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April 1 **Bird Basics (Ranger program),** 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
From the tiny tropical hummingbird to the enormous emu, to the penguin that flies underwater, birds come in all shapes, colors, sizes, and have managed to colonize every continent on Earth. Learn more about what makes birds unique, and find out what kind of bird you'd like to be! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

April 5 **Noxious Weeds and Invasive Plants: What Are They and How Do We Stop Them?,** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Learn about new invaders that could be the next worst weeds, and learn new tricks for managing familiar problem weeds. Noxious weed educator Sasha Shaw will teach about common and uncommon weeds in our area with a slide show and a weed show-and-tell. WSDA license recertification credits will be available. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** $5 suggested donation. **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64219. **Info:** Sasha Shaw at sasha.shaw@kingcounty.gov .

April 6 **"The Sunset Switch" by Kathleen Kudlinski (children's activity),** 11 a.m. – Noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Sunset is a magical time. Come learn about the moment when daytime animals go to sleep and nighttime animals take over. Then make a sundial to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2 per person. **Pre-registration:** required. Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64108. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 7 **Puget Sound Dahlia Association Tuber Sale,** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Thousands of locally-grown dahlia tubers from exhibition-quality dahlia varieties will be available for purchase. **Cost:** Admission is free; costs vary for tubers. **Info:** www.PugetSoundDahlias.org .

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April 7 **Peep! Peep!,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs, and create other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt will round off our morning of fun! **Ages:** 2-5 years old; this is an adult/child class. **Cost:** $22/residents and $25 for non-residents. Fee includes one adult and one child; additional fee for additional children. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@belleveuwa.gov or 425-452-4106.

April 7 **"Lost in the Woods" (children's movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Based on the award-winning children's book by the same name, the forest is abuzz over a newborn fawn. Various creatures have spotted him, and all are worried that he might be lost. Despite his assurance that he's just waiting for his mother, the animals chime in with comments and offers of help. His mother returns, time passes, and the fawn grows stronger. He sees other young animals maturing, and at the end of the story, he is big enough to go exploring with his mother. Running time is 40 minutes. We will read the book together and then enjoy the movie. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** required. Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64195. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 10 and 12 **Kelsey Creek Pony Partners,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Avenue SE
Children will learn pony safety, grooming, basic parts of a pony, and then will enjoy a craft. Each partner must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This program runs, rain or shine. No infants or older siblings. **Ages:** 2-5 years. **Cost:** $50/residents and $60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

April 10 **Spring Fling Dance,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sound of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $3 per person. **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

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April 12 **Save the Sound, Build a Rain Garden,** 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
A rain garden is a beautiful landscape feature that filters polluted runoff from rooftops, driveways and other hard surfaces. Rain gardens function like miniature forests to filter pollution, reduce flooding, replenish groundwater, and provide habitat for birds and butterflies. Learn how to design and build a rain garden to mimic natural drainage in your own yard and protect Puget Sound. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free ($5 suggested donation), but space is limited. **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64314. **Info:** www.12000raingardens.org or Stacey Gianas at sg@stewardshippartners.org .

April 14 **Basic Map and Compass (nature activity),** 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Can you read a US Geological topographic map or take a bearing with a compass to avoid getting lost? Do you know the difference between true and magnetic north? You'll learn these skills and more! **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** required. Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64743. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 15 **"Fish" (movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Fish, the most diverse group of vertebrate animals, thrive in the world's rivers, lakes and oceans. Slow-motion footage reveals the behavior of some of the fastest fish in the sea, sailfish and flying fish. Running time is 50 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** required. Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64199. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 18 **25th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon,** 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Come and join us for a celebration of 25 years at the North Bellevue Community Center. We will have a wonderful lunch with great entertainment, bingo and prizes. Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $3 suggested donation, payable at the door; $5.75 fee for anyone under age 60. **Pre-registration:** Required by April 9. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

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April 19-22 **"Grease" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
April 19, 20, 21 and 22 at 7 p.m.; April 21 and 22 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
This is the Broadway stomping musical that will get you excited and make you want to sing along with the cast. Songs include, "You're the One That I Want," "We Come Together," and "Summer Nights." This show will have two casts. One is the student version, and the other is the original version. **Ages:** Student *Grease* is rated G. Original *Grease* is rated PG. There is some material in Original *Grease* that parents may find objectionable. **Cost:** Tickets are $12/advanced or $14 beginning April 16. **To purchase tickets:** 425-452-7155. **Info:** http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm or 425-452-7155.

