

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services  
Event List**

**March**

- Mar 5**      ***The Salamander Room* by Anne Mazer, part of Fiction Fridays**, 11a.m.-12 p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Parents and children will explore together. Ages 3 to 6. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Donation of \$1 per person is encouraged. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Mar 7**      **Ranger Program-Wildlife Camouflage**, 2:30-3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Uncover strategies plants and animals use to conceal and deceive with camouflage. All ages welcome. FREE. Information: 425-452-2565.
- Mar 7**      **March Mania Plant Sale**, 11a.m.-3p.m., at Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue. This unique sale kicks off the local plant sale season. The show has evolved from its humble beginnings eight 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. Admission is free. For more information, visit [www.n-p-a.org](http://www.n-p-a.org)
- Mar 9**      **Bellevue Park Wellness Walks 5% Day at Whole Foods Market**, 888 116<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, 7a.m.-10p.m. 5% of total sales made will be donated to support Bellevue's free Wellness Walks that highlight the best of city's art, parks, natural and historic sites. Information: Debbie Pettersson at 425-452-7106 or [DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov).
- Mar 9**      **St Patrick's Dance**, 2-4p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era and some special songs in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Fee \$3. Information: 425-452-7681.
- Mar 11**      **An Intro to the Night Sky**, 7-8:30pm, Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Join solar system ambassador and president of the Eastside Astronomical Society, Tom Gwilym, as he takes you on a journey of the stars. Explore the basics of star gazing and what the Spring stars reveal. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Mar 13**      **Call of the Wild Cost**, 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Screeeech! Barump! Whoosh! And Owwww! Come join us to learn about how animals communicate with each other. Participate in a "smell mail" activity and look for coyote trail markers in the woods. \$10 per person. Ages 8Y and up. To register, call Nature Vision: 425-836-2697. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Mar 13**      **Family Movies**, 2-4p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. It's Movie Time at Lewis Creek! Whales: An Unforgettable Journey- Come learn about some of these fascinating giant mammals in this stunning movie, originally an IMAX film. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered

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adult. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.

- Mar 13**      **Leapin' Leprechauns!**, 10-11:30a.m., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> ST., Join us for a darlin' of a time celebrating St. Paddy's Day! Eat green ice cream shakes, make green bowler hats, sing songs and read a story or two! Ages 2-5 with caregiver. Information: [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6046.
- Mar 16**      **Touch of Country Life: Goats and Shamrocks**, 10:30-11:30a.m. Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> PL SE. Join Farmer Jayne for a morning of farm fun! Classes are designed for children ages 2-5, paired with an adult. Registration is required. Registration: 425-452-6885. Cost: \$18/\$22. Information: 425 452-7688 or e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov).
- Mar 17**      **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon**, 11:30a.m.-1p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the North Bellevue Community Center. Bingo will be featured. Information: 425-452-7681.
- Mar 19-28**    **Madeline**, March 19, 20, 26 & 27 from 7-9p.m., March 21, 27 & 28 from 2p.m.-4p.m. Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way, Bellevue. Enjoy this retelling of the story of the cute little French girl and her classmates who find adventure and wiggle their way out of mischief. Wonderful for all ages, especially the young at heart. Information: Contact Sheila Framke at 425-452-7155.
- Mar 20**      **Learning to See by Looking-Digital Photography**, 1-3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. This introductory course teaches nature photography techniques, provides one-on-one instruction, and time to practice your skills in Mercer Slough Nature Park. Participants must bring their own digital cameras. Cost: \$5. Pre-registration is required. To register: 425- 452-6885.
- Mar 26**      **Family Movie-MicroCosmos**, 5-6:30 p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. This epic documentary captures the infinitely small and hidden world of insects. Best for ages 10+. Free. Information: 425-452-2565.
- Mar. 27**      **Peep! Peep!**, 10-11:30a.m., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> ST., Family workshop. Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs as well as other springtime creatures. Music, snack and an egg hunt round off our morning of FUN! Ages 2-5 with caregiver. Information: [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6046.
- Mar 27**      **Solar System**, 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Come explore our solar system, understand how big it really is, and take home a "tape measure" of our planets. \$10 per person. Ages 8Y and up. To register, call Nature Vision: 425-836-2697. Information: 425-452-4195.

