

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Event List**

April Events

- April 1-30** **Pioneer Days**, times and dates vary Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th PL SE,. Experience life in the 1880s with a trip to our historic log cabin. Children grind wheat and coffee, churn butter, card wool, hammer nails, pump water, create a fabric and paper quilt, play dress-up plus more living history activities. Storytelling about pioneer life with Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House books helps children compare their life based on electricity and modern conveniences with the life of Laura and Mary in their log cabin in Wisconsin. Pre-registrations required. For more information call 425 452-7688.
- Apr. 1** **Arbor Day Poster Art Exhibit, Trees are Terrific...**in cities and towns ! 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. Locations include: Bellevue City Hall, Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Lewis Creek Visitor Center, and Bellevue Arts Museum which begins on May 1. For more information regarding this project call Debbie Pettersson at 425 452-7106.
- Apr. 1** **Right Plants, Right Place**, 7p.m.-9 p.m. at Lewis Cree Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Spending lots of money at the nursery, but not getting the results you want? Greg Rabourn will help you pick the best plants for your yard. Smart design is healthy for your pocketbook and the planet. Ages 12+. Free event. To Register visit www.MyParksAndRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885.
- Apr. 1** **Spring Fling Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave. NE. Celebrate Springtime (& April Fool's Day) with a tasty lunch, bingo and doorprizes. We will also have a crazy-hat contest and fashion parade of the entries. \$3 suggested donation for those 60+ and charge of \$6 for under 60 years old, payable at the event. Co-sponsored by Catholic Community Services. Pre-registration required by March 28. For more information, call 425-452-7681.
- Apr. 4** **Coal Creek History**, 10 a.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Researcher Steven Gates presents the geologic history of Coal Creek. Join the adventure of diving into the past as we study the present. Beginning with a photo presentation and followed by a hike along the trails of coal creek. Learn more about the first major industry of eastside- coal mining. Free. For more information visit <http://eastsideheritagecenter.org> or call 425-450-1049.
- Apr. 4** **Spring Fling Dance**, 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. The 'Sound Of Swing' will perform for your dancing pleasure. Cost, \$10 at the door. For more information, call 425-452-7681.
- Apr. 5** **Otters at Mercer Slough**, 2:30 p.m.-3 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave S.E. River Otters Live

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in Bellevue! What are the differences between river otters and sea otters? Come find out about these playful and interesting creatures. All ages welcome. Free. For more information, call 425- 452-2565.

- Apr. 7** **Human Services Commission**, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Bellevue City Hall, Council Conference Room (1E-113), 450 110th Ave NE. For more information, call 425-452-7871.
- Apr. 8** **Green Transportation**, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave S.E. Discover all the green ways to get around Bellevue and beyond through green cars, bicycles and public transportation. Learn about what you can do now to make your commute easier and greener, and find out what is coming up in the future. Ages 12+. Free. To Register visit www.MyParksAndRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885.
- Apr. 9** **Family Movie Night- Pale Male**, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. High above New York’s Central Park, a daring red-tailed hawk has taken up residence. Filmed over a six-year period, “Pale Male” is a rare glimpse of the survival techniques of one of nature’s great predatory creatures, and a surprising account of the magical relationship humanity can have with nature. All ages welcome. Free. To Register visit www.MyParksAndRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885.
- Apr. 11** **Shelter Building**, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. What would you do if you got lost and had to spend the night in the woods? Learn how to build a debris hut out of materials from the forest! Cost: \$7. Visit www.naturevision.org for more information. To register, call 425-836-2697.
- Apr. 11** **Family and Friends Snowshoe Trip (Snoqualmie Pass)**, 10a.m.-4:30p.m. Meet at Highland Center at 10a.m., 14224 Bel-Red Rd. Head up to Snoqualmie Pass with family and friends for a beautiful day of Spring snowshoeing! Transportation, snowshoes, and winter boots available. Beginners and experts welcome. Please indicate when registering if you desire snowshoes. To register, go to www.myparksandrecreation.com. For more information, please call 425-452-6129.
- Apr. 14** **Spring Fling Dance** , 2 p.m.– 4 p.m. at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. The 'Sound Of Swing' will perform for your dancing pleasure. Cost, \$3 at the door. For more information call 425-452-7681.
- Apr. 14** **Parks & Community Services Board meeting**, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Bellevue City Hall, Council Conference Room (1E-113), 450 110th Ave NE. For more information, call 425-452-4162.
- April 16** **Public Pony Rides**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., at Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. Bring your little one down to the farm for a