April 20 **Bunny Hop Ball,** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Put your left foot forward, put your right foot out. It's the new sensation – do the Bunny Hop-Hop-Hop! Father, Mother, son and daughter, dance the night away and learn new dances. Make bunny ear hats, enjoy a light snack and beverage, and have a photograph to remember. Dress for comfort and laughs! **Ages:** 3-10 years. **Cost:** $24/residents and $28/non-residents. Includes one adult and one child. Additional fee for additional children. **Pre-registration:** required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

April 21 **Arbor Day-Earth Day,** 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come join us for a day of stewardship and celebration as we help beautify Bellevue's parks! This event will feature free family activities, a tree-planting ceremony and volunteer projects. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Pre-registration:** Required for volunteers, who must register by April 1. **For general information and volunteer registration:** Alexandra DySard at 425-452-4195.

April 21 **Alive at 25: Driver's Awareness Course,** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
City of Bellevue Probation Office (Surrey Downs), 475 112th Avenue SE
This four-hour driver awareness course was designed by the National Safety Council for young drivers. The course covers defensive driving classroom curriculum, decision making and taking responsibility. **Ages:** Drivers who are 15-24 years old. **Cost:** $35 per student. **Pre-registration:** Required. **For general information and to register:** Lourdes Salazar and LSalazar@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6956.

April 21-22 **Hua Yuan Chinese Floral Art Exhibition,** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
The exquisite floral arrangements created by members of the school will be on display in the Visitor Center. **Cost:** Admission is free. **Info:** 425-452-2750.

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April 21 **April Pools Day,** Noon - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
This event promotes water safety and proper lifejacket use. Come for raffles and to watch water safety demonstrations! **Cost:** Children 12 and under swim for free. **Info:** email Scott Armstrong at sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-4444.

April 22 **Local Area Hikes - Basic Birding – Kelsey Creek Farm Park,** 10:00 a.m. – Noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE, meet in parking lot
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in theme and length. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate. **Ages:** All ages are welcomed. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64145. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 27 **Youth Involvement 2012 Conference,** 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE
At the Youth Involvement 2012 Conference, hosted by Bellevue Youth Link, the theme is "Stand Up, Speak Out, Break Thru." From 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 27, Bellevue middle-school and high-school teens can attend workshops about a variety of topics such as technology, youth philanthropy, money management, high school and college life. Some sessions will be led by youth, and at the lunch hour, students will have the opportunity to meet with local elected and community leaders about their concerns. Registration must be received by April 18; space is limited to 300 participants. **Info:** contact Bellevue Youth Link at 425-452-2846.

April 27 **Movies at Mercer Slough – "Life in Cold Blood: Sophisticated Serpents",** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
With breath-taking footage and amazing action photography, David Attenborough guides you through the fascinating lives of snakes, showing that the cold-blooded world is as passionate, dramatic and bizarre as any on Earth. Running time is approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn will be provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

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April 27 **Owl Prowl (family activity),** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come in and learn about the mysterious animal called the owl. Then take a night hike with the Rangers and listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or a headlamp for the journey, and wear sturdy shoes! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** $3. **Pre-registration:** required. Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64147. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 28 **Discover Orienteering,** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Join us for this orienteering special event as part of a 2011-2012 senior project. New to orienteering? Orienteering is a family of sports that require navigational skills using a map and compass to navigate from point to point in diverse and usually unfamiliar terrain. Fun for the entire family! Supplies provided or bring your own compass. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 or SBCC@bellevuewa.gov .

