

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Event List**

April

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

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Registration is required. Registration: 425-452-6885. Cost: \$18/\$22. Information: 425 452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov

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

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- Apr 24** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs** 11a.m.-3p.m., at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th PL SE. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and eastside history. The programs are free to the public and appropriate for people of all ages. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Information: contact the Eastside Heritage Center at 425-450-1049 or visit www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.
- Apr 23-25** **The Music Man**, April 23 & 24 from 7-9p.m., April 24 & 25 from 2-4p.m. Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street, Bellevue. This icon of American Musical Theatre will be performed by a large cast on the big stage at the Theater at Meydenbauer. Escape to another era with beautiful period sets and costumes, lively dancing and memorable songs, like "Trouble in River City", "Pick a Little, Talk a Little", "Gary, Indiana", and the rousing "Seventy Six Trombones". Information: call Sheila Framke at 425-452-7155.
- Apr 24-25** **Hua Yuan Chinese Floral Art Exhibition**, 9a.m.-3p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. The exquisite floral arrangements created by members of the school will be on display in the Visitor Center. Admission is free. Information: 425-452-2750.
- Apr 24** **Food Web**, 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Come find out how and discover how life keeps going. Take home a food web card game that we will make. \$10 per person. Ages 8Y and up. To register, call: 425-836-2697. Information: 425-452-4195.
- Apr 24** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Days**, 11a.m.-3p.m., Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Pl SE. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880's settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and eastside history. Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers present the activities and interpret the log cabin that was built and lived in by the Fraser family over 100 years ago!. The log cabin experience is magical and transports visitors back in time. FREE. All ages welcome.
- Apr 25** **Bellevue 5K Run/Walk, 8:30 a.m., at Crossroads Park, located at NE 8th St and 164th Ave NE.** The Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club (BBRC) with their partner, the Kinderling Center is encouraging everyone to seek healthy lifestyles by signing up for the Bellevue 5K Run/Walk. This flat, fast 3.1 mile course starts and finishes at Bellevue's Crossroads Park. The route will move through surrounding East Bellevue neighborhoods, before turning back to finish at the park, located at NE 8th St and 164th Ave NE. To participate, volunteer or donate to the event, contact: www.Bellevue5K.com. Information: Ted Mittelstaedt: 425-452-4882.
- Apr 26** **Mom and Me at Mercer Slough**, 10-11a.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Become a naturalist with your child. Learn how to observe and explore the small wonders of Mercer Slough and practice

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together. All children must be with a registered adult. Pre-registration is required. Best for ages 3-5 years. Cost \$5. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-2565.

Apr 30 **Family Movie-Earth Navigators**, 5p.m.-6:30 p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. The migration of animals is one of the most astonishing phenomena in the natural world. Twice a year, over land, in the air, and through the oceans, animals move in the thousands, prompted by the changing seasons. Best for ages 10+. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. Free. Information: 425-452-2565.

Apr 30-May 8 **The Little Mermaid**, April 30, May 1, 7 & 8 from 7-9p.m., May 1, 2 & 8 from 2-4p.m. Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northrup Way, Bellevue. Join us as we retell the classic Hans Christian Andersen tale of The Little Mermaid. Join the adventures on land and on sea. Information: call Sheila Framke at 425-452-7155.

May

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

May 1 **Wilburton Turf Sports Field "Grand Opening" Celebration**, 8:30a.m.-10a.m., Wilburton Hill Park, 12400 Main St. Celebrate the new synthetic turf sports field at Wilburton Hill Park-- the first completed project of the voter approved 2008 Parks & Natural Areas Levy! The free event will feature sports demonstrations (lacrosse, soccer and football), the official "ribbon cutting", and on-site registration for a variety of youth sports programs and day camps in Bellevue. Information: 425-452-6885.

May 2 **Ranger Program-Great Migrations**, 2:30-3p.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 the tiny Ruby-throated Hummingbird migrates 620 miles? Find out who travels here and around the world. All ages welcome. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. FREE. Information: 425-452-2565.

May 7 **Eliza and the Dragonfly** by Susie Caldwell Rinehart, part of Fiction Fridays, 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Parents and children will explore together. Ages 3 to 6 years. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Donation of \$1 per person is encouraged. Registration required. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.

