

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
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MARCH 2016

- March 3** **Choosing Drought-Tolerant Plants for Northwest Gardens**, 10 a.m. – noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Pat Roome. With predictions of more warm, dry summers in store for the Pacific Northwest, we need to know which plants can adapt to dry conditions. Learn plant selections from trees and shrubs to perennials and vines, and what the gardener can do to prevent plant and lawn damage from drought. You will see a hands-on demonstration of parts needed for a simple soaker hose irrigation system as well as find out about proper fertilization, mulching, and watering techniques. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- March 4** **Hippity Hop (Story Time Series)**, two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Frank wasn't satisfied doing ordinary frog things. He wanted to fly, but he was a frog. Follow along as Frank jumps, runs, and leaps until he finally finds his place in the pond. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 103222 or 103221. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 5** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Ranger in exploring the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 6** **Living with Urban Wildlife**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
For many of us living in King County and the surrounding areas, nature is our backyard. While we enjoy the tranquility of our parks in urban areas, humans are not the only ones taking advantage of these natural spaces. Many animals are adapting and thriving in urban environments, and together we must coexist. Learn more about the animals living in these areas and how we can avoid negative interactions. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- March 9** **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Springy Goats,**
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99006. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- March 11** **It's Time to Wake Up Bear,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Did you know that many animals sleep through the winter? Join a Park Ranger and learn which animals do this, and why they sleep through the cold! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 102222. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- March 12** **Northwest Perennial Alliance March Mania Plant Sale,** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Get a jump on spring and stock up with plants available from specialty nurseries. Bring the whole family – there will be a kids' corner that might inspire our next generation of gardeners! Proceeds support the NPA perennial border at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. **Cost:** Free admission; prices vary for plants. **Info:** <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/>
- March 12** **Lucky Leprechauns,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Top o' the mornin' to ya! Join us for art, games, music and all things green! Don't forget to wear something Leprechaun green so you won't get pinched! There's a pot of "gold" waiting for you at the end of the rainbow. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course #102133. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- March 12** **Meet the Habitats of Lewis Creek – Wonderful Wetlands,** 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
During the rainy spring season, wetlands play a very important role in cleaning water that travels to local lakes and rivers. Discover riparian zones, and how they impact the ecosystem around them in the third and final program of this three-part series. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- March 13** **Lakemont Park Ranger-Led Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds through green corridors alongside Lewis Creek as we ascend and descend through the park. **Distance:** 4.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 16** **Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: Growing the World's Best Vegetables!**,
Lecture at 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Lecture by Alice Doyle, co-founder of the innovative Oregon wholesale nursery, Log House Plants, www.loghouseplants.com. Alice was the first grower in the United States to offer grafted vegetables to home gardeners. This fascinating look at the challenges and treasures of tomorrow's table will change the way you think about growing veggies. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- March 16** **March Neighborhood Forum: A Dialogue with Our Muslim Neighbors**,
7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall Council Chambers, 450 110th Avenue NE
The war on ISIS and homegrown terrorism have placed the issue of public safety at the center of national and local headlines, generating questions about Muslims in the United States. How has this national conversation impacted the Muslim community in Bellevue? Meet a panel from our Muslim community who will share their experiences about living on the Eastside. This is an opportunity to listen and ask critical questions of our Muslim neighbors in an environment that fosters respect and a better understanding among all our residents. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP to neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov. **Info and to request accommodations:** Mark Manuel at mmanuel@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886.
- March 18** **Gardening with Your Children: Plan and Prepare Your Garden**, 10 a.m. –
11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Learn about ideas to make your garden fun for the entire family. Learn how to pick a location, utilize the materials you may already have, and how to prepare the soil for a successful garden. Learn about what seeds and plants can go in the ground in early spring, and which need to wait for the warm sun of June. You will make a fun craft to bring home to your very own garden. As we investigate the world of plants, parents and their children can also grow together. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 102956. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