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ride on one of our adorable ponies. Ages 3 & up, weight limit/100 lbs. Cost is \$3 per ride. Line closes at 11:30 am – no exceptions.

- Apr. 17** **Silence of the Bees**, 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE. A strange phenomenon has caused millions of honeybees to vanish from their hives. Billions of dollars of crops are at risk, potentially threatening our food supply. The epidemic sends researchers to discover why honeybees are dying and to stop the epidemic before it spreads further. All ages welcome. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.
- Apr. 17-26** **The Tales of Beatrix Potter**, Friday, April 17 & 24 at 7 pm, Saturday, April 18 & 25 at 7 pm, Sunday, April 19 & 26 at 2 pm. Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way. Six of Beatrix Potter's best-loved animal tales come to life in one enchanted production. For many years children of all ages have enjoyed Peter Rabbit, Jeremy Fisher, Jemima Puddleduck and so many more of the wonderful characters created by the legendary Victorian writer, Beatrix Potter. \$9 per seat, reserved seating. For more information call Sheila Framke at 425-452-7155.
- Apr. 18** **Earth Day Arbor Day**, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd S.E. Be a part of Earth day. From 8:30a.m-11:30a.m. volunteer with others and help plant! Then enjoy the rest of the afternoon with a ceremony at 11:30a.m followed by festivities till 2:00p.m. For more information please call 425-452-4195.
- Apr. 18 & 19** **Urban Cycling Techniques**, 9:30am-1:30pm, Crossroads Community Center 16000 NE 10th St. Get around Bellevue with safety and style on a bicycle this season. Your clean, healthy, and cheap transit option is within reach after this interactive course where professionals from Cascade Bicycle Club will teach positive and confident interaction with urban traffic. Familiarize yourself with Bellevue routes and make safe trips a priority. Tips from this course will make city cycling a natural and enjoyable experience. Helmet and bicycle required. This course is taught in a two-part series. Cost: \$45. For more information, please call 425-452-6129.
- Apr. 19** **Wetlands**, 2:30 p.m. - 3p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave S.E. Celebrate Earth Day at Mercer Slough. Wetlands help clean water, provide shelter and have rare soils. Learn and explore wetlands with a Ranger. Free. For more information, please call 425- 452-2565.
- Apr. 21** **Human Services Commission**, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Bellevue City Hall, Council Conference Room (1E-113), 450 110th Ave NE. For more information, call 425-452-7871.
- Apr. 22** **Little Lake-to-Lake ~ Earth Day Walk – 5 K**, 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Park, 15416 SE 16th Street. Parking, check in and start point located at Master Gardener / Community Garden Parking lot

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located at 156th and SE 16th St. Walk the Lake Hills Greenbelt Trail in celebration of Earth Day. Registration / check in will take place the day of the event between 2pm and 5pm. Groups may start later than 5pm but should finish by 7pm. Free. For more information and event flyer contact Debbie Pettersson at 425-452-7106, DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov.