**April**

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- Apr 2**      **Going to be... a butterfly by Colin Walker, part of Fiction Fridays**, 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Parents and children will explore together. Ages 3 to 6. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Donation of \$1 per person is encouraged. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Apr 4**      **Ranger Program-Bird Basics**, 2:30-3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Mercer Slough Nature Park attracts many migratory birds and year-round residents. Discover why the park is a great habitat for birds and see the incredible variety of species. All ages welcome. FREE. Information: 425-452-2565.
- Apr 7**      **Spring Fling Luncheon**, 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Celebrate Spring with the North Bellevue Community Center. Bingo will be featured. Information: 425-452-7681.
- Apr 10**     **Geology Rocks**, 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Come find out more about the Rock Cycle, and play a game that shows how it works. You may take on the role of a volcano, magma, or the core of the Earth. \$10 per person. Ages 8Y and up. To register, call: 425-836-2697. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Apr 10**     **Family Movies**, 2-4p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. It's Movie Time at Lewis Creek! *Bees: Tales from the Hive*- Part of the series NOVA, this episode features fascinating close-up footage, capturing some of the most important moments in a bee's life. Running Time: 54 min. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Apr 10**     **Ducks, Coots, and Loons**, 9a.m.-12:00 p.m., Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave. S.E. Get to know our web-footed friends by way of canoe! Join Master Birder Brian Bell and a City of Bellevue Park Ranger as they explore our wetland waterfowl. Learn which birds spend their winters here and who you should expect to see in the slough this summer. Some paddling experience required. Pre-registration is required. Age: Adults only. Cost: \$12 (R) \$14 (NR). Information: 425-452-7225.
- Apr 13**     **Spring Fling Dance**, 2-4p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era and some special songs for Spring. Fee \$3. Information: 425-452-7681.
- Apr 13**     **Touch of Country Life: Springtime at the Farm**, 10-11a.m. Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. Join Farmer Jayne for a morning of farm fun! Classes are designed for children ages 2-5, paired with an adult. Registration is required. Registration: 425-452-6885. Cost: \$18/\$22. Information: 425 452-7688 or e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov)

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- Apr 17**      **April Pools Day**, 12-3 p.m. Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE. This event promotes water safety and proper lifejacket use. Free swimming, raffles, and water safety demonstrations. Information: contact Scott W. Armstrong at 425-452-4444 or [sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov)
- Apr 17**      **Bugs, Beetles and Worms, Oh, My!**, 10-11:30a.m., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> ST., Family workshop. Parents and child go 'buggy' together into the fascinating world of creepy, crawly, slimy creatures. Join us for crafts, music, snacks and a good time! Ages 2-5 with caregiver. Information: email [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-6046.
- Apr. 17**      **Earth Day/Arbor Day**, 8:30a.m.-1p.m.; Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. Participate in an environmental service project from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and/or join in a community celebration featuring a tree planting and family activities from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please dress for outdoor weather conditions. FREE: For information and to register to volunteer, call 425-452-4195.
- Apr 21**      **Little Lake-to-Lake ~ Earth Day Walk – 5 K**, 2-6p.m. at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Park, 156th and SE 16th St. Walk the Lake Hills Greenbelt Trail in celebration of Earth Day visiting free Earth Education Stations set up within the park. Parking located at Community Gardens: 156th and SE 16th St. Pre-registration not required. Sponsored by Whole Foods Market Bellevue. Information: 425-452-7106, [DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov).
- Apr 23**      **Owl Prowl**, 7-8:30p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Discover what owl species live in the Pacific Northwest. Then take a night hike with the Rangers to look for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp for the journey. Preregistration required. \$3 per person. Ages 6Y and up. All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Apr 24**      **Sheep Shearing**, 11a.m.-3p.m. at Kelsey Creek Community Farm, 410 130th PL SE. See the sheep being shorn of their winter coats, spinning demonstrations, children's crafts, tractor rides, pony rides, food and more! Free admission. Costs vary for food and activities. No ATM on site, and no charge cards are accepted. Information: [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425 452-7688.
- Apr 24**      **Volunteer at Sheep Shearing** event, shifts available 10a.m.-4p.m., Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410-130th PL SE. Students earn community service hours while assisting with children's activities. Dress to work outside with the public; wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. Sign up by Wednesday, April 19– no late sign-ups accepted. Information: [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425 452-7688.
- Apr 24**      **Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs** 11a.m.-3p.m., at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th PL SE. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log

