into the nearby mountains to see some old classics with a new perspective. Be sure to dress for the weather with warm layers and boots. Our experienced guides will explain the basics of staying happy and safe on a wintertime hike, and will lead you to the top of Little Si. Transportation will be provided. Some gear is available. Bring a snack and water. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$5. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 89696. **Info:** 425-452-6883.
- Feb 22** **Crows (Living with Wildlife)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Crows are one of our most common wildlife residents – they have more advanced cognitive abilities than many mammals, have amazing memory and are very social. Find out why crows gather at Factoria Mall, and what the fuss is all about. Learn what crows know, and discover how we can get along together. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 25** **Animal Enrichment – Valentine Surprise**, 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 90786. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Feb 26** **The Un-Thirsty Landscape**, 7 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class is taught by Marianne Binetti, radio host, author and columnist. Learn the secrets of more drama with less drinking by choosing the right plant material, and professional landscaping tips that cut back on not just water use but maintenance as well. This class showcases fantastic foliage plants, shrubs for adding year-round interest, and container gardens that survive on rainfall alone. Learn the secrets of having a colorful flower garden that blooms without extra water. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887955> **Info:** 425-453-0930.

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- Feb 27** **“The Secret World of Bats” (Nature Movie)**, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This 48-minute film, originally shown on CBS television, captures all aspects of bat behavior across five continents with remarkable slow-motion photography. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Feb 27** **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:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course #90887. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Feb 28** **Beginner Nordic Skiing Course – Day Trip**, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Leaves from Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This course, offered by TRACKS and 1 World Outing Club, is for anyone looking to start cross country skiing! A great activity for all ages, we'll show you the basics and open the doors to trips throughout the winter. The course consists of one weekday evening lecture (February 10) and a full-day weekend instructional field trip. You may attend one or both. **Field Trip:** Transportation will be provided, leaving from Highland Community Center. This will be a full-day trip with a beginner lesson and plenty of time to explore on your own. **Gear is not provided; you must obtain your own equipment prior to the trip. For advice on choose rental gear, we recommend attending the February 10th lecture.** **Ages:** 16 years and older, or 8 years and older if taking the course with a parent. **Cost of Day Trip:** \$50. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 93943. **Info:** Lance Young, 1 World Outing Club, 206-363-0859.
- Feb 28** **Discover the Birds of Lake Hills Greenbelt – Nature Walk with Hugh Jennings**, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Get to know our winter birds in the Lake Hills Greenbelt! Join Hugh Jennings, an avid birder since 1988, to explore our wetland waterfowl, native songbirds, and woodland edge woodpeckers. Learn which birds spend their winters here and which ones you should expect to see in the spring. Please dress for the weather. If you have binoculars, feel free to bring them along! Meet at the kiosk in front of the Master Gardener's Demonstration Garden at 15500 SE 16th Street. **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 90750.

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Feb 28 **Bringing the Living Space into the Garden (Garden Class)**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class will be taught by Karen Stefonick, award-winning landscape designer.
Learn how to enhance your indoor living space into the garden. **Cost:** \$45 for
Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$55 for non-BBGS members **Pre-**
registration: Required. **Info and to register:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .

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MARCH 2015

- March 1** **Ranger Program: Black, White, and Grey: of Crows, Seagulls, and Pigeons,**
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE*
How much do you know about the most common of flyers? People living in the cities of the northwest see crows, seagulls, and pigeons every day, but do we really know that much about them? Where do pigeons nest? How do seagulls care for their young? Just exactly how smart is a crow? Come find out in this fascinating class designed for children and adults! **Ages:** All ages welcome.
Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** msec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 4** **Farm Hands – Rabbit Wiggles and Giggles,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
How far can you jump? Hop on over to practice your rabbit skills and meet our beautiful rabbit friends with Farmer Jayne. We'll pet and brush and work by the rabbit cages with our rakes, making the area tidy and neat for them. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #90766. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- March 5** **Plan Your Spring Vegetable Garden,** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn about soil preparation for organic in-ground vegetable gardening, including seed sowing, cold frames, companion planting and Northwest crop cycles/rotation. This class is offered in conjunction with Seattle Tilth. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS members - \$35.
Pre-registration: Required. **Info and reservations:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- March 8** **Ranger Program: Black, White, and Grey: of Crows, Seagulls, and Pigeons,**
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE*
How much do you know about the most common of flyers? People living in the cities of the northwest see crows, seagulls, and pigeons every day, but do we really know that much about them? Where do pigeons nest? How do seagulls care for their young? Just exactly how smart is a crow? Come find out in this fascinating class designed for children and adults! **Ages:** All ages welcome.
Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** msec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- March 10** **Design Tips for an Environmentally-Friendly Ooh-La-La Garden**, 7 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Ciscoe Morris, writer and radio/TV personality, teaches ways to make your garden more attractive, fun, and interesting to work in. Learn how to create a garden to attract birds and wildlife and will be easier to maintain without resorting to chemical pesticides. **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS members - \$55. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and reservations:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- March 13** **Gardening with Your Children Series – 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. We'll discuss how to pick a location, use 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. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 90780. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- March 14** **March Mania Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at 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 BBG. **Ages:** All ages welcome; bring the family. **Cost:** Free admission; various prices for plants. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/>
- March 14** **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:** Call 425-452-4106 to register for course 90610. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- March 15** **Northwest Perennial Alliance presents Nikolay Memorial Lecture**, 1 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Seth Hogan presents "From Old Classics to New." **Ages:** Open to all ages. **Cost:** NPA members - \$5; non-members - \$10. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/>