- April 22** **Conversations on Race and Culture**, 5: 30 – 8 p.m., Eastside
Conversations on Race and Culture presents a conversation between youth and police at Sammamish High School 100 140th SE. Come participate in this important discussion on how to improve youth and police relations. FREE. Food will be served at 5:30 p.m. For more information or to RSVP please contact Callie Shanafelt at cshanafelt@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7922.
- Apr. 24** **Owl Prowl**, 7:30p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd.SE. Take a night hike with the Rangers and look for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight for the journey, as well as sturdy shoes. Ages 6 years and up. Free. To Register visit www.MyParksAndRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885.
- Apr. 24** **Eastside Explorers: The Owl and the Woodpecker**, 7p.m.– 9 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE. Get a bird's eye view of two of the Pacific Northwest's most fascinating creatures- the owl and the woodpecker. Acclaimed Seattle wildlife photographer Paul Bannick captivates audiences with stunning photographs and extensive knowledge to give us a glimpse of nature seldom seen. Free event, to register, call 425-452-6885, or visit www.myparksandrecreation.com. For more information, contact Paul Andersson at 425-452-6129, or email to pandersson@bellevuewa.gov.
- April 25** **Eastside Arts Education Fair**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Crossroads Bellevue Shopping Center, NE 8th and 156th Ave., NE. This event features dance, music, theater and visual arts, in addition to workshops, displays and classes. Free. For more information, call 425 452-7886 or go to <http://eastsidearts.org>.
- April 25** **Volunteer at Sheep Shearing event**, 10a.m.-1p.m. & 12:30p.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 22nd – no late sign-ups accepted. For more information e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425 452-7688.
- April 25** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs**, 11 a.m.-3.p.m., at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th PL SE. The log cabin experience is magical and will transport you back in time. 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. All activities are located at the historic 1888 Fraser Cabin at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. Cost

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is FREE. Open to all ages. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. For more information, contact the Eastside Heritage Center at 425-450-1049 or visit www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.

- Apr. 25** **Nosy about Nests**, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Join a naturalist for a walk in the park to look for nests! Each person will make a nest of their own to bring home. Program Cost: \$7. Visit www.naturevision.org for more information. To register, call 425-836-2697.
- Apr. 25** **Sheep Sheering**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Kelsey Creek 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! Admission is free. Costs vary for food and activities. No ATM on site, and no charge cards are accepted. For more information call 425-452-7688.
- Apr. 25, 26** **Hua Yuan Chinese Floral Art Exhibition**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.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. For more information call 425-452-2750.
- April 26** **Bellevue 5K**, 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Crossroads Community Park, NE 8th Street and 164th Ave NE. Promote healthy lifestyle choices while supporting local programs including: Kinderling Center; scholarships; feeding the hungry; literacy projects; and support for homeless families. The Bellevue Breakfast Rotary Club is hosting the third annual Bellevue 5k Run/Walk on a new, flat, fast 3.1 mile course. The event is co-sponsored by Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Ages 12 & under: free; Ages 13 & up: \$30 with advance registration. Race day registration: \$35. For more information and to register: on-line at www.bellevue5k.com; by fax: 206-203-1880; by mail: P.O. Box 3003, Bellevue WA 98009.

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May Events

- May 1-9** **The Comedy of Errors**, Friday, May 1st & 8th at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 2nd & 9th at 7 p.m., Sunday, May 3rd at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 7th at 7 p.m., Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way. Join us for a night of madcap adventure as we present Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors." The Bard has done it again, with this wild farce about the antics of two sets of twins and a series of mistaken identities. Suitable for older children and adults. Presented in the original language. \$9 per seat, reserved seating. For more information call Sheila Framke at 425-452-7155.
- May 2** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street. Featuring a great selection of plants from Eastside Fuchsia Society. For more information, call 425-452-2750.
- May 3** **Bird Basics**, 2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE. Mercer Slough attracts many migratory and year-round residents. Come discover why the slough is a great habitat for birds. All ages welcome. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.
- May 5** **Human Services Commission**, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Bellevue City Hall, Council Conference Room (1E-113), 450 110th Ave NE. For more information, call 425-452-7871.
- May 6** **Growing a Vegetable Garden**, 7 p.m.- 9 p.m., Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th St. Join Willi Galloway, the creator of DigginFood.com and the West Coast Editor of Organic magazine to get simple, step-by-step plans for building a raised bed, learn how to plant vegetables, young plants, sow seeds and care for them organically. Discover true and tried vegetable varieties that thrive in our cool Pacific Northwest summers! FREE. 12+. Free. To Register visit www.MyParksAndRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885.
- May 7** **Public Pony Rides**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., at Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE, 98005. 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 11:30 am – no exceptions.