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cabins, games and eastside history. The programs are free to the public and appropriate for people of all ages. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Information: contact the Eastside Heritage Center at 425-450-1049 or visit [www.eastsideheritagecenter.org](http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org).

- Apr 23-25** **The Music Man**, April 23 & 24 from 7-9p.m., April 24 & 25 from 2-4p.m. Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Bellevue. This icon of American Musical Theatre will be performed by a large cast on the big stage at the Theater at Meydenbauer. Escape to another era with beautiful period sets and costumes, lively dancing and memorable songs, like "Trouble in River City", "Pick a Little, Talk a Little", "Gary, Indiana", and the rousing "Seventy Six Trombones". Information: call Sheila Framke at 425-452-7155.
- Apr 24-25** **Hua Yuan Chinese Floral Art Exhibition**, 9a.m.-3p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. The exquisite floral arrangements created by members of the school will be on display in the Visitor Center. Admission is free. Information: 425-452-2750.
- Apr 24** **Food Web**, 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Come find out how and discover how life keeps going. Take home a food web card game that we will make. \$10 per person. Ages 8Y and up. To register, call: 425-836-2697. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Apr 26** **Mom and Me at Mercer Slough**, 10-11a.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Become a naturalist with your child. Learn how to observe and explore the small wonders of Mercer Slough and practice together. All children must be with a registered adult. Pre-registration is required. Best for ages 3-5 years. Cost \$5. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-2565.
- Apr 30** **Family Movie-Earth Navigators**, 5-6:30 p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. The migration of animals is one of the most astonishing phenomenons in the natural world. Twice a year, over land, in the air, and through the oceans, animals move in the thousands, prompted by the changing seasons. Best for ages 10+. Free. Information: 425-452-2565.
- Apr 30-May 8** **The Little Mermaid**, April 30, May 1, 7 & 8 from 7-9p.m., May 1, 2 & 8 from 2-4p.m. Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way, Bellevue. Join us as we retell the classic Hans Christian Andersen tale of The Little Mermaid. Join the adventures on land and on sea. Information: call Sheila Framke at 425-452-7155.

### May

- May 1** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Sale**, 9a.m.-3p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street. Featuring a great selection of plants from Eastside Fuchsia Society. Information: 425-452-2750.