April 28 **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, wool spinning demonstrations, children's crafts, tractor rides, pony rides and food! **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for food and activities. No ATM will be on site, and no charge cards will be accepted. **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

April 28 **Volunteer at Sheep Shearing Event,** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children's activities at this Kelsey Creek Farm special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds, and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work outside with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. Volunteers must pre-register. **Ages:** 14-18 and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** required. No registrations will be accepted on the day of the event. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

April 28 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This is part of the Kelsey Creek Farm Sheep Shearing event. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center at www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

April 28 **Wildlife Baby Shower (family activity),** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us as the City of Bellevue and Sarvey Wildlife Care Center host the first annual Wildlife Baby Shower. We will collect in-kind and monetary donations for Sarvey Wildlife Care Center, a not-for-profit organization that cares for abandoned and injured wild animals. Come see rescued raptors, owls, opossums, hawks and falcons as we celebrate with a supply drive and family festival. Activities will begin at 11 a.m. and include games, crafts, skits, scavenger hunts, ranger walks, and a wildlife presentation. There will also be a chance to win a raffle to help Sarvey with wildlife release. Please bring a monetary donation, food or supply item to help care for this year's baby wildlife. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** $5 suggested donation in lieu of a supply or food item. **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 28 **Create a Wildlife-Friendly Habitat,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lake Hills Ranger Station, 15416 Se 16th Street
Design a garden that provides the essential needs for wildlife species. Learn how to create diversity around your apartment, house or commercial area. You can help wildlife thrive, and learn how to quality your garden to become an official Certified Wildlife Habitat™ with the National Wildlife Federation and/or Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Tour our Lake Hills Greenbelt's certified wildlife habitat sanctuary. Take a native plant home to get started. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** required. **To register: and info:** 425-452-7225, course #63685.

April 29 **Coyotes and Wolves (nature activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There are at least 50,000 coyotes that roam Washington. Urban coyote problems are growing, with the first recorded attack on humans in Washington in 2006 in Bellevue, where coyotes had been deliberately fed. And wolves are back in Washington! Learn about coyote and wolf identification, ecology, how to prevent conflicts, and what to do if you encounter a coyote or a wolf. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64214. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 29 **"Wolf Willow" by Wallace Stegner (Naturalists' Book Club),** 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Wallace Stegner weaves together fiction and nonfiction, history and impressions, childhood remembrance and adult reflections in this unusual portrait of his boyhood. Set in Cypress Hills in southern Saskatchewan, where Stegner's family homesteaded from 1914 to 1920, *Wolf Willow* brings to life both the pioneer community and the magnificent landscape that surrounds it. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #64207. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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May 4 **"The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss (children's activity),** 11 a.m. – Noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come listen to Dr. Seuss' environmental classic, *The Lorax*. Its message still rings true today amidst the dangers of clear-cutting, pollution and disregard for the earth's environment. Become a nature superhero when we make hats to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2 per person; parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65716. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 4-13 **"Beauty and the Beast" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
May 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m.; May 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Kids of all ages will enjoy the retelling of this classic tale of the cursed prince. Hilarity ensues as everyone works to lift the curse by joining two unwilling souls. Will the Prince win Belle's heart? This is not the Disney version. This show will have two casts. **Ages:** This show is rated G. **Cost:** Tickets are $10/advanced or $12 beginning April 30. **To purchase tickets:** 425-452-7155. **Info:** http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm or 425-452-7155.

May 5 **Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Sale,** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This plant sale features a great selection of plants from the Eastside Fuchsia Society. **Cost:** No admission fee; costs of plants vary. **Info:** 425-452-2750.

May 6 **"Frontier Friends" (children's movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bison and prairie dogs, marmots and mountain goats – they're friendly neighbors living in some unfriendly places. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 8 **Mother's Day Dance,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sound of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $3 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

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May 10 **Orca Conservation… in Bellevue,** 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Ave SE
Orca whales are a source of pride for the residents of Washington State. But did you know that the orcas inhabiting our waters are an endangered species? Join Donna Sandstrom, Executive Director of The Whale Trail, for a presentation about orcas, orca conservation and how Eastsiders can help save these iconic creatures by conserving our salmon streams. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65495 or www.MyParksandRecreation.com. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

May 11 **Nature Bingo (family activity),** 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about the elements that make up the natural world while you race to yell "Nature Bingo" first! **Ages:** 4 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course # 65722. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 12 **Washington Native Plant Society Sale,** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Proceeds from this plant sale benefit the Washington Native Plant Society. **Cost:** No admission fee; costs of plants vary. **Info:** 425-452-2750.

