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APRIL EVENTS

April 1 **"The Very Best Bed" by Rebekah Raye (Part of Fiction Fridays),** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. A bushy gray squirrel is ready for bed, but where will it sleep tonight? Come along on the gray squirrel's search for just the right bed and learn where our local wildlife sleep. Then create a squirrel puppet to take home. **Ages:** 3-6. **Cost:** $2. Both parent and child must register. **Registration**: required. **Info:** 425-452-4195. **Register:** 425-452-6885.

April 1 **Pacific Crest Trail Film Night – "Walking the West,"** 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St
This film explores the journey of two men journeying from Mexico to Canada along one of the longest and most challenging foot trails in the world, the Pacific Crest Trail. Hear stories from this epic adventure and enjoy some of the most spectacular scenery in North America. **Cost:** $6 for tickets purchased in advance ($5 for Bellevue residents) or $8 on the day of the event. **Info:** Gabriel Fertman – 425-452-4102 or GFertman@bellevuewa.gov .
Register: www.mountaineers.org/pct-series

April 2 **Peep! Peep!,** 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs, as well as other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt round off this morning of fun! **Ages:** 2-5. This is an adult/child class. **Cost:** $22/residents, $25/non-residents, and $5/$6 for each additional child. **Info:** 425-452-6046. **To register:** 425-452-6885.

April 3 **Life Under Water**, 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know an animal can live its entire life in a small pond? Ponds are a unique and important habitat. Learn about the different animals that live in and around ponds, their survival techniques, and how some have adapted to live under water. **Ages:** All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost**: Free! **Info:** 425-452-2565.

April 5 &7 **Kelsey Creek Pony Partners,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This is for your horse-crazy little one. Children will learn pony safety, grooming and basic parts of a pony, and will enjoy a craft. Each pony partner must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The program runs rain or shine. **Ages:** 2-5 years; no infants or older siblings. **Cost:** $50/residents, $60/non-residents. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov . **Register:** Pre-registration is required; call 425-452-6885.

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April 6 **Spring Fling Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Celebrate Spring with the North Bellevue Community Center. Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. **Cost:** $3 suggested donation for those 65 years and better; $5.75 for those under 65. Donation gratefully accepted at the door. Pre-registration is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

April 9 **Slimy Slugs & Wiggly Worms,** 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a naturalist as we get to know our slimiest neighbors: slugs and worms. You will get a chance to hold one, and we will venture into the woods to look for our native slugs. **Ages:** 6+. **Cost:** $5. **Info:** 425-452-4195. **Register:** City of Bellevue partner, Nature Vision: 425-836-2697.

April 9 **Zumba for Japan – Fundraiser,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Join us for a two-hour Zumba dance party to raise money for Japan. All proceeds will go to Japan via Bellevue Sister Cities and Peace Winds America. All donations are 100% tax-deductible. Zumba for Japan is co-sponsored by the City of Bellevue, Bellevue Sister Cities and the volunteer Zumba instructors. **Cost:** suggested donation of $20. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Info:** Monica Houston – 425-452-6104 or mhouston@bellevuewa.gov .

April 12 **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+. **Cost:** $3 per person. Pre-registration is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

April 15-23 **Pinocchio,** time varies
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
April 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 7 p.m.; April 17 and 23 at 2 p.m.
Follow the misadventures of Pinocchio and Geppetto as they search for their heart's desires. Along the way they are sidetracked by assorted villainous characters. This is a fun and light-hearted version of the classic tale of Pinocchio. **Ages:** This show is appropriate for all ages. **Cost:** $10 per ticket. Group rates available. **Info:** Sheila Framke, 425-452-7155.

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April 16 **Arbor Day-Earth Day**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Gardens, 12001 Main Street
The City of Bellevue will plant thousands of trees and shrubs, and restore local habitats in the spirit of conservation and stewardship. Join us as we celebrate our 20th consecutive Tree City USA Award during our annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event at Wilburton Park and the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Sign up today!