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- May 1**      **Wilburton Turf Sports Field Opening Celebration**, 8:30a.m.-10a.m., Wilburton Hill Park, 12400 Main St. Come celebrate the completion of the synthetic turf sports field at Wilburton Hill Park, a project funded by the 2008 Parks levy. Free. Information: 425-452-6182.
- May 2**      **Ranger Program-Great Migrations**, 2:30-3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Wildlife migrations are among the most fascinating events of the natural world. Find out who travels here and around the world. All ages welcome. FREE. Information: 425-452-2565.
- May 7**      ***Eliza and the Dragonfly* by Susie Caldwell Rinehart, part of Fiction Fridays**, 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Parents and children will explore together. Ages 3 to 6 years. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Donation of \$1 per person is encouraged. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- May 7**      **Arbor Day Poster Art Exhibit Opening**, 6-7:30p.m. Bellevue Arts Museum, 510 Bellevue Way NE. Inspired by the beauty and benefits that trees provide in our community Bellevue 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students display poster art for the public to enjoy. Celebration includes light refreshments and free admission to the Museum. Information: Debbie Pettersson at 425-452-7106 or e-mail [DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov).
- May 7**      **Dance- Barn Dance**, 7pm-9:30pm, Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Rd. Dance for Teens and Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Cost: \$7 for Bellevue Residents \$9 for Non Residents. Information: 425-452-7686. To register: go to [MyParksAndRecreation.com](http://MyParksAndRecreation.com).
- May. 8**      **Teatime with Mommy & Me!**, 10-11:30a.m., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> ST., Family workshop. Mommy and me have fun making art, nibbling snacks, listening to stories and singing together! Ages 2 ½-3 ½. Information: email [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-6046.
- May 8**      **WA Native Plant Society Sale**, 10a.m.-4p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street. Proceeds benefit Washington Native Plant Society. Information: 206 619-1073.
- May 8**      **Growing up Green**, 2-3p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Just in time for Mother's day! Discover how a seed is transformed into a beautiful flowering plant. Then plant a flower to take home to Mom. Preregistration required. \$3 per person. Ages 6Y and up. All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- May 8**      **The Lives and Times of Butterflies**, 2p.m.-4:00p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Did you know there are 60 common Cascadian butterflies in Washington? Join the Washington Butterfly

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Association and a Park Ranger to learn how these beautiful and fascinating creatures make a living. We'll start with a short presentation and then head out on the trails to see if we can find some of our local butterflies. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required. Cost: TBD. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-2565.

- May 9** **Mother's Day Canoe**, 9a.m.-12p.m., Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave. S.E. Spend Mother's Day canoeing the Slough with your family. Bellevue Park Rangers lead this 3-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. Find out about different strategies wildlife mothers have for raising and protecting their young, while paddling Mercer Slough. Children must be 5 years and older to participate. 1 adult must be present for every 2 children. Limit 3 people per canoe (550 lbs). Pre-registration is required. Cost \$12 (R), \$14 (NR). To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-2565.
- May 9** **Mothers Day Social**, 1-4p.m. at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street. Open house featuring light refreshments, music. Information: 425-451-3755 or visit [www.bellevuebotanical.org](http://www.bellevuebotanical.org).
- May 11** **Public Pony Rides**, 10-11:30a.m., at Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. Bring your little one down to the farm for a ride on one of our adorable ponies. Ages 3 & up, weight limit/100 lbs. Cost is \$3 per ride. Line closes at 11:30a.m. - no exceptions.
- May 11** **Mother's Day Dance**, 2-4p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era. Fee \$3. Information: 425-452-7681.
- May 12** **Kindergarten Orientation** hosted by Wrap-Around Services. 6:30-7:30pm at Lake Hills Elementary, 14310 SE 12<sup>th</sup> ST. A chance to learn more about the Kindergarten curriculum and what you need to know before the first day of school. FREE. Information: 425-456-5312.
- May 12** **Mother's Day Luncheon**, 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Celebrate the Motherhood with the North Bellevue Community Center. Bingo will be featured. Information: 425-452-7681.
- May 13-16** **The Taming of the Shrew**, May 13, 14 & 15 from 7-9p.m., May 15 & 16 from 2-4p.m. Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way. Enjoy one of Shakespeare's romantic comedies. Can Petruchio tame the shrewish Katherine? Who will win Bianca's heart? Performed with a modern piece included in the storyline. Information: Sheila Framke at 425-452-7155.
- May 15** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs** 11a.m.-3p.m., at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th PL SE. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and eastside history. The programs are free to the public and