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- May 7** **Arbor Day Poster Art Exhibit Opening**, 6-7:30p.m. Bellevue Arts Museum, 510 Bellevue Way NE. Inspired by the beauty and benefits that trees provide in our community Bellevue 4th and 5th grade students display poster art for the public to enjoy. Celebration includes light refreshments and free admission to the Museum. Information: Northwest Arts Center, 425-452-7106 or DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov.
- May 7** **Dance- Barn Dance**, 7-9:30pm, Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Rd. Dance for Teens and Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Cost: \$7 for Bellevue Residents \$9 for Non Residents. Information: 425-452-7686. To register: go to MyParksAndRecreation.com.
- May. 8** **Teatime with Mommy & Me!**, 10-11:30a.m., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th ST., Family workshop. Mommy and me have fun making art, nibbling snacks, listening to stories and singing together! Ages 2 ½-3 ½. Information: email NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-6046.
- May 8** **WA Native Plant Society Sale**, 10a.m.-4p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street. Proceeds benefit Washington Native Plant Society. Information: 206 619-1073.
- May 8** **Growing up Green**, 2-3p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Just in time for Mother's day! Discover how a seed is transformed into a beautiful flowering plant. Then plant a flower to take home to Mom. Preregistration required. \$3 per person. Ages 6Y and up. All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
- May 8** **The Lives and Times of Butterflies**, 2p.m.-4p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Did you know there are 60 common Cascadian butterflies in Washington? Join the Washington Butterfly Association and a Park Ranger to learn how these beautiful and fascinating creatures make a living. We'll start with a short presentation and then head out on the trails to see if we can find some of our local butterflies. All children under 12 must be with a registered adult. Pre-registration required. Cost: \$5. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-2565.
- May 9** **Mother's Day Canoe**, 9a.m.-12p.m., Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave. S.E. Spend Mother's Day canoeing the Slough with your family. Bellevue Park Rangers lead this 3-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. Find out about different strategies wildlife mothers have for raising and protecting their young, while paddling Mercer Slough. Children must be 5 years and older to participate. 1 adult must be present for every 2 children. Limit 3 people per canoe (550 lbs). Pre-registration is required. Cost \$12 (R), \$14 (NR). To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-2565.

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- May 9** **Mothers Day Social**, 1-4p.m. at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street. Open house featuring light refreshments, music. Information: 425-451-3755 or visit www.bellevuebotanical.org.
- May 11** **Public Pony Rides**, 10-11:30a.m., at Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. Bring your little one down to the farm for a ride on one of our adorable ponies. Ages 3 & up, weight limit/100 lbs. Cost is \$3 per ride. Line closes at 11:30a.m. - no exceptions.
- May 11** **Mother's Day Dance**, 2-4p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era. Fee \$3. Information: 425-452-7681.
- May 12** **Kindergarten Orientation** hosted by Wrap-Around Services. 6:30-7:30pm at Lake Hills Elementary, 14310 SE 12th ST. A chance to learn more about the Kindergarten curriculum and what you need to know before the first day of school. FREE. Information: 425-456-5312.
- May 12** **Mother's Day Luncheon**, 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE. Celebrate the Motherhood with the North Bellevue Community Center. Bingo will be featured. Information: 425-452-7681.
- May 13-16** **The Taming of the Shrew**, May 13, 14 & 15 from 7-9p.m., May 15 & 16 from 2-4p.m. Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way. Enjoy one of Shakespeare's romantic comedies. Can Petruchio tame the shrewish Katherine? Who will win Bianca's heart? Performed with a modern piece included in the storyline. Information: Sheila Framke at 425-452-7155.
- May 15** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Days**, 11a.m.-3p.m., Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Pl SE. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880's settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and eastside history. Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers present the activities and interpret the log cabin that was built and lived in by the Fraser family over 100 years ago! The log cabin experience is magical and transports visitors back in time. FREE. All ages welcome. Information: Eastside Heritage Center at 425-450-1049 or visit www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.
- May 16** **Crazy Golf Day**, 10a.m.-4pm, South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way. Drop-in for a Fun Family Event for all ages. Try your hand at miniature golf, Wii Crazy Golf on a giant screen, and chipping - just to name a few of the activities. No registration needed. \$5 per person. Information: 425-452-4240.
- May 18** **Public Pony Rides**, 10-11:30a.m., at Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. Bring your little one down to the farm for a ride on one of our adorable ponies. Ages 3 & up, weight limit/100 lbs. Cost is \$3 per ride. Line closes at 11:30a.m.