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- May 7** **Movie Afternoon: “Planet Earth- Fresh Water”** 3p.m.-5p.m. at Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Only 3% of the world’s water is fresh, yet all life is ultimately dependent on it. Explore the dynamic pathway of a stream, from its origin high in the mountains to where it meets the sea, and learn about many of the animals that take advantage of the habitats water creates. Fly over the world’s highest free-flowing waterfall, witness the awesome strength of the Colorado River as it cuts the Grand Canyon, and learn about the giant 2-meter long Japanese salamander and the incredible journey taken by salmon. All ages welcome. Cost: Free. Preregistration required. For more information, call Lewis Creek at 425-452-4195. To register, call: 425-452-6885.
- May 8** **Barn Dance**, 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Rd. The Highland Community Center is holding a dance for adults with developmental disabilities ages 16 and up. Come dressed in country attire or just jeans and a t-shirt. Light refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Kim Indurkar at 425-452-6105.
- May 9** **Creek Dip**, 10a.m.-11a.m. at Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Let’s dip a net into Lewis Creek and see what we can find! We will look for dragonfly nymphs, tadpoles and diving beetles! Visit www.naturevision.org for more information. Age:6Y and up. Cost \$7 To register, call: 425-836-2697
- May 9** **Logging in King County**, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. An interactive slide show related to lumber and logging businesses in King County. Presented by Eric Erickson, past President and life member of the Issaquah Historical Society. Presented in partnership with the Eastside Heritage Center. Free. For more information, call 425-450-1049 or visit www.eastsideheritagecenter.org .
- May 9** **WA Native Plant Society Sale, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**, Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street. Proceeds benefit Washington Native Plant Society. For more information, call (206) 619-1073.
- May 10** **Mother’s Day at Mercer Slough**, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE. Find out about the different strategies wildlife mothers have for raising and protecting their young. All ages welcome. Cost \$5. To Register visit www.MyParksAndRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885.
- May 10** **Mothers Day Social**, 1-4 p.m. at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street. Open house featuring light refreshments, music and a celebration of the opening of the rhododendron glen at the garden. For more information, call 425-451-3755 or visit www.bellevuebotanical.org
- May 12** **Mother’s Day Dance**, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., North Bellevue Community Center; 4063 148th Avenue NE. Enjoy the Sounds Of Swing performing for your

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dancing pleasure. Fee of \$3 payable at the door. Call 425-452-7681 for additional information.

