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MARCH 2013

March 1 **In My Own Backyard (children's activity),** 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two sessions – choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Do you ever wonder who and what used to live where you do now? Hold on for an amazing story about the history of earth and who used to live in your backyard! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2.50 for residents and $3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-6885, course #72567 or 72568. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 2 **March Mania Plant Sale,** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
This unique sale kicks off the local plant sale season. The show has evolved from its humble beginnings ten years ago into a successful event with a long line of gardeners waiting for the sale to begin. The sale is known for its unique specialties, spring ephemerals and treasures not readily found elsewhere. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of plants varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.n-p-a.org .

March 2 **Natural Start Preschool Open House,** 10 a.m. – Noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Visit Natural Start Preschool for an open house. This unique program combines Kindergarten readiness with experiences in nature, creative art exploration and lessons in healthy living. Two, three and five day programs are available. **Ages:** 3 to 5 years old. **Cost:** Open house is free. **Info:** www.naturalstartpreschool.com or 425-891-0764, or 425-452-4106.

March 2 **Lewis Creek Ranger Hike,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 2 **CCS Lurkathon – Presented by Vans,** 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Bellevue Indoor Skate Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Join us for a day of skateboard, product tosses, giveaways and a best trick contest! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $10. **Pre-registration:** Not required; pay and register on the day of event. **Info:** 425-452-2722.

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March 2 **Spring Fling Dance,** 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Welcome Spring with the "Sound of Swing." USA Dance will be here to teach a lesson from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Dance the night away to all the Big Band favorites and the standards. It's sure to be a fun night! **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $15 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

March 3 **"Winged Migration" (nature movie),** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A nature classic – witness as five film crews follow a rich variety of bird migrations through 40 countries and each of the seven continents. Running time is 89 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 9 **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 have your leprechaun wear something green so you won't get pinched. There's a pot of "gold" waiting for you at the end of the rainbow! **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** $22 for residents; $25 for non-residents. Additional child cost is $5/residents and $6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Go to www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-4106 to register for course #71430. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

March 9 **Tiny Critters (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What is the smallest animal you can think of? Think small! Come learn about the tiniest animals we share this world with… so small we will view them under a microscope! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; registrations required for parent and child. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72596. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 10 **"Tons of Fun" (children's movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us to watch this movie about the world's biggest babies – hippos, elephants and rhinos. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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March 13 **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon,** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us in being "Irish for a day!" Wear your favorite green outfit and enjoy a traditional Irish meal. We'll play some Irish music and sing some favorite Irish songs. Your "Irish eyes" are sure to be smiling! Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation of $3 for those 60 years and older; fee of $6 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7681 to register by March 4. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

March 16-24 **"The Little Prince" (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**
March 16 and 23 at 7 p.m.; March 17, 23 and 24 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Come see BYT's version of this timeless tale of a pilot who crashes in a desert and meets a little boy. Stranded together, the pilot learns of the boy's travels throughout the universe in pursuit of adventure, love and meaning, and ultimately his precious rose. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** $10-$12. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

March 16 **Woof Walk (ranger program),** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Meet at entrance kiosk in Weowna Park, 1420 168th Avenue SE
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue's parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the city steward these valuable lands. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

March 16 **Local Area Hike: South Bellevue Green Spaces,** 10 a.m. – noon
Meeting Place: Lattawood Park, 4530 155th Avenue SE
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Hikes vary in theme and length. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 16 **Green Hour (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a Green Hour at Lewis Creek Park! Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; registration is required for parent and child. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72592. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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March 16 **Orcas and Bellevue (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Killer whales are a source of pride for the residents of Washington State. But did you know that the Orcas inhabiting our waters are an endangered species? Join us for a presentation on Orcas, Orca conservation and how Eastsiders can help save these iconic creatures by conserving our salmon streams. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

March 20 **Farm Hands – Rabbits, Wiggles and Giggles,** 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Our Farm Hands program is designed for school-aged kids with early release on 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:** 5-8 years old. **Cost:** $25 for residents; $30 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-6885 to register for course #66878 **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

March 23 **Animal Art (ranger program),** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Draw and sketch different Pacific Northwest species from a collection of wildlife mounts! There is no other way to capture the magnificence of these creatures so close up and so still. Mounts, newsprint, charcoal pencils and drawing boards provided. Challenge your artistic talents while learning about the natural history of the area you live in. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** $4 for residents and $5 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72629. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