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- May 20** **Heritage Series: Colman Cold Case**, 7-8:30p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE. Learn about life on Lake Washington in the late 19th century, as seen through the eyes of Clarissa Colman, and hear the intrigue & mystery surrounding the murder of her husband, James Manning Colman. EHC Trustee Sherry Grindeland will set the scene, and “History Detectiv” Tome Hitzroth will share his latest theories surrounding the Colman murder. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. FREE. Information: 425-452-1049.
- May 22** **Bellevue Downtown Art & Park Walk – 10 K**, Start and registration 8a.m.-12p.m. at the Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St. Walk on neighborhood and city sidewalks, parks, and pedestrian ways to view over 20 pieces of public art. Enjoy a diverse array of media, style, expression and cultural heritage. American Volkssport Association sanctioned walk in partnership with Bellevue Park & Community Services. Sponsored by Whole Foods Market. Cost: Free. Information: Northwest Arts Center, 425-452-7106 or DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov.
- May 22** **Animal Babies**, 10-11a.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Come learn about the animal babies that are born this time of year in our parks! Make a nest of your own and explore the woods with a naturalist in search of animal babies of all kinds! \$10 per person. Preregistration required. To register, call Nature Vision at 425-836-2697. Information: 425-452-4195.
- May 22** **Local Area Hikes- Mercer Slough Nature Park**, 10a.m. Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. No registration required. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. For more information call 425-452-4195.
Distance: 2.1 miles
Level of Difficulty: Easy
Details: Soft-surface trails and raised boardwalk take visitors deep into Bellevue's largest wetland. Great opportunities for wildlife viewing.
Meeting Place: Mercer Slough Education Center 1625 118th Ave SE. Limited Parking. Carpooling Encouraged.
- May 26** **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS**, from 7- 8:30p.m., place to be determined. Tell us about a child or teen in Bellevue whom you feel should be recognized for making a difference! FREE. Information: 425-452-5254.
- May 27** **Spring Fling** hosted by Wrap-Around Services. 6-7:30pm at Lake Hills Elementary, 14310 SE 12th ST. Come out and meet your neighbors while enjoying student performances. FREE. Information: 425-456-5312.
- May 27** **It's a marvelous night for a Moon Lecture**, 7-8:30p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Join NASA Solar System Ambassador and Bellevue College Professor Rob Viens for an exciting presentation about the geology and importance of the Moon. Then, if conditions are right, head outside and observe

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

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

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

June

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

Jun 6 **Ranger Program-Map and Compass**, 2:30-3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. From backyard to backcountry, navigation is an essential skill. Learn to use map and compass to better explore your surroundings and challenge your navigation skills! All ages welcome. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. FREE. Information: 425-452-2565.

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

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

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

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Distance: 3 miles
Level of Difficulty: Moderate
Details: Mixture of soft-surface and paved trail, through forests and wetlands, some steep elevation change
Meeting Place: Kelsey Creek Farm parking lot, 410 130th Pl SE. Limited Parking. Carpooling encouraged.

- Jun 16** **Father's Day Luncheon**, 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE. Celebrate Fatherhood with the North Bellevue Community Center. Bingo will be featured. Information: 425-452-7681.
- June 19** **Birding 101 for Kids**, 2p.m-3:30p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. What a perfect way to spend time with Dad this Father's Day weekend. Join Eastside Audubon to learn what makes a bird a bird. Then, on a walk, use a field guide to help identify our feathery neighbors at Lewis Creek Park. Ages 6Y and up. A donation of \$3 per person is strongly suggested. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Preregistration is required. To register:425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-4195.
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- Jun 19-20** **Greenway Days in Bellevue Parks**, date/times vary. Celebrate the beauty and benefits of our 100-mile Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor all summer long! Communities along the Greenway will host activities that highlight the best of their natural, historic, cultural and recreational treasures. Activities in Bellevue include Fraser Pioneer Cabin Open at Kelsey Creek Farm, June 19, 11a.m. to 3p.m.; Free Father's Day Orienteering & Climbing Challenge at South Bellevue's Eastgate Park, June 20, 10a.m. to 2p.m. Free Educational Workshops & Ranger Walks at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center all summer long. For a complete list of Greenway Days activities visit mtsgreenway.org. For Bellevue activities contact Debbie Petterson, Northwest Arts Center 425 452-7106 or dpetterson@bellevuewa.gov.
- Jun 20** **Father's Day Canoe**, 9a.m.-12:00 p.m., Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave. S.E. Canoe Mercer Slough with your dad! Treat your dad to a special Father's Day exploring the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water. This 3-hour self-paddled, canoe trip leaves from Enatai Beach Park. Children must be 5 years and

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older to participate. 1 adult must be present for every 2 children. Limit 3 people per canoe (550 lbs). Pre-registration is required. Cost \$12 (R), \$14 (NR). To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-2565.

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

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Jun 30 Farm Gardening, 1-1:30p.m., at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. Pick from a variety of seeds, plant one to take home and watch it grow just like the gardens on the farm. Dig in the dirt and see how many worms you can find. We'll take a walk around the farm to see the plants that are growing here at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. Information: email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425-452-7688.