May 13 **Ravine Experience Grand Opening,** 12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Take a walk on the wild side on our new nature trail. The trail includes a 150' suspension bridge over a ravine in the most pristine of our native areas. The grand opening ceremony will take place at the entrance to the new bridge, so come prepared for the weather, and wear comfortable walking shoes. **Info:** 425-452-2750.

May 13 **Mother's Day Social,** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This open house features light refreshments, music and a celebration of the new Ravine Experience. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or 425-451-3755.

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May 13 **"Birds" (movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Watch the courtship flight of the marvelous spatuletail hummingbird; the male must rest every few seconds due to the energy needed to display his elongated tail feathers. Lammergeiers, by contrast, soar on mountain thermals with a minimum of effort. Some birds nest in extreme locations to avoid threats from predators. Kenya's caustic soda lakes are a perilous environment for a lesser flamingo chick, while chinstrap penguins breed on a volcanic island off the Antarctic Peninsula. Running time is 50 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 15 and 17 **Kelsey Creek Pony Partners,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Avenue SE
Children will learn pony safety, grooming, basic parts of a pony, and then will enjoy a craft. Each partner must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. This program runs, rain or shine. No infants or older siblings. **Ages:** 2-5 years. **Cost:** $50/residents and $60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

May 15 **"The Future Remembered: The 1962 Seattle World's Fair and Its Legacy" (history program),** 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Ave SE
Join Paula Becker and Alan Stein of HistoryLink for a captivating program in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Seattle World's Fair. Learn how the space race lit the fire under Seattle's movers, shakers and dreamers, and how they turned their little-known, geographically-isolated city into the place that "invented the future" and gave us the remarkable legacy of a fondly remembered six months of learning and fun in 1962. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65698 or www.MyParksandRecreation.com. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

May 18 **"Introduction to Birding" (ranger program),** 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Ave SE
Bird-watching is one of the most popular outdoor activities in America. From hanging a feeder to treading through a swamp at night, there's a lifetime of learning and fun to be had. Join us for an introduction to bird-watching. Learn introductory skills and see what you'll need to get started. A ranger will be available for a 45-minute guided walk through the Mercer Slough following the program. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65496 or www.MyParksandRecreation.com. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

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May 19 **Art of Etiquette #1 – Young Ladies and Gentlemen,** 9 a.m. - Noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet manners are the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This fun, hands-on workshop teaches telephone etiquette, basic table manners, introductions, personal care and posture. **Ages:** 6-11 years. **Cost:** $50/residents and $60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, or visit www.MyParkandRecreation.com .

May 19 **Art of Etiquette #2 – Young Ladies and Gentlemen,** 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
This course is a natural follow-up to Young Ladies and Gentlemen #1. One of the first social settings that children encounter is being a guest. Learning how to be a gracious guest, guest of honor, or host, are skills they will use lifelong. Boys and girls will learn about invitations, being a great guest and host, meeting and greeting others, polite conversation, giving and receiving gifts, basic table manners while neatly eating birthday cake, and how to create their own thank you notes. It is not necessary to have taken Ladies and Gentlemen #1 to enroll in Ladies and Gentlemen #2. **Ages:** 6-11 years. **Cost:** $50/residents and $60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, or visit www.MyParkandRecreation.com .

May 19 **Alive at 25: Driver's Awareness Course,** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
City of Bellevue Probation Office (Surrey Downs), 475 112th Avenue SE
This four-hour driver awareness course was designed by the National Safety Council for young drivers. The course covers defensive driving classroom curriculum, decision making and taking responsibility. **Ages:** Drivers who are 15-24 years old. **Cost:** $35 per student. **Pre-registration:** Required. **For general information and to register:** Lourdes Salazar and LSalazar@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6956.