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- May 16**      **Crazy Golf Day**, 10a.m.-4pm, South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way. Drop-in for a Fun Family Event for all ages. Try your hand at miniature golf, Wii Crazy Golf on a giant screen, and chipping - just to name a few of the activities. No registration needed. \$5 per person. Information: 425-452-4240.
- May 18**      **Public Pony Rides**, 10-11:30a.m., at Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. Bring your little one down to the farm for a ride on one of our adorable ponies. Ages 3 & up, weight limit/100 lbs. Cost is \$3 per ride. Line closes at 11:30a.m.— no exceptions.
- May 22**      **Bellevue Downtown Art & Park Walk – 10 K**, Start and registration 8a.m.-12p.m. at the Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> St. Walk on neighborhood and city sidewalks, parks, and pedestrian ways to view over 20 pieces of public art. Enjoy a diverse array of media, style, expression and cultural heritage. American Volkssport Association sanctioned walk in partnership with Bellevue Park & Community Services. Sponsored by Whole Foods Market. Cost: Free. Information: Debbie Pettersson, 425-452-7106 [DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov).
- May 22**      **Animal Babies**, 10-11a.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Come learn about the animal babies that are born this time of year in our parks! Make a nest of your own and explore the woods with a naturalist in search of animal babies of all kinds! \$10 per person. Preregistration required. To register, call Nature Vision at 425-836-2697. Information: 425-452-4195.
- May 22**      **Local Area Hikes- Mercer Slough Nature Park**, 10a.m. Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. No registration required. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. For more information call 425-452-4195.  
Distance: 2.1 miles  
Level of Difficulty: Easy  
Details: Soft-surface trails and raised boardwalk take visitors deep into Bellevue's largest wetland. Great opportunities for wildlife viewing.  
Meeting Place: Mercer Slough Education Center 1625 118th Ave SE. Limited Parking. Carpooling Encouraged.
- May 27**      **Spring Fling** hosted by Wrap-Around Services. 6-7:30pm at Lake Hills Elementary, 14310 SE 12<sup>th</sup> ST. Come out and meet your neighbors while enjoying student performances. FREE. Information: 425-456-5312.
- May 27**      **It's a marvelous night for a Moon Lecture**, 7-8:30p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Join NASA Solar System Ambassador and Bellevue College Professor Rob Viens for an exciting presentation about the geology and importance of the Moon. Then, if conditions are right, head outside and observe

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the full moon. \$5 per person. Ages 10Y and up. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. To register call 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.

**May 28**      **Family Movie- Baby Tales**, 5-6:30 p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. These are the stories of babies across the animal kingdom, and their daunting journeys into a grown-up world. Bring a comfy blanket or pillow and we'll pop the popcorn. Help reduce waste and bring your own cup or bowl. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. Best for ages 8+. Free. Information: 425-452-2565.

**May 29**      **Wilderness Walks**, 10a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Rangers will lead a variety of walks focused on specific topics. Walks are slow-paced. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. *Tree-mendous Walk*—Learn about our Washington Giants and their importance to the local ecology.

### June

**June 4**      **Listen, Listen by Phillis Gershator , part of Fiction Fridays**, 11:00a.m.-12:00 p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Parents and children will explore together. Ages 3 to 6. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Donation of \$1 per person is encouraged. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.

**Jun 6**      **Ranger Program-Map and Compass**, 2:30p.m.-3:00p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. From backyard to backcountry, navigation is an essential skill. Learn to use map and compass to better explore your surroundings and challenge your navigation skills! All ages welcome. FREE. Information: 425-452-2565.

**Jun 8**      **Father's Day Dance**, 2-4p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era. Fee \$3. Information: 425-452-7681.

**June 12**      **Summer Solstice Study**, 10-11:00a.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Ever wonder what the Summer Solstice is and how it makes our summer season happen? Come learn about how nature is affected by the positions of the sun throughout the year and celebrate what is happening in our habitats on the first real day of summer. Cost: \$10 per person. Preregistration required. To register, call Nature Vision at 425-836-2697. Information: 425-452-4195.

**June 12**      **Local Area Hikes-Kelsey Creek**, 10a.m. Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. No registration required. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in length and difficulty. Please see details below. For more information call 425-452-4195.