March 23 **Wildlife Camouflage (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Have you ever noticed how difficult it is to see a bird or a squirrel when they're standing perfectly still in a tree? Why is it a good idea for them to blend in so well? Why are some animals dressed in bright, bold colors? Join a Park Ranger to explore the wonderful world of animal camouflage from all over the globe as well as in our very own Lake Hills Greenbelt. **Ages:** Best for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

March 24 **Urban Wildlife (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Some pretty amazing species live within Bellevue's city limits. Join us for an overview of what's here, how to prevent conflicts and how to attract some desired species. Join us after the program for a fun urban wildlife food web activity. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

March 29 **"Nature's Most Amazing Events: The Great Flood" (nature movie),**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Thousands of animals make the long trek toward the life-saving annual flood of Botswana's Okavango Delta. Running time is approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **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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April 2 **Bellevue Youth Theatre Groundbreaking,** 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center and Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Join us to celebrate the start of construction of the new 12,000 square-foot Bellevue Youth Theatre at Crossroads Community Park. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** byt@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7155.

April 4-7 **The Vintage Sale,** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Office, 12001 Main Street
Sponsored by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, the Vintage Sale will feature quality antiques, collectibles and home décor items. Proceeds will benefit the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society's capital campaign. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of items varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .

April 4-7 **"Puss in Boots" (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**
April 4, 5 and 6 at 7 p.m., and April 6 and 7 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
This is the fun-filled story of a wise cat with a wry sense of humor who creates havoc while helping a farm hand become royalty. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** $10-$12. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

April 5 **"The Boy Who Drew Birds" (children's activity),** 11 a.m. – Noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two sessions; choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This is a beautiful children's story about the famous birder, John James Audubon. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2.50/residents and $3/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72569 or #72570. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 6 **Woof Walk (ranger program),** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Meet at Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue's parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the city steward these valuable lands. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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

April 6 **Urban Composting (drop-in event),** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Drop by the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center to learn from the kings of composting. Local agencies and companies will have stations set up to teach you how to be an urban composter without a yard… and without stinking up your home! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

April 7 **Peep! Peep!,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs, as well as other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt round off our morning of fun! This is an adult/child class **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** $22 for residents; $25 for non-residents. Additional child cost is $5/residents and $6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-4106, course #71431. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

April 7 **"An Inconvenient Truth" (movie),** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This documentary is about global warming and the future of our planet. Running time is 96 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 9 & 11 **Kelsey Creek Pony Partners,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Avenue 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. No infants or older siblings. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years. **Cost:** $50/residents and $60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-6885 to register for course #71641. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

April 12-13 **Puget Sound Dahlia Association Tuber Sale,** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Thousands of locally-grown quality dahlia tubers from exhibition-quality dahlia varieties will be available for purchase. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of plants varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.PugetSoundDahlias.org .

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April 13 **"The Nature of Haiku" (Guest Speaker),** 10 a.m. - noon
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
April is National Poetry Month! Join Michael Dylan Welch, Vice-President of the Haiku Society of America, for an exploration of haiku poetry as a window into appreciating the natural world, its seasons and your five senses. Explore the myths and realities of haiku, hear a brief overview of haiku in Japan, and understand important targets for writing haiku in English. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885, course #72528. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

April 14 **"Aardvark Town" (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:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 17 **Farm Hands – Spring Sheep,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Avenue SE
Our Farm Hands program is designed for school-aged kids with early release on 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:** Call 425-452-6885 to register for course #71640. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

April 19-28 **"Robin Hood" (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),**
April 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 7 p.m., and April 21, 27 and 28 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Join us for a fun-filled retelling of the classic tale of Robin Hood. Robin, Maid Marian and Friar Tuck will all be there to delight the audience and save England from the evils of Prince John and the Sheriff of Nottingham. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** $10-$12. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

April 20 **Arbor Day – Earth Day,** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bellevue's annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event will include several volunteer projects, a tree-planting ceremony and family festival. This celebration will also mark the city's 22nd year of being recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Call 425-452-4195 to volunteer. Pre-registration is not required for event attendance. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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April 20 **Natural Start Preschool Open House,** 10 a.m. – Noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Visit Natural Start Preschool for an open house. This unique program combines Kindergarten readiness with experiences in nature, creative art exploration and lessons in healthy living. Two, three and five day programs are available. **Ages:** 3 to 5 years old. **Cost:** Open house is free. **Info:** www.naturalstartpreschool.com or 425-891-0764, or 425-452-4106.