- May 12** **Parks & Community Services Board meeting**, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Bellevue City Hall, Council Conference Room (1E-113), 450 110th Ave NE. For more information, call 425-452-4162.
- May 13** **Mother's Day Luncheon**, 11:30-1:30; North Bellevue Community Center; 4063 148th Avenue N E. Celebrate the joys of motherhood with a festive meal and a rousing game of Bingo. Pre-registration required by May 8. Suggested donation of \$3 for those 60+ and charge of \$6 for those under 60 payable at the door. Call 425-452-7681 for details.
- May 14** **Public Pony Rides**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., at Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE, 98005. 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 11:30 am – no exceptions.
- May 16** **Survival the local Native American Way**, 2 p.m.-3:30p.m. at Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Historically, Native Americans of the Pacific Northwest used the environment as their "shopping mall" to support their daily needs for survival. Their shopping mall was rich with plants! Through experimentation, they developed an ingenious plant technology. Discover this technology as you walk along the trails at Lewis Creek Park. We hope you can join us for this unique adventure. Pre-registration required. Age: 12Y and up. Cost: Free. For more information, call Lewis Creek at 425-452-4195. To register, call: 425-452-6885.
- May 17** **Animal Tracking**, 2:30 p.m.-3 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE. Learn 5 techniques for animal tracking so you can identify tracks, direction and speed of local animals. Become a slough sleuth. All ages welcome. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.
- May 19** **Human Services Commission**, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Bellevue City Hall, Council Conference Room (1E-113), 450 110th Ave NE. For more information, call 425-452-7871.
- May 20** **Youth Link 19th Annual Community Leadership Awards Night**, Reception at 6:45 p.m. and program from 7:15-8:30 p.m. at Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE. This is a free community youth recognition event celebrating student and teen contributions in our community. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick Alina, Youth Link Program Coordinator, at 425-452-5254 or via email at palina@bellevuewa.gov. For more info, please visit web site at www.youthlink.com.
- May 20** **EcoCool Remodel Tool**, 7 p.m.- 9 p.m., at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE. Looking to make your home

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more green? Working on a green remodel? King County's new EcoCool Remodel Tool provides a wealth of green remodeling information in one convenient online resource tool. Patti Southard will demonstrate the Remodel Tool, and answer green remodel questions. Let the EcoConsumer Program teach you how to live more "green" through your purchasing decisions. FREE. 12+. Free. To Register visit www.MyParksAndRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885.

- May 20** **Lawn Care**, 7:30p.m.- 8:30pm at Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Join lawn expert Austin Watson in this informative lecture on proper lawn care. With the right combination of preparation and maintenance, you will have the lawn of your dreams. Age: 12 Y and up. Pre-registration required. Cost: Free
To register, call: 425-452-6885.
- May 22-31** **Oliver!**, Friday, May 22nd & 29th at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 23rd at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 30th at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, May 24th & 31st at 2 p.m., Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way. Follow Oliver's journey from workhouse to the streets, to a loving home and all the twists and turns in this classic story. \$10 per seat, reserved seating. For more information call Sheila Framke at 425-452-7155.
- May 23** **Wildlife Sign Tracking**, 10a.m.-11a.m., at Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Join a naturalist for a walk in the park looking for animal signs: tracks, scat, rubbings, tunnels, etc. Each person will get to take home a plaster track. Visit www.naturevision.org for more information. Age:6Y and up. Cost: \$7. To register, call: 425-836-2697.
- May 27** **National Senior Health & Fitness Day**, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way. Celebrated nationally, seniors are invited to come and explore fitness possibilities, learn about healthy aging, and try out some classes. Spend the day with us here at the South Bellevue Community Center and embrace that active lifestyle. Celebrate this year with an open house for our new 9 hole putting green course and refreshments at the 10th hole. FREE. For more information call 425-452-4240.
- May 28** **Spring Fling**, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Lake Hills Elementary- 14310 SE 12th St. Cultural performances, games and food will be featured as we celebrate the Lake Hills Community. - Event is FREE. For more information call 425-456-5312.
- May 29** **Movie Night- Earth Navigators**, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE. The migration of animals is one of the most astonishing phenomenon's 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. All ages welcome. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.

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May 30 **Bellevue Downtown Art & Park Walk – 10 K**, Start and registration 8 a.m. to 12 noon 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. Free, for more information call 425 452-7106.

June Events

June 2 **Human Services Commission**, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Bellevue City Hall, Council Conference Room (1E-113), 450 110th Ave NE. For more information, call 425-452-7871.

June 7 **Animal Adaptations**, 2:30 p.m.- 3 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Many animal species that live in the Mercer Slough have adapted in order to survive in this environment. Find out about the different animals, their adaptations, and how they live in the wetland. All ages welcome. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.

June 9 **Father's Day Dance**, 2p.m. – 4 p.m., at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave. Celebrate Dad with 'Sounds of Swing'. Big band favorites and all the standards will be performed for your dancing pleasure. Fee of \$3 payable at the door. For more information please call 425-452-7681.