Distance: 3 miles

Level of Difficulty: Moderate

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Details: Mixture of soft-surface and paved trail, through forests and wetlands, some steep elevation change  
Meeting Place: Kelsey Creek Farm parking lot, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Pl SE. Limited Parking. Carpooling encouraged.

- Jun 16**      **Father's Day Luncheon**, 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Celebrate Fatherhood with the North Bellevue Community Center. Bingo will be featured. Information: 425-452-7681.
- June 19**      **Birding 101 for Kids**, 2p.m-3:30p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. What a perfect way to spend time with Dad this Father's Day weekend. Join Eastside Audubon to learn what makes a bird a bird. Then, on a walk, use a field guide to help identify our feathery neighbors at Lewis Creek Park. Ages 6Y and up. A donation of \$3 per person is strongly suggested. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Preregistration is required. To register:425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- June 19**      **Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs** 11a.m.-3p.m., at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th PL SE. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and eastside history. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. All ages. FREE. Information:contact the Eastside Heritage Center at 425-450-1049 or visit [www.eastsideheritagecenter.org](http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org).
- Jun 19**      **Summer Solstice Dance**, 7-9p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era and some special songs for Summer. Fee \$10. Information: 425-452-7681.
- Jun 19-20**      **Greenway Days in Bellevue Parks**, date/times vary. Celebrate the beauty and benefits of our 100-mile Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor all summer long! Communities along the Greenway will host activities that highlight the best of their natural, historic, cultural and recreational treasures. Activities in Bellevue include Fraser Pioneer Cabin Open at Kelsey Creek Farm, June 19, 11a.m. to 3p.m.; Free Father's Day Orienteering & Climbing Challenge at South Bellevue's Eastgate Park, June 20, 10a.m. to 2p.m. Free Educational Workshops & Ranger Walks at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center all summer long. For a complete list of Greenway Days activities visit [mtsgreenway.org](http://mtsgreenway.org). For Bellevue activities contact Debbie Pettersson, 425 452-7106 [dpettersson@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:dpettersson@bellevuewa.gov)
- Jun 20**      **Father's Day Canoe**, 9a.m.-12:00 p.m., Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave. S.E. Canoe Mercer Slough with your dad! Treat your dad to a special Father's Day exploring the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water. This 3-hour self-paddled, canoe trip leaves from Enatai Beach Park. Children must be 5 years and older to participate. 1 adult must be present for every 2 children. Limit 3 people per canoe (550 lbs). Pre-registration is required. Cost \$12 (R), \$14 (NR). To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-2565.

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- June 25**      **Owl Workshop**, 2p.m.-3:00p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. What do owls eat? How do they fly so silently? Learn what unique adaptations these Birds of Prey have and why they are important to the environment. Then dissect your own owl pellet! Program appropriate for ages 8Y and up. \$5 per person. Preregistration required. All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Jun 25**      **Family Movie-Land Invaders: Amphibians**, 5p.m.-6:30p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Amphibians and reptiles ruled the world for nearly 200 million years, and today there are well over 14,000 species. Watch breathtaking footage and amazing action photography that proves the cold-blooded world is as passionate, dramatic and bizarre as an on Earth. Approx. 58 min. Best for ages 10+. Free. Information: 425-452-2565.
- Jun 26**      **Aquatic Weed Program**, 10a.m.-1:00 p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Want to learn how to identify aquatic plants? Become a Lake Weed Watcher volunteer or join us to learn how to identify both native and non-native aquatic plants. The goal of the project is to watch for populations of invasive aquatic weeds. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. FREE. Information and registration: 206-263-6461 or e-mail [Katie.messick@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Katie.messick@kingcounty.gov).
- June 26**      **Woof Walk, part of Wilderness Walks**. 9a.m.-10:00a.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Rangers will lead a variety of walks focused on specific topics. Walks are slow-paced. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This month: Bring your dog and your leash. We will provide the bags. Learn the basics in dog first aid and what to bring while hiking with your furry friend. Cost: FREE. Information: 425-452-4195.
- June 26**      **Local Area Hikes-East Coal Creek Park**, 10a.m. Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. No registration required. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in length and difficulty. Please see details below. For more information call 425-452-4195.  
Distance: 5 miles  
Level of Difficulty: Moderate  
Details: Soft-surface trails, follows Coal Creek past waterfalls, and evidence of the area's coal mining past.  
Meeting Place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE.  
Limited Parking. Carpooling Encouraged.
- Jun 30**      **Farm Gardening**, 1-1:30p.m., at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. Pick from a variety of seeds, plant one to take home and watch it grow just like the gardens on the farm. Dig in the dirt and see how many worms you can find. We'll take a walk around the farm to see the plants that are growing here at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by