- **Family Festival:** Grab your "passport" from a Ranger and journey through the many eco-stations at the Garden. Among the many activities, enjoy a Living Lab native plant workshop, docent-led Garden tours and live bug sampling on "Bug TV." Get a stamp at each station, and return your completed passport for a raffle ticket.
- **Ceremonial Tree Planting:** 11:30 a.m. Raffle to follow. Winners do not need to be present to win.
- **FREE**.
- **Event and Volunteer Info and Registration**: 425-452-4195.

April 16 **April Pools Day,** Noon - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Join us at the annual April Pools Day event, promoting water safety and proper lifejacket use. This free event includes free swimming, raffles and water safety demonstrations! **Cost:** Free. **Info:** Scott Armstrong at 425-452-4444 or sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov .

April 21 **Media Relations/Publicity Workshop**, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Join us for this free panel discussion for non-profits, social service organizations, community organizations and small businesses. Discussion will be followed by a Q&A session. Panelists include: Enrique Cerna, Public Affairs Host, KCTS-TV Channel 9; Amy Clancy, Anchor and Reporter, KIRO-TV; Monica Guzman, Former *Seattle P-I* Writer, Social Media Specialist and Blogger; Sonya Green, Public Affairs Director, KBCS-FM 91.3; and George Griffin, Public Affairs Consultant, G3 & Associates. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Kevin Henry at khenry@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886.

April 21 **Pond Lily Wet Lab 2 Grand Opening,** 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join us to celebrate the Master Builders Association of King Counties' generous donation of a wet lab building providing additional opportunities for science exploration in the 320-acre Mercer Slough Nature Park. The event will feature interactive tours of the wet lab and "green-built" features throughout the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, environmental displays and demonstrations of "Bug TV" microscope. **Cost:** Free. **Info:** at 425-452-2565; awaddell@bellevuewa.gov or rhaaseth@bellevuewa.gov .

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April 23 **Lake Hills Greenbelt Woof Walk**, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue's open space parks. Bring your dog to learn how you can both help the City steward these valuable lands. Meet at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station. Walks are slow-paced. Dress for the weather; wear sturdy shoes. Families are encouraged to attend. **FREE. Info/Pre-register:** 425-452-7225.

April 23-24 **Hua Yuan Chinese Floral Art Exhibition**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
These exquisite floral arrangements, created by members of the school, will be on display in the Visitor Center. **Cost:** Admission is free. **Info:** call 425-452-2750.

April 29 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Blue Planet - Tidal Seas,"** 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The sun and moon move billions of tons of water around the world with every turn of the tide. With the strongest and weakest of tides, the coastal landscape changes, strands sea creatures and controls their movements. Approx. 50 minutes. **Ages:** Best for ages 10+. **FREE. Info:** 425-452-2565.

April 29 **Owl Prowl,** 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover what owl species live in the Pacific Northwest. Then take a night hike with the rangers to look for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp for the journey. **Ages:** 6+. **Cost:** $3. **Registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 29-May 1 **Cinderella,** time varies
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
April 29 and 30 at 7 p.m.; April 30 and May 1 at 2 p.m.
In this BYT retelling of the classic story, Cinderella comes to life on the stage at the Theatre at Meydenbauer. Whether it is an evil stepmother, a prince or the bumbling stepsisters, your entire family will enjoy this story. **Cost:** $10 per ticket. Group rates are available. **Info:** Sheila Framke – 425-452-7155.

April 30 **Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Sale,** 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale features a great selection of plants from the Eastside Fuchsia Society. **Info:** 425-452-2750.

April 30 **Sheep Shearing,** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
See the sheep being shorn of their winter coats, spinning demonstrations, tractor rides, pony rides, inflatables, children's crafts and food! **Cost:** Free admission. Costs vary for food and activities. No ATM is on site, and no charge cards are accepted. **Info:** Email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-7688.

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April 30 **Volunteer at Sheep Shearing Event,** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (shifts available)
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Students can earn community service hours while assisting with children's activities. Dress to work outside with the public, and wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. Volunteers must pre-register. **To register and for info:** email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-7688.