May 19 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center at www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

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May 19-20 **Rhododendron Show and Sale,** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Proceeds from this show and sale will benefit the Cascade Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. **Cost:** No admission fee; costs of plants vary. **Info:** lscott@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2750.

May 20 **"Your Soil" (Know Your Yard Series),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Soil is the foundational element for all of our natural world. Learn how to increase the productivity of your gardens and grass. We will talk about soil-dwelling organisms, the role of soil for plants and animals and how to increase the productivity of your gardens and grass. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course # 66100. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 25 **"Hummingbirds – Magic in the Air" (Movies at Mercer Slough),** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Ave SE
Get an up-close view into the lives of hummingbirds, one of nature's fastest creatures. Using high-speed cameras, behaviors that are otherwise impossible to appreciate come into full (and sometimes iridescent) light. Running time is approximately 70 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

May 27 **"Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson (Naturalists' Book Club),** 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* was first published in three serialized excerpts in *The New Yorker* in June of 1962. The book appeared in September of that year, and the outcry that followed its publication forced the banning of DDT and spurred revolutionary changes in the laws affecting our air, land and water. *Silent Spring* was a seminal text, instrumental in launching the environmental movement. It is without question one of the landmark books of the twentieth century. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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June 1 **The Very Best Bed (children's activity),** 11 a.m. – Noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Are you ready to snuggle down for the night in your very own bed? Come along as the gray squirrel searches for the very best bed as the moon rises higher in the night sky. We will make a squirrel puppet to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2; parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65717 or 66447. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 2 **Summer Solstice Dance,** 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Welcome summer with the "Sounds of Swing." USA Dance will be here to teach a lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m. Dance the night away to all the Big Band favorites. Sure to be a fun night! **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $15 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

June 3 **"Mystery of Squirmy Wormy" (children's movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 8 **Pond Dip (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
The edges of ponds and wetlands are great places for budding naturalists to explore! We will use tools like dip nets and water scopes to get a closer look at the wetland creatures of Lewis Creek Park. What will we find in this unfamiliar world? **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65742. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 9 **Love Bugs (and Bees Too),** 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Parent and child go "buggy" together into the world of creepy crawlies and things that fly. Join us for crafts, stories, music and a yummy treat. **Ages:** 2-5 years. **Cost:** $22/residents and $25/non-residents. Fee includes one adult and one child; additional fee will be charged for additional children. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, or visit www.MyParkandRecreation.com .

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June 9 **Intro to Birding for Kids (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you think bird-watching is just for adults? No way! Birding is something anyone can do! Come learn how to hone your observation skills and train your eyes and mind to focus on the birds you see every day at home, in the park, and in your school yard. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65723. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 9 **Native Plants – A Basis for Survival (nature activity),** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join Barb Williams, Eastside Heritage Center volunteer, to learn how you could survive using the plant technologies developed by local Native Americans. Through hands-on experiences, plant ID, stories, artifacts and an outdoor interpretive walk, become immersed in the excitement of this fascinating program. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885, course #65699. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

June 10 **Pollinators in the Garden (family activity),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Who are the pollinators in your backyard? What do they do? Are they just bugs? Come discover all of the cool critters who help make flowers bloom and gardens bountiful! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7225.

June 10 **"Insects" (movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
By assuming a variety of body shapes and incorporating armor and wings, insects have evolved diverse strategies and become the most abundant creatures on Earth. Many insects carry chemical weapons as a form of defense. Some insects gain an advantage through cooperation. When an American black bear destroys a bee's nest, the colony survives by carrying their honey to a new site. Running time is 50 minutes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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June 11-12 **Auditions for "Alice in Wonderland,"** 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Pick your time and enjoy this delightful tale with all the characters from the book. There will be two casts of *Alice in Wonderland.* One cast will rehearse from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; the other from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals begin on June 25. **If you are gone for more than two weeks during the rehearsal process, please get permission to audition. You cannot audition if you are gone for any part of the week of the show performances (August 9-12) and will be dropped if conflicts come up. Ages:** 8 years and older. Children younger than 8 may audition, but an adult must accompany the child to every rehearsal and every performance. There are no exceptions to this rule. **Cost:** Free for Bellevue residents. Non-residents (includes some Bellevue addresses with zip codes 98004 and 98006) will pay $89. **Info:** http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-auditions.htm or 425-452-7155.