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- March 18-26 “Madeline” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
March 18, 19, 25, and 26 at 7 p.m.; March 19, 20, and 26 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
Twelve little girls all in a line, the youngest was Madeline. First shown at Bellevue Youth Theatre in 2000, this classic tale tells the story we have all come to love and adore. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after March 11. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- March 18-19 Puget Sound Dahlia Association Tuber Sale,** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
There is plenty of free parking. Free admission. **For more information:**
<http://www.pugetsounddahlias.org/>
- March 19 Peep Peep,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs as well as other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt round off our morning of fun! This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course #103134. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- March 19 Hot Topics in Washington State: Flooding and Landslides,** 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know fall and early winter floods are produced by heavy rainfall on wet ground, whereas winter and early spring floods typically are caused by rainfall and a melting snowpack? Come learn about flooding and landslides in Washington State and what the recent trends have been. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 20 “Wild Kratts: Voyage of the Butterflier” (Children’s Movie),** 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- March 20** **Living with Urban Wildlife**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
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- March 23** **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Piggly Wiggly**,
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99003. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- March 24** **Build a Succulent Terrarium**, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Come and design, plant, and decorate your own miniature succulent terrarium garden. Choose your container and the plants to include, learn how to layer your gravel, and use special planting mixtures and colored sand. Each participant will leave with a fabulous terrarium for their home. All supplies included! Led by Claire Woodward, a docent and plant enthusiast from the Volunteer Park Conservatory. Limited to 20 participants. **Cost:** \$35 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$45 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- March 25** **Gardening with Your Children: Maintain Your Garden – Watering, Weeding, and Trellising**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Learn some fun and environmentally-friendly ways to keep your plants growing throughout the summer. Learn which plants need a little help along the way with supporting structures, and how you can make some easy and fun trellises. Bring a plant home to start your own garden! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 102957. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

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- March 25** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Raccoon Nation,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Is your trash can making raccoons smarter? Scientists use radio collars to track the movements of one family of urban raccoons through the city over the course of six months. High-definition, infrared footage takes viewers deep inside the hidden world of these elusive and witty creatures. Find out why we may be enhancing their brain development and sending them down a new evolutionary path. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- March 25** **Frog Hop,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
One of the earliest sounds of spring is the constant rub-bit song of frogs. Learn about the intricate life cycle of these amphibians, as well as the kinds of frogs that live in Western Washington. Then join us to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 103256. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- March 26** **Create a Miniature Fairy Garden,** 10 a.m. – noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Design and create your own miniature fairy garden! You will create a miniature fairy garden using a tray, gravel, a lush soil mix, and a choice of up to three tropical plants. After planting, choose from special colored sands, rocks, and other decorative elements to complete your one-of-a-kind miniature fairy garden. This is a great class for families! All supplies are included in the fee. Led by Claire Woodward, a docent and plant enthusiast from the Volunteer Park Conservatory. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$35 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$45 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- March 26** **History of Eastside Logging (Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center),** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that most of the east side of Lake Washington was clear-cut by 1920? Or that nearly all of the big trees that we see today are less than 100 years old? (It will take another 400 years for our evergreens to reach ‘maturity’!) Come and see the equipment that evolved from two men working one tree all day with a hand saw, to sky-line cable operations that could clear a whole Cougar Mountain valley in a single day. Join Eastside Heritage Center volunteer and former Cougar Mountain Park Manager Steve Williams for this wonderful presentation. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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

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- April 1** **Gardening with Your Children: 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. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 102958. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- April 1** **I Wish I Were a Butterfly (Story Time Series)**, two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
How grand it would be to be a butterfly! Come learn how the little cricket dreams of wings only to discover he has a beautiful gift of his own. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 103224 or 103223. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 2** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Ranger in exploring the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 3** **Ranger Program: Spring into Nature**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
As the seasons change, so does nature. Many creatures big and small are emerging from their long winter's nap in search of food and friends. Branches and shrubs are coming to life. Learn more about the plants and animals that indicate the first signs of Spring. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP to 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- April 5** **Kelsey Creek Farm Wagon Rides and Farm Tour**, two times - choose one:
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. OR 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Enjoy a tractor-pulled wagon ride around the park and a tour of the farm during spring break. This is a caregiver and child class. All siblings need to register. **Ages:** 2-10 years old. **Cost:** \$15/residents and \$17/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 100505 or 103298. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 8** **What is the Weather?**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
There sure has been a lot going on with the weather this last year! But what causes the changes in weather? Come learn from a local Park Ranger what causes changes in weather, and come see a demonstration of how to make your very own cloud in a jar! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door for program supplies. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 102961. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- April 8** **Owl Prowl**, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover what owl species live in the Pacific Northwest. Then take a night hike with a Ranger to listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195, course 103254.
- April 9** **Lewis Creek Woof Walk**, 10 a.m. - noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come explore Lewis Creek Park with your furry friend! Learn about the natural history and wildlife of the park, and how we can keep our pets safe. Limited to one dog per guest, with leash no longer than 6 feet, and bring a doggy waste bag. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195, course 103276.
- April 13** **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Growing Green Things**,
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 8-10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99007. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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April 15-24 **“Oklahoma!” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**