April 30 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fraser Cabin, Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. 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. **Info:** contact the Eastside Heritage Center at 425-450-1049 or visit www.eastsideheritagecenter.org .

MAY EVENTS

May 1 **Ranger Program: Great Migration,** 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE
Wildlife migrations are among the most fascinating events of the natural world. Did you know that a Monarch Butterfly migrates 2,500 miles, or that the tiny Ruby-Throated Hummingbird migrates 620 miles? Find out who travels here and around the world. **Ages:** All ages welcome. No registration necessary. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2565.

May 4-7 **Springtime Hilltop Craft, Antique and Garden Show,**
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 4, 5 and 6; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 7
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St
Brighten up your day with a little bit of shopping at the Northwest Arts Center's first ever Springtime Craft Show! Perk up your garden, find something special for a friend or your family, or pick up a little something for yourself. Antiques, collectables and handcrafted items from the Northwest's best crafters and designers will be under one roof! **Cost:** Free admission and easy parking. **Vendor information:** 360-668-1987 or Hilltop.crafts@frontier.com .

May 6 **"Stellaluna" by Janell Cannon (Fiction Fridays),** 11 a.m. - Noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. A young bat is separated from her mother at night and falls into a bird's nest. As she adapts to her new surroundings, Stellaluna learns that not all flying animals eat fruit, some food crawls, and friends are always a little bit different. Discover why these flying mammals are so important to the environment. Then craft and bring home your very own bat puppet. **Ages:** 3-6. **Cost:** $2. Registration is required; both parent and child must pre-register. **To register:** 425-452-6885. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 6 **Barn Dance,** 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come and kick up your heels at our country song-inspired dance for older teens and adults with developmental disabilities. DJ will play music, and light refreshments will be served. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $8 for residents; $10 for non-residents. **Info:** 425-452-7686.

May 6-15 **A Midsummer Night's Dream,** time varies
May 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7 p.m.; May 14 and 15 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Treat yourself to an evening of frolic, buffoonery, trickery and enchantment as BYT presents Shakespeare's delightful comedy. Everything from love scenes to sword fights will keep you laughing through this classic, performed in the special BYT style. **Ages:** This show is appropriate for all ages. **Cost:** $10 per ticket. Group rates available. **Info:** Sheila Framke – 425-452-7155 or sframke@bellevuewa.gov .

May 7 **Volunteer Opportunity - Springtime Hilltop Craft, Antique and Garden Show**, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on May 7
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St
Volunteers are needed for the Springtime Hilltop Craft Show. This is a great way to earn community service hours or for those who want to gain experience in working an event. Volunteers are a valuable aspect of the craft show as they assist the event supervisor at the completion of the show. All volunteers must be at least 14 years old and MUST pre-register. No volunteers will be accepted on the day of the event. **Info:** 425-452-4106. **Register:** online at www.myparksandrecreation.com or call 425-452-4106. .

May 7 **Washington Native Plant Society Sale**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Proceeds benefit the Washington Native Plant Society. **Info:** 206-619-1073.

May 8 **Mother's Day Canoe Tour,** 9 a.m. - Noon
Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE
Spend Mother's Day canoeing the Slough with your family. Bellevue Park Rangers will lead this three-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. While paddling along Mercer Slough, find out about different strategies wildlife mothers have for raising and protecting their young. Limit is three people per canoe (550 lbs). **Ages:** Children must be five years and older to participate. One adult must be present for every two children. **Cost:** $13 (Bellevue residents), $15 (non-residents). **Info:** 425-452-2565. **Pre-registration**: required, course #57868. **Register:** 425-452-6885.

May 8 **Mother's Day Social**, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Mother's Day at the Garden is always a wondrous day. It is a time to honor our mothers, enjoy the beauty of our gardens, and share refreshments with friends and family. This year, it is also a great time to celebrate plans for the Garden's Ravine project, which we expect to build this year. This open house will feature light refreshments and music, and is free and open to all. **Info:** 425-451-3755 or www.bellevuebotanical.org .