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an adult. Information: email [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-7688.

### Seasonal Events

- Dec-Apr** **Kids on the Farm**, Kelsey Creek Farm 410 130<sup>th</sup> PL SE. Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies. Experience the old fashion skill of wool carding and create a wool sheep to take home. Daily viewing. Pre-registration required. Information and registration: 425 452-7688 or e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov).
- Jan-March** **2010 Community Garden P-Patch Program**, The City of Bellevue is offering seasonal and year-round P-patches to local gardeners. Each plot measures approximately 400 square feet and water is supplied on site. Returning gardeners apply in January. New gardeners please contact Laura Hughes for more information, and to be added to our mailing list. Information: 425-452-7225 or email [LHughes@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:LHughes@bellevuewa.gov).
- Apr** **Pioneer Days**, times and dates vary Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th PL SE. Experience life in the 1880s with a trip to our historic log cabin. Children grind wheat and coffee, churn butter, card wool, hammer nails, pump water, create a fabric and paper quilt, play dress-up plus more living history activities. Storytelling about pioneer life with Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House books helps children compare their life based on electricity and modern conveniences with the life of Laura and Mary in their log cabin in Wisconsin. Pre-registrations required. Information: [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425 452-7688.
- Apr. – May** **Arbor Day Poster Art Displays, Trees are terrific...and Energy Wise!** Inspired by the beauty and benefits that trees provide in our community school age children create poster art for the public to enjoy. Exhibits open at the following locations during normal open hours: Bellevue Arts Museum, Whole Foods Market, Bellevue City Hall, Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, and Lewis Creek Visitor Center. Information: Debbie Pettersson at 425-452-7106. [DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov).
- Apr – Oct** **Docent-led tours**, 2-3:30p.m. every Saturday & Sunday at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Reservations are not required. Information: 425-451-3755.
- May** **Babies in the Barnyard**, times and dates vary Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th PL SE. Welcome springtime with a tour of our newest baby animals, which may include chicks, goat kids, a calf, and piglets. Learn about their special care and feeding, tour our historic barn, and finish up in the garden planting pumpkin seeds. Many groups return in the fall to check on their pumpkin's growth and choose a pumpkin from our indoor pumpkin patch. Pre-registrations required. Information: [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425 452-7688.

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**June**            **Kids on the Farm**, Kelsey Creek Farm 410 130<sup>th</sup> PL SE. Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies. Experience the old fashion skill of wool carding and create a wool sheep to take home. Daily viewing. Pre-registration required. Information and registration: 425 452-7688 or e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov).

**Ongoing Events**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month**

**NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners**, 11-3:30p.m., Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130<sup>th</sup> Pl 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! No registration necessary. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. Information: 425-452-7688 or e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov).

**Last Sunday of each month**

**Winter Wildlife Walks (Jan – April)**, 2-3p.m., Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Join a Ranger in exploring dynamic Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Information: 425-452-4195. FREE. All ages.

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month**

**Outspoken Teen Newspaper**, 4-5p.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, 1E-119. Teen newspaper created by teens for teens. Information: Youth Link, 425-452-5254 or visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com)

**Last Monday of each month**

**Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event**, 4:30-6:30p.m., World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road, Bellevue. 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 Alina, Youth Link Program Coordinator, 425-452-5254, e-mail [palina@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:palina@bellevuewa.gov) or visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com).