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- March 15** **Western Grey Squirrels**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Once a prominent species in Washington, the threatened Western grey squirrel is now seldom seen in its native habitat. Guest speaker Katrina Fiske has been studying the Western grey squirrel with the Pacific Biodiversity Institute. She will present her findings on this creature and speak about the importance of maintaining natural habitat. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 18** **Animal Enrichment – Springy Goats**, 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 90787. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- March 20-21** **Puget Sound Dahlia Association Tuber Sale**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; various prices for plants. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.pugetsounddahlias.org/>
- March 20** **Gardening with Your Children Series – 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 supported structures, and how you can make some easy and fun trellises. Bring a plant home to start your own garden! **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 90954. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- March 20-29** **“Oblio and the Pointless Forest” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
March 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7 p.m.; March 22, 28 and 29 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
This is a story based on Harry Nilsson's "The Point." It includes all the classic songs such as "Me and My Arrow," and is suitable for all ages. Come be a part of the first show of the first season at the new BYT Theatre! All seats are reserved. We recommend purchasing tickets in advance as BYT shows frequently sell out. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$10 advance tickets, or \$12 if purchased after March 13. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- March 27** **Gardening with Your Children Series – Attracting Pollinators and Determining Helpful Bugs from Harmful Bugs**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds are all important pollinators for a vegetable garden. Learn about the process of pollination and how to attract these essential garden helpers. We'll also talk about other beneficial bugs and harmful bugs, and how to tell them apart. You will get to plant your own flowers to attract pollinators in your garden. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com , course 90955. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- March 27** **An Original Duckumentary (Nature Movie)**, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This program follows a wood duck family as a male and females create a bond, migrate together across thousands of miles, nurture and protect a brood of chicks, then come full circle as they head to their wintering grounds. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 28** **The Wonderful World of Trilliums**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join us for this lecture by Susie Egan, landscape designer, master gardener, speaker and owner of Cottage Lake Gardens. Susie's lecture will focus on the history, botany and culture of trilliums while showing photographs of many of the most popular trilliums that are easily grown in the Pacific Northwest. Lecture is first-come, first-served. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS members - \$15. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- March 29** **Hiking Year Round – Winter Trail Series, Middle Fork Snoqualmie River**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Leaves from Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Your season doesn't have to end in October. The crisp winter air or eerie fog rolling through a valley can really add new beauty to a hike. In this all-ages hiking series, we'll head out into the nearby mountains to see some old classics with a new perspective. Be sure to dress for the weather with warm layers and boots. Our experienced guides will explain the basics of staying happy and safe on a wintertime hike, and will lead you on the trail. Transportation will be provided. Some gear is available. Bring a snack and water. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$5. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com , course 89697. **Info:** 425-452-6883.