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Jul 4 Ranger Program-Wildlife Tracking, 2:30p.m.- 3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Learn 5 techniques for animal tracking so you can identify who made the tracks, what direction they were going, how fast they were moving, and what they were doing when they made the tracks. Become a Slough sleuth. All ages welcome. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. FREE. Information: 425-452-2565.

Jul 26 Mom and Me at Mercer Slough, 10-11 a.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Become a naturalist with your child. Learn how to observe and explore the small wonders of Mercer Slough and practice together. All children must be with a registered adult. Pre-registration is required. Best for ages 3-5. Cost \$5. To register: 425-452-6885. Information: 425-452-2565.

Jul 30 Family Movie-Life of Birds: The Mastery of Flight, 5-6:30 p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. For all their grace and agility, birds face serious challenges in getting into the air, staying there, and landing safely. Among their many adaptations, feathers are the single weight-saving feature that only birds possess. Approx. 55 min. Best for ages 10+. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. FREE. Information: 425-452-2565.

Seasonal Events

Apr & June Kids on the Farm Group Tours, Kelsey Creek Farm 410 130th PL SE. Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies. Experience the old fashion skill of wool carding and create a wool sheep to take home. Daily viewing. Pre-registration required. Cost varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person.) Information and registration: 425 452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Apr Pioneer Days, times and dates vary Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th PL SE. Experience life in the 1880s with a trip to our historic log cabin. Children grind wheat and coffee, churn butter, card wool, hammer nails, pump water, create a fabric and paper quilt, play dress-up plus more living history activities. Storytelling about pioneer life with Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House books helps children compare their life based on electricity and modern conveniences

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with the life of Laura and Mary in their log cabin in Wisconsin. Pre-registrations required. Information: kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425 452-7688.

- Apr. – May Arbor Day Poster Art Displays, Trees are terrific...and Energy Wise!**
Inspired by the beauty and benefits that trees provide in our community school age children create poster art for the public to enjoy. Exhibits open at the following locations during normal open hours: Bellevue Arts Museum, Whole Foods Market, Bellevue City Hall, Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, and Lewis Creek Visitor Center. Information: Debbie Pettersson at 425-452-7106. DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov.
- Apr – Oct Docent-led tours, 2-3:30p.m. every Saturday & Sunday at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Reservations are not required. Information: 425-451-3755.**
- May Springtime in the Barnyard, times and dates vary Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th PL SE. Welcome springtime with a tour of our newest baby animals, which may include chicks, goat kids, a calf, and piglets. Learn about their special care and feeding, tour our historic barn, and finish up in the garden planting pumpkin seeds. Many groups return in the fall to check on their pumpkin's growth and choose a pumpkin from our indoor pumpkin patch. Pre-registrations required. Cost varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person.) Information: kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425 452-7688.**

Ongoing Events

3rd Sunday of each month

NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, 11-3:30p.m., Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Pl SE. Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! No registration necessary. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. Information: 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Last Sunday of each month

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

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month

Outspoken Teen Newspaper, 4-5p.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, 1E-119. Teen newspaper created by teens for teens. Information: Youth Link, 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com

Last Monday of each month

Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event, 4:30-6:30p.m., World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road, Bellevue. Teen Closet is a free clothing bank for teens and families

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in the Bellevue area. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick Alina, Youth Link Program Coordinator, 425-452-5254, e-mail palina@bellevuewa.gov or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month

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

4th Tuesday of each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6-8p.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, Council Chambers. Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court. Two juvenile court cases. Information: 425-452-2846 or www.youthlink.com.

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month

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

1st Thursday of each month

Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting- 8:30-10:30a.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, 1E-112. Information: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

Every Thursday each month

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

First Saturday each month

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

Every Saturday

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

Every Saturday

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

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

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Luncheon, North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE, starts at 12 p.m. noon. Adults 65 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch for a suggested donation of just \$3.00. Lunches are sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches require pre registration.

Every Wednesday and Saturday

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

Wednesdays and Thursdays, Must pre-schedule

Group Tours, Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Mercer Slough Park Rangers offer outdoor interpretive walks. Learn and discuss flora, fauna, and natural and cultural history of Mercer Slough Nature Park. We schedule groups of 5-25, for this one hour program June to August. Time slots available: Wednesdays and Fridays 11am – 1pm, first-come first-serve. Suggested donation of \$1 per person. Call or email to reserve your spot today, (425) 452-2565 or MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov.

Daily. Must pre-schedule

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

Event information as of March 30, 2010