June 12 **Father's Day Dance,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sounds of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $3 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

June 14 **The Ecological Home (ranger program),** 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Although most of us didn't build or buy a "green home," there is a lot we can do to make our home, apartment or condo more ecologically sustainable. Join a Mercer Slough park ranger to learn some simple ways to make your home (both indoors and outdoors) a more sustainable place. We will focus on simple and inexpensive methods. The ranger will be available afterward to lead a brief tour of the Environmental Education Center – a Gold-Certified LEED facility.
Ages: Best for ages 12 and up. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** go to www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885, course # 65499. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

June 15 **"Green Hour (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us the third Friday of every month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for a *Green Hour* at Lewis Creek Park. Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66106. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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June 16 **Local Area Hikes – "Ecosystem Ecology" in Coal Creek Park,** 10 a.m. to noon.
Meeting place – Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in theme and length. **Distance: 5** miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate. **Ages:** All ages are welcomed. **Meeting place:** Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE. Limited parking. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 16 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center at www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

June 17 **Father's Day Pancake Breakfast and More,** 8:30 a.m. - Noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Make Father's Day a Greenway Day. Start the morning with a delicious pancake breakfast, followed by adventurous activities. Climb the climbing wall, try out the vertical playpen on the Challenge Course, and take your family on an orienteering trek through Eastgate Park! Moms are welcome too! **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** $8 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-4240 or email SBCC@bellevuewa.gov .

June 17 **Your Water (Know Your Yard),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What is the source of your water at home? Come learn how your yard practices affect local water quality and what can be done to mitigate water issues or retain water on your site. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66101. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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June 20-Aug 19 **Nature Photography Contest**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have some great nature shots taken in Bellevue Parks that you want to share with the community? Enter Lewis Creek Park's Nature Photography Contest! The winner's photographs will be displayed at Bellevue Parks' environmental education centers. The winner will be announced on August 25th. Don't miss our Intro to Nature Photography class on June 24th for some extra pointers! **Ages:** 15 years and older.. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 23 **"Deer" (Living With Wildlife),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Deer are among the most familiar animals of Washington, and in many places they are the largest wildlife that people encounter. Learn how to identify mule deer, black-tailed deer and white-tailed deer. Also learn which plants are deer-resistant! **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65712. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 23 **Bellevue Botanical Garden 20th Anniversary Celebration,** 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Please join us for free demonstrations, entertainment and refreshments as we celebrate the Garden's 20th anniversary. Festivities will be held in the Shorts Visitor Center.

June 24 **Introduction to Nature Photography,** 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn the basics of nature photography. Come find out what those settings on your camera do and how they affect your photos. Whether you're trying to show off a tiny mushroom or capture the mountains in the distance, your photos can show your love for the outdoors. Bring your DLSR, and we'll practice connecting to nature through photography. **Ages:** 14 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65731. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 24 **"Rewilding North America: A Vision for Conservation in the 21st Century" by Dave Foreman (Naturalists' Book Club),** 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
In *Rewilding North America*, Dave Foreman takes on arguably the biggest ecological threat of our time: the global extinction crisis. He not only explains the problem in clear and powerful terms, but also offers a bold, hopeful, scientifically credible and practically achievable solution. Sometimes dubbed "the *Sand County Almanac* for the current generation," *Rewilding North America* offers both a vision and a strategy for reconnecting, restoring and rewilding the North American Continent. It serves as a guidebook for anyone concerned with the future of life on Earth. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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June 27 **Kelsey Creek Farm Gardening,** 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Pick from a variety of seeds, plant one to take home and watch it grow just like the gardens on the farm. Walk around the farm and see the plants that grow here at Kelsey Creek Farm. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations suggested to help support the farm - $1/person or $5 per family. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