April 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 7 p.m.; April 17, 23, and 24 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street

Bring the whole family to see one of America’s most beloved Broadway musicals with its colorful costumes, energetic dancing, and all those famous songs. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to share this classic American musical with your friends and loved ones. Running approximately two-and-a-half hours, it is suitable for adults and children who are able to quietly enjoy live theatre for at least an hour without interruption. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after April 8. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

April 16 **Arbor Day–Earth Day Celebration and Family Festival 2016,** times vary

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Bellevue’s annual Arbor Day–Earth Day celebration will also mark the city’s 25th year of being recognized as a *Tree City USA* community by the Arbor Day Foundation. The event will include volunteer projects, a tree-planting ceremony, and family festival. For more information about Bellevue’s Arbor Day–Earth Day event, contact 425-452-4195.

- **Volunteer Projects – 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.:** Approximately 400 volunteers will participate in park enhancement projects at Lewis Creek Park and several other parks across the city. Projects will include planting, trail resurfacing, and removing invasive species. Space is limited, so register today at Parks_Stewardship@bellevuewa.gov !
- **Family Festival – 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.:** Local environmental stewardship organizations will host free activities, ranger walks and eco-demonstrations. All ages are welcome! Kids can grab an Arbor Day–Earth Day Passport from a ranger and journey through various eco-stations. After learning about each station, children can have their passport stamped. Completed passports will be entered into a raffle.
- **Arbor Day–Earth Day Ceremonial Tree Planting – 11:30 a.m.:** Bellevue Park Rangers and elected officials will participate in the ceremony and recognize many wonderful volunteers and community groups. A ceremonial tree will be planted.

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- April 16** **Organic Gardening 101**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Want to grow your own food but don't know how to get started? Learn the fundamentals of organic vegetable gardening, including: soil preparation, garden planning, planting and care. We will touch on composting, watering, and managing pests and diseases. By learning organic techniques, you will be able to improve the quality of your food and be better prepared to manage garden resources more sustainably. This class will include an outdoor, hands-on component; please dress for the weather and garden activities. Taught by Seattle Tilth. Limited to 25 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- April 16** **April Pool's Day**, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Bring your kids to this special swim session with safety demonstrations and raffles. Event promotes water safety and proper lifejacket use. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free swim for those 12 years and younger. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2806.
- April 17** **Ranger Program: Spring into Nature**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
As the seasons change, so does nature. Many creatures big and small are emerging from their long winter's nap in search of food and friends. Branches and shrubs are coming to life. Learn more about the plants and animals that indicate the first signs of Spring. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP to 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 20** **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Spring Arrivals**,
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 8-10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 100502. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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April 20 MeadoWatch: Exploring the Link between Climate Change and Wildflower Phenology, 7 p.m.

The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

Learn about the effects of climate changes on the high-mountain meadow wildflowers of Mt. Rainier National Park. MeadoWatch is a citizen science project conducted by ecologist and UW faculty member, Dr. Janneke Hille Ris Lambers. Find out how you can become involved in this ecological monitoring project. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** <http://www.wnps.org/cps/index3.html>

April 23 Fuchsia 101, 10 a.m. - noon

The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

In the Pacific Northwest, fuchsia are both perennial and annual plants. This class will discuss the range of fuchsia as well as their care, and where and when to buy the hardy/perennial and non-hardy/annual varieties. We will focus on some of the fuchsia on display in the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Taught by Frankie Dennison. Limited to 25 participants. **Cost:** \$15 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$25 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required.

Info and to register: <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

April 23 Plant Sale, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

The Northwest Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society (nargsnw.org) is opening its annual spring plant sale to the public. Kick your garden up a notch with rare and unusual plants often available only at these sales: unusual natives, ferns, sedums, alpines, dwarf evergreens and even woodlanders such as Trillium. Visit the display garden and ask members about starting your own rock, trough, or fairy garden. There will be a raffle for a mini trough garden at noon. Members-only pre-sale begins at 9 a.m. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants for sale. **Info:** <https://www.nargs.org/>

April 23 Rise and Shine Black Bears (Living with Wildlife Series), 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

After a long state of modified hibernation called torpor, black bears come out of their dens typically in April. Come learn about black bears in the area, and their behavior in and out of hibernation time. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free!