April 23 **Bellevue Botanical Garden Expansion Groundbreaking,** 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join us to celebrate the start of construction of the new visitor center, garden and parking improvements. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2750.

April 26 **Owl Prowl (family activity),** 7:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come in and learn about the mysterious animal called the owl. Then, 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, and wear sturdy shoes! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** $5 for residents and $6 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72597. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 26 **"Nature's Most Amazing Events: The Great Feast" (nature movie),** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The annual plankton boom of Alaska's coastal waters attracts humpback whales and sea lions, who must avoid predatory killer whales. Approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

April 27 **Sheep Shearing at Kelsey Creek Farm,** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
See the sheep being shorn of their winter coats, and enjoy other farm/craft experiences such as spinning demonstrations, tractor rides, pony rides, inflatables, children's crafts and food. **Ages:** All ages, family event. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for food and activities. No ATM is on site, and no charge cards are accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-7688.

April 27 **Sheep Shearing Event Volunteers,** 11 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 and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-6885 to register for course #71649. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-7688.

April 27 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This heritage program is part of Kelsey Creek Farm's Sheep Shearing event. 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 presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages, family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – 425-450-1049 or www.eastsideheritagecenter.org .

April 27 **Outdoor Essentials (Ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Ever wonder if you could survive if you got lost in the woods? Learn useful outdoor survival skills from a Ranger, including orienteering, how to tie a number of basic knots and what hiking essentials you should always bring with you on any hike. Come dressed in your best outdoor gear. **Ages:** Best for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

April 27 – July 7 **The Owl and the Woodpecker in Washington (traveling exhibit),**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Award-winning photographer, author, conservationist and Washington resident Paul Bannick examines the intertwined life histories of owls and woodpeckers, and the unique roles they have played in defining and enriching their often-threatened habitats. This is a Burke Museum Traveling Exhibit. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 14 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 28 **Introduction to Birding (Ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bird watching is one of the most popular outdoor activities in America. From hanging a feeder to learning bird songs, there's a lifetime of learning and fun to be had! Learn some introductory skills and see what you'll need to get started. A ranger will be available for a 30-minute guided bird walk following the program. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

April 28 **Woodpeckers (Living with Wildlife series),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Of the 11 species of woodpeckers (including sapsuckers) that live in Washington, the Northern flicker is probably the most commonly seen and heard. Come learn about the benefits of having woodpeckers in your yard, and view the Burke Museum's Owl & Woodpecker exhibit on display in the Visitor Center from April 27 to July 7. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72621. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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May 3 **Lost in the Woods (Story Time family activity),** 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two sessions; choose one)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A new life was born in the woods. He slept alone in the tall grass. Was he lost? The animals of the forest want to know. We will make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2.50 for residents and $3 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #72569 or #72570. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 3-5 **"Narnia: The Musical" (Bellevue Youth Theatre production),** May 3 and 4 at 7 p.m., and May 4 and 5 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
Come experience the magic of Narnia in this delightful musical that takes you to wonderful places. Aslan, the White Witch, the Pevensie children and more all come alive in this tale created by C.S. Lewis. **Ages:** All ages; this live stage production is suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** $10-$12. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

May 4 **Eastside Fuchsia Society Spring Fuchsia Sale,** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wilburton Instructional Service Center, 12241 Main Street (1/2 block each of Bellevue Botanical Garden)
This sale features a great selection of plants from the Eastside Fuchsia Society. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of plants varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2750

May 4 **Wildlife Baby Shower,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us as the City of Bellevue and Sarvey Wildlife Care Center host the second annual Wildlife Baby Shower. We will collect in-kind and monetary donations for Sarvey Wildlife Care Center, a not-for-profit organization that cares for abandoned and injured wild animals. Come see rescued raptors, owls, opossums, hawks and falcons as we celebrate with a supply drive and family festival. Activities will include games, crafts, skits, scavenger hunts, ranger walks and a wildlife presentation! You'll also have a chance to win a raffle to help Sarvey with wildlife release. Come celebrate spring, learn about baby animals and help out a great cause! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation of $5, or wildlife supply or food item is requested for each participant. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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May 4 **Spring Migrations (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
An amazing array of birds make unbelievably lengthy journeys every year, hundreds or even thousands of miles away, to find food, raise their young or just stay warm! Join a Ranger to hear tales of the harrowing adventures these brave birds have on their travels through the Pacific Northwest. **Ages:** Best for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