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month**

**Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee**, 4-5p.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, 1E-119. Help plan a citywide youth recognition event in our community! Information: Youth Link, 425-452-5254 or visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com)

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month**

**Bellevue Youth Court**, 6-8p.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Council Chambers. Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court. Two juvenile court cases. Information: 425-452-2846.

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month**

**Bellevue Youth Council Meeting**, 5-7p.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, 1E-120. Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students. Information: Youth Link, 425-452-5254 or visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com)

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**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month**

**Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting-** 8:30-10:30a.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, 1E-112. Information: 425-452-7681 or visit [www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm).

**Every Thursday each month**

**“Jub-Hub” Teen Café Peer Mentoring Project & TRACKS Action Team,** 4-6p.m., Jubilee Reach Center, 14200 SE 13<sup>th</sup> Pl. Plan special events with other teens, help other students with their homework, learn more about our environment and the world we live in at a Café-like atmosphere. Be the difference! Information: 425-452-5254 or visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com).

**First Saturday each month**

**Bellevue Birding,** 9-10a.m., Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Once a month, grab your binoculars and your boots and come join us to look for birds. FREE. Information: 425-452-4195.

**Every Saturday**

**Winter Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk (Jan.- March),** 2-3p.m., Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Join a Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Visit restoration sites and learn about local wildlife! Fun for the whole family, all ages welcome. Free, no registration required. Information: 425-452-7225.

**2010 King County Master Gardener Workshops (Jan-Oct),** 10:30p.m.-12p.m., Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street. Learn good gardening practices and home-based horticulture tips from a trained Master Gardener! For a full schedule of topics and dates please visit <http://www.mgfk.org>. Free, no registration required.

**Every Saturday**

**Mercer Slough Nature Walk,** 2-3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Did you know that Mercer Slough Nature Park is 320acres? Join us for a free guided tour of the Environmental Education Center. Then, explore the Park with a Ranger. No registration necessary. All ages welcome. FREE. Dress for the weather. Information: 425- 452- 2565.

**Canoe the Mercer Slough (May-Sept.)** 9a.m.-12p.m., Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE. Enjoy a guided canoe tour through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Learn about Bellevue’s wildlife and see how this amazing wetland ecosystem functions. Some paddling experience is required. Ages 5+. Children must have at least 1 adult present for every 2 children. Registration is required. Cost: (R) \$12, (NR) \$14. For more information call the Ranger Station at 425-452-7225.

**Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday**

**Luncheon,** North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, starts at 12 p.m. noon. Adults 65 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch for a suggested donation of just \$3.00. Lunches are sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff

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and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches require pre registration.

**Every Wednesday and Saturday**

**2010 King County Master Gardener Drop-In Clinics (April-Oct.)**, 9a.m.-1p.m., Lake Hills Greenbelt Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th St. Consult with Master Gardeners about all aspects of plant care, disease, propagation, identification and more. Be sure to bring your questions! Free, no registration required. For more information on the Demonstration Garden, please contact: [bellevuedemo@hotmail.com](mailto:bellevuedemo@hotmail.com).

**Wednesdays and Thursdays, Must pre-schedule**

**Group Tours (May - Aug)** 11a.m.-1p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Mercer Slough Park Rangers offer indoor and outdoor interpretive walks and talks. Learn and discuss flora, fauna, and natural and cultural history of Mercer Slough Nature Park. We schedule groups of 5-25, for this one hour program May to August, first-come first-serve. Suggested donation of \$1 per person. Call or email to reserve your spot today, (425) 452-2565 or [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov).

**Daily, Must pre-schedule**

**Group Tours**, Kelsey Creek Farm Park. Seasonal group tours for preschool and school groups. Pre-registration required. Information: 425 452-7688 or e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov).

*Event information as of March 2, 2010*