June 29 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Wolves – A Legend Returns to Yellowstone,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
After decades of absence from America's first National Park, gray wolves were reintroduced into Yellowstone in the 1990s. The return brought excitement but also controversy. Running time is approximately 55 minutes. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** Best for ages 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

June 30 **"Wolves in Washington" (Hot Topic Series),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you heard? Gray wolves have returned to Washington nearly 70 after they were extirpated from the state! Should we be excited or nervous? Where are they coming from? Where are they traveling to? What is the State doing to prepare for their presence? Explore and inquire about wolves in Washington State. Learn where you can find more resources on this important topic. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66204. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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SEASONAL EVENTS

Dec-April **Kids on the Farm Group Tours,** times vary
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies.. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding and create a wool sheep to take home. **Ages:** For preschool and school groups, ages 2 and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to $5 per person). **Pre-registration is required. Info/Register**: 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .

Jan-April **Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes,** 1st Saturday of each month (January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7) 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. 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.

Feb-April **Kids on the Farm,**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Explore our farm and meet the goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding, and create a wool sheep to take home. Daily viewing. **Pre-registration:** required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Feb-April **Docent Training,** February 16 to April 12, weekly on Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn, lead and share your gardening passion by becoming a Bellevue Botanical Garden Society Docent. The classes are informative, fun and free. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free. **Registration:** required. **For more info:** email bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org or call 425-451-3755.

Feb-Sept **Garden d'Lights Classes,** offered monthly at various times
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn to make beautiful flower light creations that will actually become part of the display at the yearly Garden d'Lights at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. **Ages:** Adults. **For more info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org for class types, fees, times and dates.

April-Oct **Docent-led Tour,** every Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m.
May-Sept **Plant ID Tours,** 1 p.m. on May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11 and September 8
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Reservations are not required. **Cost:** Free! **For more info:** 425-451-3755 or 425-452-2750.

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April 28 – July 8 **"Wolves in Washington State" (traveling exhibit)**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE
Wolves, once hunted to near extinction, are making a comeback in Washington State. Understanding how to coexist with wolves is crucial to their survival. A complex story, "Wolves in Washington State" examines wolf habitat and land development issues as well as highlights the critical role wolves play in promoting a healthy ecosystem. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 14 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May **Babies in the Barnyard,** times and dates vary.
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 and then finish up your visit in the garden, planting pumpkin seeds. Available in May only. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies, depending upon the number in your group. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

May-Aug **Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes,** first Saturdays – May 5, June 2, July 7 and August 4, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May-Sept **Canoe the Mercer Slough,** Saturdays and Sundays, 8:45 a.m. – Noon (no trips on August 4 and 5)
Launch at Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE
Explore the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water. After launching at Enatai Beach Park, we'll travel up the Mercer Slough, exploring the ecology and history of the area as we go. Please dress for the weather. Waiver form required for participation. Each canoe must have one experienced paddler. **Ages:** Family event; children must be at least 5 years old and accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** $14/residents and $16/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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3rd Sunday of each month
NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, Noon - 2 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE
Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Every 1st Monday each month
Snocone Night, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Bellevue Skate Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road (within Highland Community Park)
Bellevue Skate Park and Snowboard Connection are proud to present "Snocon Night." Various games, best trick contest, and give a ways for families and youth of all ages. Come check it out - you may walk away with some cool prizes. **Info:** 425-452-2722. **Register:** not required.

Every Monday
2011 Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

Every Monday
2012 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Committee, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan a biennial city-wide youth conference in Bellevue. Decide with other teens on selecting themes, workshops and speakers. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

Last Monday each month
Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road
Teen Closet is a free clothing bank for teens and families in the Bellevue area. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick, Youth Link Program Coordinator, 425-452-5254, e-mail palina@bellevuewa.gov, or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every Tuesday
21st Annual Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan a city-wide youth recognition event in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

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Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month
Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-119
Help plan a citywide youth recognition event in our community. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

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 visit www.youthlink.com.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120
Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

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-112
Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

Every Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger-lead 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 winter visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Learn the history of the park, tour community gardens, and learn about local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225. **NOTE: No walk on January 1, 2012 or April 21, 2012.**

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. **NOTE:** No walk on April 21, 2012.

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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.