May 5 **"John Muir: In the New World" (movie),** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
The life and career of America's first nature preservationist come to life through this inspiring and beautiful documentary set against the magnificent landscapes of the American West. Running time is 85 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 5 & 12 **Mercer's Minnows (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that a few times each spring, scores of foot-long minnows travel up the Mercer Slough on their way to their spawning beds in Kelsey Creek? Come learn more about their fascinating journey and watersheds in general. We'll play a fun peamouth minnow game! **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

May 8 **Mother's Day Luncheon,** 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Come and celebrate the joys of motherhood with a delicious meal, bingo and door prizes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Suggested donation of $3 for those 60 years and older; fee of $6 for those under 60, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7681 to register by May 4. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

May 10 **Barn Dance,** 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This dance is for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities. Come and dance the night away, make new friends and enjoy light refreshments. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $9/Bellevue residents and $11/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7686.

May 11 **Wilderness Skills (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
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. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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May 12 **Mother's Day Social,** 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This open house features light refreshments, music and beautiful scenery. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or call 425-451-3755.

May 12 **Lost in the Woods (family movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
The woodland animals learn the truth about the little fawn who sleeps alone in the woods. Running time is 45 minutes **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 17 **Green Hour (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us every month for a Green Hour at Lewis Creek Park! Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 18 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fraser Cabin, Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. 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 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! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – 425-450-1049 or www.eastsideheritagecenter.org .

May 18-19 **Rhododendron Show and Sale,** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wilburton Instructional Service Center, 12241 Main Street (1/2 block east of Bellevue Botanical Garden)
This show and sale features beautiful Northwest rhododendrons. Proceeds benefit the Cascade Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of plants varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** lscott@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2750.

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May 19 **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, course #74322. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 25 **Local Area Hike: Coal Creek Park,** 10 a.m. – noon
Meeting Place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd. SE
Hike through Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still being in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (380 feet elevation). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 25 **Deer (Living with Wildlife Series),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Deer are among the most familiar animals of Washington, and in many places they are the largest wildlife that people encounter. Learn how to identify between mule deer, black-tailed deer and white-tailed deer, and which lawn plants are deer-resistant. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #74265. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 26 **"Stickeen" by John Muir (Naturalists' Book Club),** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Scottish-born American naturalist and writer, John Muir devoted much of his life to saving the natural beauties of the West from destruction by commercial exploitation. *Stickeen* details the Alaskan adventures of Muir and his adopted four-legged companion. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 31 **"Nature: An Original Duckumentary" (nature movie),** 5 p.m. – 6 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 female 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. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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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
Kids on the Farm – Group Tours
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding, and create a wool sheep to take home. These group 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.

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
Snocon 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.

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Every Monday
Youth Link Marketing Committee, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121, 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 .

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
2012-2013 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:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov .

Every Tuesday
Youth Arts Action Team, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121, 450 110th Avenue NE
Interested in youth art in our community? Learn, share and appreciate art with other young people. Info: Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@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 .

Every Wednesday
2014 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Committee, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 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 .

Every Wednesday
22nd Annual Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan a city-wide youth recognition event in Bellevue. Meetings take place during Bellevue Youth Council meetings. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

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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 .

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.

1st Saturday each month
Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes, first Saturdays – September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Every Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. (No walks offered on April 20.)
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 winter visitors? 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:** 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. (No walks offered on March 16 or April 20.)
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.

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Saturdays and Sundays (May through September)
Canoe the Mercer Slough, 8:45 a.m. - noon
Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE
Explore the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water, and see how this amazing wetland ecosystem functions. Participants are required to paddle the entire distance of four miles. Trip begins and ends at Enatai Beach Park. Some paddling experience is required. Up to three people per canoe. Please dress for the weather. **Ages:** Ages 5 years and older only. Children and youth must have at least one adult present for every two children/youth. **Cost:** $16 for Bellevue residents; $18 for non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** visit www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-2565. **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.