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June 10 **Organic Gardening**, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th St., Organic Gardening magazine's, Willi Galloway, will help demystify the principles behind organic gardening and start you on the path towards creating a sustainable landscape. Pre-registration is required. To register please call 425-452-6885. FREE. Ages 12+. To Register visit www.MyParksAndRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885.

June 11 **Movie Afternoon: "Microcosmos,"** 3p.m.-5p.m. at Lewis Creek Park

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Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. This epic documentary captures the infinitely small and hidden world of insects. If you haven't seen this film yet, then you are in for a wonderful treat. You will encounter the most exotic of insects and the common ones, and witness unbelievable details into their lives, like the inside of an ant's nest, the metamorphosis of a mosquito, and other mind-blowing scenes. All ages welcome. Cost: Free. Pre-registration required. For more information, call Lewis Creek at 425-452-4195. To register, call: 425-452-6885.

June 13 **Digging into Decomposition, 10-11am** at Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. What happens to leaves when the fall every year? Come find out about Nature's amazing recycling team, called Decomposers. Visit www.naturevision.org for more information. Age: 6Y and up. Cost: \$7. To register, call: 425-836-2697.

June 16 **Human Services Commission, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**, Bellevue City Hall, Council Conference Room (1E-113), 450 110th Ave NE. For more information, call 425-452-7871.

June 17 **Father's Day Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**, North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave. NE. Co-sponsored by Evergreen Chapter, Model A Club of America and Senior Services of King County/Community Dining. Enjoy a delicious lunch along with a presentation on the history of the Model A car. See a variety of Model A's and talk with owners of these beautifully restored vehicles. Share your own Model A memories as well. A \$3 donation for those 60+ is requested to cover meal costs. Under 60 charged \$6 for the meal. Pre-registration required by June 8. For more information or to register, call 425-452-7681.

June 19 **Father's Day at Mercer Slough, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.** at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. If you like to know interesting facts, this is the program for you. Questions like why woodpeckers don't get headaches, how ants can carry more than their body weight, or how a fish finds its way back home. Bring dad and find out the answer to these questions and many more. Maybe you can outsmart him? All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required. Cost \$5. To Register visit www.MyParksAndRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885.

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June 24 **Fishing Techniques, 7p.m.-8:30p.m.** at Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Get ready for fishing! This presentation will highlight the best ways to catch trout, bass, perch and salmon. Learn casting techniques, what equipment to use and what permits you need to

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incorporate fishing into your life. Roger Urbanick is an experienced lecturer and an active fisherman. Age: 12Y and up. Preregistration required. Cost \$ 15. To register, call: 425-452-6885, course #: 40309.

June 26 **Movie at Mercer Slough- Baby Tales**, 5 p.m.- 6 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Ever creature begins life the same way- as a baby. But growing up is different for each of them. Some make their way in the world by pure instinct and are completely alone. Other babies could not survive alone and form strong bonds with their parent. These are the stories of babies across the animal kingdom, and their daunting journeys into a grown-up world. All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.

June 27 **Dirt Time!** 10 a.m.-11a.m. at Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Let's get down on our bellies in the meadow and follow rodent trails! It is quite amazing what these little mammals will stash here and there! Visit www.naturevision.org for more information. Age:6Y and up. Cost: \$7. To register, call; 425-836-2697

June 27-28 **24-Hour Relay Challenge**, Saturday 10a.m. - Sunday 10a.m., at the Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 4th St NE. This is an annual community celebration that builds and strengthens partnerships and creates both the momentum and capacity for youth and adults to improve their communities. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in participating or volunteering at the event can contact Helena Stephens at 425-452-4826 or via email at hstephens@bellevuewa.gov.