May 9 **Barn Dance**, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Rd
This dance is for adults with developmental disabilities. Come enjoy good music and light refreshments. **Ages:** 18+. **Cost:** $7 for Bellevue residents and $9 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required. **Info:** Kim Indurkar – 425-452-7686 or kindurkar@bellevuewa.gov . **Register:** Monica Houston – 425-452-7686 or mhouston@bellevuewa.gov .

May 10 **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+. **Cost:** $3 per person. Pre-registration is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

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May 11 **Mother's Day Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Come and celebrate the joys of motherhood with a delicious meal, bingo and door prizes. **Cost:** $3 suggested donation for those 65 years and better; $5.75 for those under 65. Donation gratefully accepted at the door. Pre-registration is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

May 15 **Local Area Hikes – Mercer Slough Nature Park**, 10 a.m. - Noon
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE
Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Distance – 2.1 miles. Level of difficulty: Easy. Soft-surfaced trails and raised boardwalk into Bellevue's largest wetland with opportunities for wildlife viewing. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 15 **"A Murder of Crows" – Movie Time at Lewis Creek**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
It's Movie Time at Lewis Creek Park! Get a closer look at some of Nature's most wonderful treasures with our free movie series. This movie is part of the PBS Nature Series: Crows are among the most intelligent animals on the planet. One talent they possess is the ability to recognize individual human faces and pick them out of a crowd up to two years later. These birds might have a scary reputation, but the scariest thing may be how much they know about us, and how little we know about them. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations gratefully accepted. **Info:** 425-452-4195. **Register:** 425-452-6885. Registration is required.

May 17 **Youth Link's 21st Annual Community Leadership Awards Night,** 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. program
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE
This community youth recognition event celebrates student and teen contributions in our community. **Cost:** Free. **Info:** Patrick Alina - 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov, or visit www.youthlink.com .

May 17 & 19 **Kelsey Creek Pony Partners**, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m..
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This event is for your horse-crazy little one. Children will learn pony safety, grooming and basic parts of a pony, and will enjoy a craft. Each pony partner must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The program runs rain or shine. Ages: 2-5 years; no infants or older siblings. Cost: $50/residents;$60/non-residents. Pre-registration is required. Info: 425-452-7688 or KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov . Register: 425-452-6885.

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May 21 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Fraser Cabin, Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Visitors are invited to participated 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 appropriate for people of all ages. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – 425-450-1049 or www.eastsideheritagecenter.org .

May 21-22 **Rhodendron Show and Sale**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Show and sale of beautiful Northwest rhododendrons. Proceeds benefit the Cascade Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. Info: Lisa Scott – 425-452-2750 or LScott@bellevuewa.gov .

May 28 **Local Area Hikes – Coal Creek Park**, 10 a.m. - Noon
Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Distance: 5 miles. Level of difficulty: Moderate. Soft-surface trails follow Coal Creek past waterfalls and evidence of the area's coal mining past. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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June 3 **"Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell (Fiction Fridays),** 11 a.m. - Noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Three baby owls awake to find their mother is gone, huddle together in the nest and wait for her return. Learn about the special adaptations of owls and which species live in Washington. Then make an owl mask to take home. Parents and children will explore together. **Cost:** $2; both parent and child must register. **Pre-registration:** required. To **Register:** 425-452-6885. **Info** 425-452-4195.

June 5 **Coal Creek History Walk,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
(Red Town trailhead) 7336 Lakemont Blvd SE
This easy walk is offered by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. It is a primitive, lowland trail with a few stair steps and some hills. EHC staff and volunteers will interpret the rich coal-mining history of this special area. Dress for the weather, bring a water bottle and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** required. **Register**: 425-450-1049 up to 3 days before the hike. Space is limited. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 5 **Ranger Program: Map & Compass,** 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
From backyard to back country, navigation is an essential skill. Learn how to use a map and compass to better explore your surroundings and challenge your navigation skills! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2565.