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- April 2** **Presentation on Rhododendron Species Garden**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Steve Hootman, director of the Rhododendron Species Garden, highlights and showcases rare and unusual rhododendrons and identifies how to care for them. After the presentation, Steve will lead a tour of the Rhododendron Glen at the BBG. **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$55 for non-BBGS members. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- April 4** **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! **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents (1 child/1 adult). **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 90607. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- April 4** **Recycled Glass Mosaics for the Whole Family (Class)**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Local mosaic artist and educator Cheryl Smith, of Cheryl Smith Mosaics, will teach this class. Be a steward of the Earth by keeping glass out of the landfill and creating personal art! You'll create four recycled glass mosaic window hangings using nature's inspiration: Flowers, tree, butterflies, lady bugs – you name it, you can create it. Learn techniques for safely cutting stained and tumbled glass. Tips on design, tools and adhesives will make you a fan of mosaics. **Ages:** Recommended for families with kids 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- April 5** **Ranger Program: Outfoxed! And Other Opportunistic Creatures**,
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE*
Many opportunistic animals have adapted to living in urban areas. Learn what these awesome creatures have that gives them the edge in a not-so-natural environment, and what we can do to help them to live natural and healthy lives. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- April 12** **Ranger Program: Outfoxed! And Other Opportunistic Creatures,**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room,
1625 118th Avenue SE*
Many opportunistic animals have adapted to living in urban areas. Learn what these awesome creatures have that gives them the edge in a not-so-natural environment, and what we can do to help them to live natural and healthy lives.
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 14** **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
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. On Tuesdays this Spring, 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 between three and seven miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. Transportation will be provided. **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 93017.
- April 16** **New Plant Introductions for 2015, 10 a.m. - noon**
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Cindy Combs, horticultural marketing and public relations professional, covers what's hot in trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals for 2015. **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$55 for non-BBGS members. **Info and reservations:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- April 17-26** **“Rapunzel” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
April 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 7 p.m.; April 19, 25 and 26 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
This version of the timeless tale is sure to have you rolling in the aisles. Learn the who, what, where, when, and most of all, why behind a fairy tale you thought you already knew. It's full of surprises and laughs! All seats are reserved. We recommend purchasing tickets in advance as BYT shows frequently sell out.
Ages: This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$10 advance tickets, or \$12 if purchased after April 10. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- April 24** **Who's that at your Birdfeeder?, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger to find out who is flying through your yard and might visit your birdfeeder. Learn about the different birds, what they eat and when you may see them. We will make a birdfeeder 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 90763.

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- April 24** **Raccoon Nation (Nature Movie), 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Attempting to do something that has never been done before, scientists closely follow a family of urban raccoons as they navigate the complex world of a big city. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 25** **Geocaching 101 – Family Adventure, 10 a.m. - noon**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This free event will send you on a treasure hunt right outside your door. There are hundreds of geocaches hidden throughout Bellevue, and this class will give you the tools to start finding them. Geocaches are small containers with a variety of fun surprises inside. We will show you how to use the GPS coordinates or a smartphone app to find them! Learn how to use the app or a GPS, how to engage with a growing community of geocachers, and we'll help you find your first cache. An endless world of exploration, puzzle solving and discovery awaits! Dress to head outdoors on your search. If you have a smartphone or GPS, bring it with you. You can even download a geocaching app beforehand. Presented with the Washington State Geocaching Alliance. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 89693. **Info:** jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov; also www.geocaching.com.
- April 25** **Sheep Shearing, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
See the sheep being shorn of their winter coats, spinning demonstrations, tractor rides, pony rides, inflatables, children's crafts and food! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for food and activities. There's no ATM on site, and no charge cards are accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 25** **Sheep Shearing Volunteers, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children's activities at Kelsey Creek Farm's special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work outside with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. Volunteers MUST pre-register. **Ages:** 14-18 years old and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 90615. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- April 25** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek 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. This program is part of Kelsey Creek Farm's Sheep Shearing event and is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- April 26** **Green House**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
What natural cleaners actually work? Why should you use them? Join a Mercer Slough Park Ranger to learn some simple ways to make your home less toxic and a more sustainable place. The Ranger will lead a tour of the Environmental Education Center – a LEED Gold-Certified campus. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 28** **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails**, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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. On Tuesdays this Spring, 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 between three and seven miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. Transportation will be provided. **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 93018.
- April 30** **Container Gardening – Herbs and Salads**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class is offered in conjunction with Seattle Tilth. Learn tips for successful container gardening of cooler weather plants including container soil prep and maintenance, water and fertilization. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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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 woolly 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.

Daily, times vary

Springtime in the Barnyard – Group Tours

Available mid-April through May

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Welcome springtime with a tour of our animals, which may include chicks, goat kids, piglets and a calf. Learn about their special care, then finish up in the garden to plant pumpkin seeds. 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 - \$5.50 per child and \$2.50 per adult. Staff are free. **Pre-registration:** Required; call early. **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 .

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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.

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.

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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.