Pre-registration: Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- April 24** **Adult Enrichment: Birding Out**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Master Birder from the Eastside Audubon Society for a slideshow presentation of both residential and migratory birds in our area. Then enjoy a guided walk through the Mercer Slough Nature Park to identify some of these birds both by sight and song. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 24** **“Beavers” (Children’s Movie)**, 1 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Take a swim with beavers in the rich aquatic habitat of one of nature’s greatest engineers. This film follows the lives of a family of beavers as they grow, play and transform the world around them. Running time is 70 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- April 29** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Wild America, Tender Times,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Enjoy this magical time as we journey into the delightful world of baby wild animals where everything is new, and the world awaits. Laugh at their inhibited playful tactics, cheer for them and their narrow escapes, hope for a life full of adventure. This heart-warming movie is guaranteed to leave you feeling inspired by the beauty of nature and its newest animal members. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at 425-452-2565. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- April 29-May 7** **“Romeo and Juliet” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
April 29, 30, May 6 and 7 at 7 p.m.; April 30, May 1 and 7 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
The classic tale of star-crossed lovers combines with a modern side story to make this Shakespeare work suitable for the entire family. Some scenes may not be suitable for younger children; parental discretion is advised. Shown at BYT in 2008, it has been one of the more popular Shakespeare tales. **Ages:** This 90-minute play is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after April 22. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- April 30** **Washington Native Plant Society Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
There is plenty of free parking. **For more information:** http://www.wnps.org/chapter_info/chapter_sales.html

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- April 30** **Kelsey Creek Farm 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; family event. **Cost:** Free admission. Costs vary for food and activities. No ATM is on site, and credit cards are accepted for pony rides only. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 30** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, 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 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; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- April 30** **Volunteer for Kelsey Creek Farm Event**, 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 103362. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- April 30** **Wildflowers of Washington**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
It is an exciting time of year for naturalists and flower lovers in Washington. Come join Master Naturalist Franja Bryant, a Native Plant Steward of the Washington Nature Plant Society, to see what kinds of wildflowers we have here in the Puget Sound region and when we will see them. Then take a walk in Lewis Creek Park to see the beginning of blooming season! **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4195, course 103261.

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April 29-May 7 “Romeo and Juliet” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),

April 29, 30, May 6 and 7 at 7 p.m.; April 30, May 1 and 7 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street

The classic tale of star-crossed lovers combines with a modern side story to make this Shakespeare work suitable for the entire family. Some scenes may not be suitable for younger children; parental discretion is advised. Shown at BYT in 2008, it has been one of the more popular Shakespeare tales. **Ages:** This 90-minute play is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after April 22. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

May 5 Make Herbal Infusions, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

This class, taught by Seattle Tilth, teaches how to infuse garden herbs into vinegars, syrups, and oils for both culinary and medicinal uses. We will cover herb identification and harvesting, and discuss varieties of plants to grow for use in home remedies. Make your own infusions and share with friends and family. The additional cost of the class includes supplies, and you will leave with an herbal infusion to take home! Register early as class size is limited to 18. **Cost:** \$30 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$40 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

**May 6 Time to Hatch! (Story Time Series), two sessions, choose one –
11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Springtime is full of new life and wonder. Follow Waddles on his journey to discover new friendship with the spring hatchlings right beneath him! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106560 or 106561. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 6 Barn Dance, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road

This dance is for adults and teen living with intellectual disabilities. Gather your dosey-does and load up on yeeee-haws, then mosey on down to the Highland Center for our end-of-the-session dance! **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/residents and \$11/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4118.

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- May 7** **Fuchsia Sale**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale features a great selection of plants from the Eastside Fuchsia Society. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for plants for sale. **Info:** 425-452-2750.
- May 7-8** **Hua Yuan Chinese Floral Art Exhibition**, 9 a.m.
The Gathering Place at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The exquisite floral arrangements created by members of the school will be on display. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2750.
- May 7** **Lewis Creek Ranger-Led Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Ranger in exploring the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 7** **The Great SBCC Challenge – Family Edition**, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
South Bellevue Community Center and Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue co-present this unique event where teams compete in a series of fun challenges that require athleticism for physical feats, smarts for mental tasks, and artistic abilities for creative endeavors. The team who successfully completes the challenges in the allotted time, while earning the most points, will be crowned winner. Twists and turns can throw off the most talented, so beware! **Ages:** Families, participants ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$10/person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** SBCC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 8** **Mother's Day Social**, 1 p.m.
The Gathering Place at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Presented by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, this lovely open house features light refreshments, music and beautiful scenery. Stroll the garden and shop for Mom at the Trillium Store. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/events.html>

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- May 13-22** **“Beauty and the Beast” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
May 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m.; May 15, 21 and 22 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
First shown at BYT in 2007 and 2012, this retelling of the fairy tale has captured BYT audiences. Belle is different from everyone in her small village and knows not to judge a book by its cover. But her strength and open mind will be challenged when her community is threatened. Will she be able to protect herself and break the curse placed on her new-found friends? This classic tale, with a few twists, runs approximately two hours with an intermission. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$15 if purchased after May 6. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- May 13** **It’s a Frog’s Life, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When do tadpoles change into frogs? Where do frogs go during the dry summer months? How can we help protect habitat for amphibians? Join us to learn all about Pacific chorus frogs – the 2016 Master Naturalist Corps “Species of the Year.” We’ll do an art activity in the Visitor Center, and then walk around the wetland at Lewis Creek Park to identify tadpole and frog habitat. Perhaps we’ll even hear Pacific chorus frogs “sing!” Learn about an interactive frog habitat scavenger hunt that families can do on their own over the summer. Please bring a flashlight, sturdy shoes, and warm clothes for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106569. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 14-15** **Rhododendron Show, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This show features beautiful Northwest rhododendrons. Proceeds benefit the Cascade Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. **Info:** Lisa Scott at lscott@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2750.
- May 14** **Frequent Fliers: Migratory Birds of Lewis Creek, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that some birds migrate thousands of miles every year? Migratory birds are the true international jet setters! Come and learn about the migratory birds that return to Lewis Creek each year. We’ll be going on a walk to spot some birds for ourselves. Be sure to dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106571. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- May 15** **Lewis Creek Movies: “Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air,”** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover the fast and marvelous lives of the tiniest warm-blooded animals on Earth as they are captured at 500 images per second, from nose dives to mating rituals. Running time is 73 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 18** **Common and Uncommon Plants from Near and Far,** 7 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
For all of you plant floozies who need a shot of adrenaline, Sue Milliken and Kelly Dodson of Far Reaches Farm are just what the doctor ordered. These world-traipsing plant-a-holics have gained a national following not only for their can't-live-without-it plants, but also for their awe-inspiring lectures filled with humor. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non-BBGS members. Pay at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- May 20** **Wild Babies,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Springtime is when many species give birth. Discover some of the amazing ways wild babies survive and thrive out in the woods. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106562. **Info:** 425-452-6993.
- May 20** **Owl Prowl,** 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover what owl species live in the Pacific Northwest. Then take a night hike with a Ranger to listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106572. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 21** **Coal Creek Park Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at: Coal Creek East Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **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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- May 21** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
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- May 27** **Counting Coyotes**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
It looks like a dog, but it's not! Come learn about our native wild canine from your local Park Ranger. Includes a Coyote Craft! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 106570. **Info:** 425-452-6993.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Daily, times vary

Babies in the Barnyard – Available in May only

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Welcome springtime with a tour of our newest animals, which may include chicks, goats, and calves. Learn about their special care. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to number in group. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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.

3rd Sunday of each month

NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, Noon - 2 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE

Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

Reading with Rover

Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street

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

4th Tuesday each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or hstephens@bellevuewa.gov.

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1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Youth Link 25th Anniversary & Community Leadership Awards Event Planning Meeting,
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Assist in planning our 25th anniversary celebration scheduled for May 2015, and help set the theme, program and marketing of the youth recognition event. Students will help plan and will gain experience in planning the community event from concept to delivery. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students.

Info: Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Action Team Meetings, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE

Participate in planning community special events, community service projects, and other youth leadership activities. Action Teams and planning committees include Youth Link Marketing, Kids Care Coat Drive, Youth Involvement Conference, Community Leadership Awards, We Day, Youth Link University, Crossroads Homework Help, and Youth Link Robotics. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st Thursday each month

Bellevue Network on Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

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

Every Thursday

Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st Saturday each month

Lewis Creek Ranger Walk, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Join a Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required.

Info: 425-452-4195.

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Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered migratory visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Discover the history of the park, view community gardens, and share stories about our local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required.

Info: 425-452-7225.

Every Saturday

Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE

At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington's largest wetland and Bellevue's second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:**

mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, Noon

North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE

Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. **Suggested donation:** \$3 for those 60 and older; fee of \$5.95 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches.

Info/Pre-register: 425-452-7681.