June 10 **Local Area Hike – Kelsey Creek Park,** 10 a.m. - Noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park (parking lot), 410 130th Place SE
Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate. Mixture of soft-surface and paved trail through forests and wetlands. Carpooling encouraged. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 12 **"Clash: Encounters of Bears and Wolves" Movie,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
It's Movie Time at Lewis Creek! Get a closer look at some of Nature's most wonderful treasures with our free movie series. This movie is part of the PBS Nature Series. Yellowstone Park is a world of predators, scavengers and opportunists. In this vast and complex kingdom, two dominant predators reign supreme: the grizzly bear and the wolf. Size and power square off against speed and teamwork, as mighty grizzly bears contend with powerful packs of wolves for control of the food supply. **Running time:** 55 minutes. **Ages:** 8 years and older. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. **Cost:** Free; donations will be gratefully accepted. **Registration:** required. **To Register:** 425-452-6885. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 14 **Father's Day Dance,** 2 p.m. – 7 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. Pre-registration is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

June 18 **Incredible Inflatables**, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Are you looking for that insurmountable level of fun that will make your day and create memories? If so, you have found the right activity – inflatables in all shapes and sizes! FunRent and Bellevue Parks & Community Services provide entertainment for all ages in a safe and fun environment. Bring your child or just come on your own, and burn off some energy in this interactive fun zone. **Ages:** family event; children must be at least 3 to participate. **Cost:** Free admission; fees vary. No ATM is on site. **Info:** Northwest Arts Center – NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

June 18 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th Place SE
Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. 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. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – 425-450-1049 or www.eastsideheritagecenter.org .

June 18 **Fabulous Forests,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Weowna Park, 168th Avenue SE and SE 19th Street
Bellevue's forests are vital to our local wildlife. Learn the basic parts of the tree, layers of the forest and the importance of urban forests. Then take a walk through Weowna Park's forest habitat and identify local trees. Limited parking; carpooling is encouraged. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations gratefully accepted. **Info:** 425-452-4195. **Registration:** required. **To Register:** 425-452-6885.

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June 18 **Summer Solstice Dance,** 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Enjoy an evening of fun and the songs of the "Sound of Swing" band. USA Dance will be here to teach a lesson from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., followed by dancing to all of your big band favorites. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $15 per person. Pre-registration is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

June 19 **Father's Day Canoe Tour,** 9 a.m. - Noon
Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE
Canoe the Mercer Slough with your dad! Treat your dad to a special Father's Day exploring the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water. Bellevue Park Rangers will lead this three-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. Limit is three people per canoe (550 lbs). **Ages:** Children must be five years and older to participate. One adult must be present for every two children. **Cost:** $13 (Bellevue residents), $15 (non-residents). **Info:** 425-452-2565. **Pre-registration**: required, course #57869. **Register:** 425-452-6885.

June 24 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Beavers – The Biggest Dam Movie You Ever Saw!", 5** p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Plunge in and meet your elusive neighbor. This movie shows several beaver families in their wild surroundings. With breath-taking underwater photography, you travel inside the lodge for a rare look at these charming and industrious creatures; see them evade predators and build their homes. **Ages:** All ages; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2565.

June 25 **Local Area Hike – Lewis Creek to Lakemont Community Park,**
10 a.m. - Noon
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Strenuous. Gravel trail follows greenbelts through neighborhood area. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 29 **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. 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. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** Kelsey Creek Farm Park – kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

SEASONAL EVENTS

Jan-Oct **King County Master Gardener Workshops**, 10:30 a.m. to Noon, every Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Demonstration Garden 15500 SE 16th Street
Learn good gardening practices and home-based horticulture tips from a trained Master Gardener. **FREE. No registration required. Info:** 425-452-7225 or Demonstration Garden email – bellevuedemo@hotmail.com . For a full schedule of topics and dates, please visit http://bellevuewa.gov/lake_hills_greenbelt.htm

Jan-Apr **Winter Wildlife Walks,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Last Saturday each month (Jan-April)
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. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Info:** 425-452-4195. Preregistration is **not** required.

Feb-Apr **Docent Training,** 9 a.m. - Noon
Thursday mornings, March 3 through April 7, 2011
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. **Info:** 425-451-3755 or bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org .