Ongoing Events

April –June **Babies in the Barnyard**, Kelsey Creek Farm Park. Welcome springtime with a tour of our newest barnyard baby animals, which may include chicks, goat kids, and a calf. 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-registration required. For more information e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425 452-7688.

Apr. – Oct. **Docent-led tours**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. every Saturday & Sunday at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Reservations are not required. For more information call 425-451-3755.

Weekly. Sundays (Mar)

Walking with Wildlife, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5805 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Join the Rangers for a walk through stunning Lewis Creek Park. Learn what you should and should not do when you encounter wildlife in the parks. Please be prepared to go outside. Free. All ages welcome. For more information call 425-452-4195

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Weekly. Thursdays

Apr. **Docent Training**, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Thursday mornings on the following dates: Feb 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 2 and April 9 at Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 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. For more information: call 425-451-3755 or email: bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org.

Apr.-June **Sit, Sip & Stroll**, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE . Take in the magnificent views of Mercer Slough. Enjoy our brand new sustainably built facility that sits among the trees. Sip on coffee or tea as you observe and discuss nature from a comfortable chair or use the spotting scope to find and watch wildlife. Then, a Park Ranger will lead a guided stroll along the trails. Starting October 30th, adults and seniors are welcome to drop-in the Douglas Fir Community Room to join us every Thursday at 11:00 am. No registration necessary. For more information call 425-452-2565.

Weekly. Saturdays

Guided Tour and Wetland Walk, 1p.m. – 2 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Join us for a free guided tour of the new Environmental Education Center and wetland walk in the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Starting November 1st, we'll meet at the Visitor Center every Saturday at 1:00 pm. No registration necessary. All ages are welcome. For more information call 425-452-2565.

May - Sept **Canoe the Mercer Slough**, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. at Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE. Explore the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water and see how this amazing wetland ecosystem functions. Participants are required to paddle the entire distance of 4 miles. Trip begins and ends at Enatai Beach Park. Some paddling experience is required. Up to 3 people per canoe. Please dress for the weather. For ages 5+. Children and youth must have at least 1 adult present for every 2 children or youth. Please call 425-452-7225 with any questions.

Weekly. Saturday (April-June)

Saturday Strolls, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5805 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Join the Rangers for a walk through the beautiful Lewis Creek Park. Expand your knowledge of the natural world, as we explore the parks diversity of wildlife and plants. Bring your dog, bring a friend but be prepared to go outside, so dress for the weather and wear sturdy footwear. Free. For more information call 425-452-4195.

Lat Monday of each month

Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road, Bellevue (just between SE 21st & Richards Road). Teen Closet is free clothing bank for teens and families in the Bellevue area. Individuals, families, and community

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groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick Alina, Youth Link Program Coordinator, at 425-452-5254 or via email at palina@bellevuewa.gov For more info, please visit web site at www.youthlink.com

First Thursday of each month

Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting- 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Ave NE. For more information, call 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

Fourth Tuesday of each Month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6p.m. – 8 p.m., Bellevue City Hall - Council Chambers, 450 110th Ave NE. Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court. Two juvenile court cases. For more information, call 425-452-2846.

First Saturday of the Month

Bellevue Birding, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. at 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. For more information call 425-452-4195.

Seasonal Events

Mar – May **After School Volunteers**, 3p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE, 98005. Earn community service hours in this once-a-week after school volunteer program at Kelsey Creek Farm. You will assist the farm staff with the daily operations, help with the animal chore routine, and learn responsible animal care. You need to have a willingness to learn, a positive attitude, a tolerance for being outside, and an interest in animals. Participants must be capable of understanding and following directions. No program when Bellevue schools are not in session. Pre-registration is required. For more information e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or call 425 452-7688.

June-Aug **Kelsey Creek Farm Summer Volunteers** times vary, Monday-Friday, Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE, 98005 Experience new challenges, expand your knowledge, and develop and use your abilities as you help build a strong community through volunteering. A variety of programs provide opportunities for teens and adults to work with a diverse group of people in a safe environment.

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