Feb-Apr **Master Naturalist Training Program**, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Every Friday, Feb. 25 to April 29
The City of Bellevue's Master Naturalist Training Program educates community members on the importance of natural resource management and conservation. Volunteers attend free classes on Bellevue's ecology, hydrology, geology, wildlife, native plant identification, and cultural history. Upon completion of this course, volunteer Master Naturalists give back to the community through personal interest projects using the skills they have been taught. We are now accepting applications for the 2011 Master Naturalist class. Applications must be received by January 21, 2011. For more information and a complete application, please visit us online at http://bellevuewa.gov/9182.htm or call the Ranger Station, 425-452-7225.

Mar-Sept **Garden d'Lights Classes**, 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.
Info: www.bellevuebotanical.org for class types, times and dates.

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April-Oct **Docent-Led Tours,** 2 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Reservations are not required. **Info:** 425-451-3755.

Apr-Oct **King County Master Gardener Drop-In Clinics,** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., every Wednesday and Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th Street
Consult with Master Gardeners about all aspects of plant care, disease, propagation, identification and more. Bring questions! **FREE. Info:** 425-452-7225 or Demonstration Garden email – bellevuedemo@hotmail.com . **No registration is required.**

Apr-Oct **2011 Community Gardens and P-Patch Programs**
The City of Bellevue offers P-Patch garden plots to the community at two locations. Each plot measures approximately 400 square feet, and water is supplied onsite. The Gardens will re-open on April 2, 2011. For more information, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact the Ranger Station at 425-452-7225. Administrative Office for the P-Patch program is at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station. Garden locations:

- Crossroads Par 3 Golf Course, 15801 NE 15th Street
- Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

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, then finish your tour in the garden to plant pumpkin seeds. Available during May only. **Ages:** minimum age is 2 and older, strictly adhered to. Pre-registration is required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

May-Sept **Canoe the Slough,** 8:45 a.m. – Noon, every Saturday
Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE
Bellevue Park Rangers lead this three-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. Children must be five years and older to participate. One adult must be present for every two children. Limit is three people per canoe (550 lbs). **Pre-registration** is required. **Cost:** $14 (Bellevue residents), $16 (non-residents). **Info:** 425-452-2565. **To register:** 425-452-6885.

May-Sept **Plant ID Tours,** 1 p.m., second Saturdays.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
These plant ID tours will be led by Bellevue Botanical Garden docents on May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13 and September 10. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Lisa Scott - 425-452-2750 or LScott@bellevuewa.gov .

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June **Kids on the Farm Group Tours**
Kelsey Creek Farm, 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. Daily viewing. **Cost:** varies according to group size (up to $5 per person.) **Pre-registration:** required. **Info/Register**: 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .

Jun 22-Sept 14 **Free Wednesday Morning Indoor Summer Cycling Classes,**
6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Catch a ride and burn up to 600 calories before the rest of your day begins. This one-hour workout for all fitness levels will definitely wake you up and start your day out right. Wear padded cycle shorts, heart rate monitor, and SPD cycle shoes if you have them; otherwise, wear layered athletic attire and shoes. Bring a bike cage sized water bottle and towel. Call SBCC to confirm dates and reserve a bike each week. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Joan Perugini at jperugini@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

September **Kids on the Farm Group Tours**
Kelsey Creek Farm, 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. Daily viewing. **Cost:** varies according to group size (up to $5 per person.) **Pre-registration:** required. **Info/Register**: 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .

YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

3rd Sunday of each month
NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE
Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

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

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 .

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 Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Visit restoration sites; learn about local wildlife; fun for the whole family. All ages welcome. **FREE. Info:** 425-452-7225. **Register:** not required.

Every Saturday
Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that Mercer Slough Nature Park is 320 acres? Join us for a free guided tour of the Environmental Education Center; explore the Park with a Ranger. Dress for weather. All ages welcome. **FREE. Register:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565.

Last Saturday of the month
Winter Wildlife Walks, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park, 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. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Register:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195

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Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Luncheon, Noon
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Adults 65 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. ***Suggested donation***: $3. 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.

Daily, Must pre-schedule
Group Tours
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Seasonal group tours for preschool and school groups. **Pre-registration:** required.
Info/Register: 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .