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APRIL 2015

April 2 **Presentation on Rhododendron Species Garden,** 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Steve Hootman, director of the Rhododendron Species Garden, highlights and showcases rare and unusual rhododendrons and identifies how to care for them. After the presentation, Steve will lead a tour of the Rhododendron Glen at the BBG. **Cost:** $45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $55 for non-BBGS members. **Info:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

April 2 **Waterwise Gardening**, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Jessi Bloom, owner and lead designer of NW Bloom EcoLogical Landscapes, leads this class brought to you by Cascade Water Alliance. Celebrate the rain with this class! Learn how to take advantage of the abundant spring rainfall to get through the drier summer season. Topics include building beautiful rain gardens, collecting rain water, taking advantage of naturally moist soils, and learning how to manage water efficiently on your site. **Cost:** Free!
To register: http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/887951
Info: http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

April 3 **"Terrific Trees" (Children's Story and Activity),** two sessions – choose one: 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
In the Pacific Northwest, we are lucky to have so many trees. Come discover what makes them terrific! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/residents and $3/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 90870 or 90871. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 4 **Peep! Peep!** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Make cheerful chicks that peek out of decorated eggs as well as other springtime creatures. Music and an egg hunt round off our morning of fun! **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents (1 child/1 adult). **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 90607. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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April 4 **Recycled Glass Mosaics for the Whole Family (Class),** 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Local mosaic artist and educator Cheryl Smith, of Cheryl Smith Mosaics, will teach this class. Be a steward of the Earth by keeping glass out of the landfill and creating personal art! You'll create four recycled glass mosaic window hangings using nature's inspiration: Flowers, trees, butterflies, lady bugs. Learn techniques for safely cutting stained and tumbled glass. Tips on design, tools and adhesives will make you a fan of mosaics. **Ages:** Recommended for families with kids 5 years and older. **Cost:** $25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration**: Required. **Info:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

April 5 **Ranger Program: Outfoxed! And Other Opportunistic Creatures,**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Many opportunistic animals have adapted to living in urban areas. Learn what these awesome creatures have that gives them the edge in a not-so-natural environment, and what we can do to help them to live natural and healthy lives. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

April 10 **Owl Prowl,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 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 a Ranger to listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $5/resident and $6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 90892. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 11 **Lakemont Highlands Open Space Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meet at Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult (350 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 12 **Ranger Program: Outfoxed! And Other Opportunistic Creatures,**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Many opportunistic animals have adapted to living in urban areas. Learn what these awesome creatures have that gives them the edge in a not-so-natural environment, and what we can do to help them to live natural and healthy lives. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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April 12 **"Lost in the Woods" (Children's Movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
In the springtime a fawn is born, and his mother sings him to sleep in the grass. Watch along as he wakes up and explores his surroundings, meeting many friends along the way! Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 14 **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. On Tuesdays this Spring, we'll meet at Highland Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be between three and seven miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. Transportation will be provided. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** $5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Jenna Walenga at jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883, activity code 93017.

April 14 **An Introduction to Mosses,** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn all sorts of interesting things about mosses – what they are (exactly), how they differ from flowering plants, and how to identify some of the ones commonly found in Washington. Instructor and moss enthusiast, Lee Ellis, will bring samples for us to examine. Bring a hand lens if you have one. This class is offered by the Eastside Branch of the Washington Native Plant Society.
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Info:**
http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

April 16 **New Plant Introductions for 2015,** 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Cindy Combs, horticultural marketing and public relations professional, covers what's hot in trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals for 2015. **Cost:** $45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $55 for non-BBGS members. **Info and reservations:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

April 17-26 **"Rapunzel" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
April 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 7 p.m.; April 19, 25 and 26 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
This version of the timeless tale is sure to have you rolling in the aisles. Learn the who, what, where, when, and most of all, why behind a fairy tale you thought you already knew. It's full of surprises and laughs! All seats are reserved. We recommend purchasing tickets in advance as BYT shows frequently sell out.
Ages: This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** $10 advance tickets, or $12 if purchased after April 10. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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Apr 18 **Arbor Day – Earth Day Celebration**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Bellevue's annual Arbor Day – Earth Day celebration will mark the city's 24th year of being recognized as a *Tree City USA* community by the Arbor Day Foundation. The event will include volunteer projects, a tree-planting ceremony, and family festival.

- **Family Festival – 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.:** Held at Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center. Local environmental stewardship organizations will host free activities, ranger walks and eco-demonstrations. All ages are welcome! Kids can grab an Arbor Day – Earth Day Passport from a ranger and journey through various eco-stations. After learning about each station, children can have their passport stamped. Completed passports will be entered into a raffle.
- **Arbor Day – Earth Day Ceremonial Tree Planting – 11:30 a.m.:** Bellevue Park Rangers and elected officials will participate in the ceremony and recognize many wonderful volunteers and community groups. A ceremonial tree will be planted.

April 18 **Create a Custom Garden Journal,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Chris Greene will teach you how to create your own one-of-a-kind journal. No experience needed. Each student will learn how to make a beautiful bound book to take home and share. All supplies will be provided. Choose from a wide variety of colors of batik fabrics. Beads and charms will also be available to embellish each of your projects. Ribbon will be used to bind pages and covers together. Pages can be used for sketches, notes, clippings or photos. Use your imagination and be inspired to make gifts for friends and family! **Ages:** Recommended for adults. **Cost:** $25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Reservations required. Class size is limited to 15 participants. **Info and reservations:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

April 18 **April Pool's Day,** 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
This event promotes water safety and proper lifejacket use. Come for raffles and water safety demonstrations! **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Children 12 and under swim for free. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4444, or Patrick Simmons – psimmons@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4444.

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April 18 **Create a Desert Terrarium (Class),** 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Design, plant and decorate your own desert world. Choose your container and desert plants. Layer your gravel with special planting mixtures and colored sand. You will leave with a fabulous terrarium. All supplies included! Led by Claire Woodward, a docent and plant enthusiast from the Volunteer Park Conservatory. **Cost:** $30 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $40 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Reservations required. **Info and reservations:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

April 19 **Haiku Reading,** noon – 12:45 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This poetry event is presented by Michael Dylan Welch and Haiku Northwest. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2750.

April 19 **The Nature of Haiku (Class),** 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class explores haiku poetry in English for adults and families. Emphasizing the seasonal and nature-focused aspects of this poetry, this class will cover haiku history and Japanese techniques such as *kigo* (season words), *kireji* (using a two-part juxtapositional structure), and *shasei* (sketching from nature using objective sensory imagery). The class will include writing exercises, garden walking, and a sharing/feedback session. Led by Michael Dylan Welch, poet laureate of Redmond, Washington, director of National Haiku Writing Month, and longtime vice-president of the Haiku Society of America. **Cost:** $25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Reservations required. **Info and reservations:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html .

April 24 **Who's that at your Birdfeeder?,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger to find out who is flying through your yard and might visit your birdfeeder. Learn about the different birds, what they eat and when you may see them. We will make a birdfeeder to take home. **Ages:** All ages; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993, course 90763.

April 24 "**Raccoon Nation" (Nature Movie),** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Attempting to do something that has never been done before, scientists closely follow a family of urban raccoons as they navigate the complex world of a big city. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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April 25 **Master Gardener Tomato and Vegetable Plant Sale,** 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Come on down to the Garden Shelter! Come and support your local Master Gardeners and get some rare and beautiful varieties of tomato and other vegetables to grow this year. There will be an excellent selection of varieties to help you get a jump on your summer garden. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

April 25 **Geocaching 101 – Family Adventure,** 10 a.m. - noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This free event will send you on a treasure hunt right outside your door. There are hundreds of geocaches hidden throughout Bellevue, and this class will give you the tools to start finding them. Geocaches are small containers with a variety of fun surprises inside. We will show you how to use the GPS coordinates or a smartphone app to find them! Learn how to use the app or a GPS, how to engage with a growing community of geocachers, and we'll help you find your first cache. An endless world of exploration, puzzle solving and discovery awaits! Dress to head outdoors on your search. If you have a smartphone or GPS, bring it with you. You can even download a geocaching app beforehand. Presented with the Washington State Geocaching Alliance. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 89693. **Info:** jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov; also www.geocaching.com .

April 25 **The Great SBCC Family Challenge – Family Edition,** 9 a.m. – noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Teams of 3-5 will challenge each other by performing physical feats, mind tasks, and creative endeavors. Points will be awarded at each task. Winners will be based on total points. Great prizes! At least one adult must be part of each team. SBCC and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue are co-presenting this unique and fun event. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** $5/registrant. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 90956. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

April 25 **The Great SBCC Family Challenge – Teen/Young Adult Edition,**
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Teams of 3-5 will challenge each other by performing physical feats, mind tasks, and creative endeavors. Points will be awarded at each task. Winners will be based on total points. Great prizes! At least one adult must be part of each team. SBCC and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue are co-presenting this unique and fun event. **Ages:** 16-30 years old. **Cost:** $5/registrant. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 90957. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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April 25 **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! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free admission; costs vary for food and activities. There's no ATM on site, and no charge cards are accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

April 25 **Sheep Shearing Volunteers,** 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children's activities at Kelsey Creek Farm's special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work outside with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. Volunteers MUST pre-register. **Ages:** 14-18 years old and enrolled in high school. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course 90615. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

April 25 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
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. This program is part of Kelsey Creek Farm's Sheep Shearing event and is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

April 26 **Green House,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
What natural cleaners actually work? Why should you use them? Join a Mercer Slough Park Ranger to learn some simple ways to make your home less toxic and a more sustainable place. The Ranger will lead a tour of the Environmental Education Center – a LEED Gold-Certified campus. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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April 26 **Native Plants in Our Lives,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
With the outdoor environment as your marketplace, how might you use plants to support your daily needs? Discover answers to this question when you join Barb Williams, Eastside Heritage Center volunteer, to learn how our local Native Americans developed a creative plant technology for survival. This fascinating program will include a talk, native plant ID, stories, artifacts and outdoor walk (weather permitting). Please dress accordingly. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 90933. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

April 28 **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. On Tuesdays this Spring, we'll meet at Highland Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be between three and seven miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. Transportation will be provided. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** $5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Jenna Walenga at jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883, activity code 93018.

April 30 **Container Gardening – Herbs and Salads,** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class is offered in conjunction with Seattle Tilth. Learn tips for successful container gardening of cooler weather plants including container soil prep and maintenance, water and fertilization. **Cost:** $25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; $35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration**: Required. **Info:** http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html

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May 1 **"Slithering Snakes and Creepy Crawlies" (Children's Storytime Program and Activity),** two sessions – choose one:
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Young Verdi doesn't want to grow up to be a big green snake. Come find out how Verdi discovers turning green doesn't stop him from being himself! We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/residents and $3/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 94443 or 94444. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 9 **Family Fun – Teatime with Mommy and Me,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Come to our tea party dressed up in your party attire! "Mommy and me" have fun together making art, nibbling snacks, listening to stories and singing together! **Ages:** 2-5 years old. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents (1 child/1 adult). Additional child - $5/resident and $6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 90608. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

May 1-9 **"Once Upon a Mattress" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
May 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7 p.m.; May 2, 3 and 9 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
See Bellevue Youth Theatre's production of the hilarious musical comedy, "The Princess and the Pea," featuring Lords, Ladies, a mute King and an evil Queen, plus a ton of princesses competing for the hand of Prince Dauntless the Drab. All seats are reserved. We recommend purchasing tickets in advance as BYT shows frequently sell out. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** $10 advance tickets, or $12 if purchased after April 24. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

May 9 **Barn Dance,** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come and dance with friends while enjoying a light meal or snacks. This dance is for teens and adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $9/Bellevue residents and $11/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-7686, course 89587. **Info:** Kim Indurkar – 425-452-6105.

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May 9 **Frequent Fliers: Migratory Birds of Lewis Creek,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that some birds migrate thousands of miles every year? Migratory birds are the true international jet setters! Come and learn about the migratory birds that return to Lewis Creek each year. We'll be going on a walk to spot some birds for ourselves; be sure to dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 94451. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 10 **"Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air" (Family Nature Film),** 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover the fast and marvelous lives of the tiniest warm-blooded animals on Earth as they are captured at 500 images per second, from nose dives to mating rituals. Running time is 73 minutes. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 15-24 **"A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
May 15, 16, 22, and 23 at 7 p.m.; May 17, 23 and 24 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
One of Shakespeare's most popular productions, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" has intrusive fairies, lovesick teens, and a rather unfortunate troupe of actors. With some modern adaptation this show is appropriate for all ages, so come and visit our magical, mischievous little world. All seats are reserved. We recommend purchasing tickets in advance as BYT shows frequently sell out. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** $10 advance tickets, or $12 if purchased after May 8. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

May 15 **Owl Prowl,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 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 a Ranger to listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $5/resident and $6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 94452. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 16 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and now located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

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May 16 **Forest of Stone: Petrified Wood and Our Geological Past,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that petrified wood can be found in the Northwest? Join Paul Kester, President of the Northwest Paleontological Association, for an exploration of all things petrified wood: what is it, how did it form, and what did those ancient forests look like? **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP is required. **To RSVP**: LCVC@bellevuewa.gov . **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May 29 **Bat Walk,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover the local bat species of Lewis Creek! Then, take a bat hike with a Ranger at dusk to watch for bats leaving their roosting site! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/residents and $3/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 94453. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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JUNE 2015

June 5 **"Lost in the Woods" (Story Time Program),** two sessions – choose one: 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A new life was born in the woods. He slept alone in the tall grass. Was he lost? The animals of the forest want to know. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 94445 or 94446. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 6 **A Pirate's Life for Me,** 10 a.m. - noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Yo Ho, Yo Ho! A pirate's life for me! Join us for a whale of a time learning about pirates. Hunt for treasure, play games, do art, sing songs and make a treat to eat and enjoy! **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** $35/residents and $40/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: 425-452-4106, course 93901. **Info:** 425-452-4106.

June 13 **Pond Dip,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
The edges of ponds and wetlands are great places for budding naturalists to explore! We will use tools like dip nets and water scopes to get a closer look at the wetland creatures of Lewis Creek Park. What will we find in this unfamiliar underwater world? **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 14 **"Wolves: A Legend Returns to Yellowstone" (Nature Film),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
After being hunted to the brink of extinction, this majestic, misunderstood wolf is attempting the comeback of the century in America's beloved Yellowstone Park. Four years in the making, this amazing film invites you to run with the pack for a wolf's-eye view. Witness the unfolding saga of hardships and affection, and the controversy surrounding the decision to reintroduce these wolves back into the heart of the West. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 20 **Coal Creek Park Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Coal Creek East Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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June 20 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and now located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

June 21 **A Day of Play with Dad,** 8:30 a.m. - noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Make Father's Day a family day to remember! Start the morning with a delicious pancake breakfast (8:30-9:30 a.m.), followed by challenging activities. Climb the climbing wall, try out the vertical playpen, and take your family on an orienteering trek through Eastgate Park. Moms are welcome too! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** $8; free for ages 3 and younger. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-4240, course 94585. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

June 21 **Woof Walk,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Wilburton Hill Park, 12400 Main Street (Meet at kiosk at south end of parking lot)
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog(s) and learn how you can enjoy your parks with your furry friends. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 94344. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

June 21 **Hot Topics in Washington State: Wildfires,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that fire plays an important role in ecosystems? Many ecosystems have evolved with fire as a necessary contributor to a healthy habitat. Come discover how natural wildfires can be beneficial to wildlife habitat, and learn how you can prevent unnatural wildfires from flaring up. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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June 27 **Tree Detectives,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
How can you use clues like leaves, flowers, and bark to solve the tree mystery at Lewis Creek? Come discover how to identify different trees that are found in your own backyard! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

June 27 **Native American Games,** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Come play some games developed by local Native Americans. Did you know that many of the games we play today were originally developed by these peoples? Join Eastside Heritage Center volunteer, Barb Williams, for this active program. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 94335. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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July 10 **"Dream Weaver" (Story Time Program),** two sessions – choose one:
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Weave along with a small yellow spider as she enchants and inspires you! We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 94447 or 94448. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 12 **Jane Goodall's "When Animals Talk" (Nature Film),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Just like any pet owner, Jane Goodall believes that all animals can talk – it's just that we don't always understand what they're saying. *When Animals Talk* recounts the amazing stories of animals that have changed the lives of the people they've touched. We witness how animals can learn our language and find unique human-animal partnerships that make the world a better place. Running time is 55 minutes. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 12 **A Midsummer Night's Stream,** 8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Shhhhhh! What do you see and hear at a stream on a summer's night? Quietly observe Lewis Creek with a Ranger, and find out what the creek is like at night! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 94459. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 14 **Recess Monkey,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, welcomes Recess Monkey – a nationally acclaimed trio of teachers who make music for kids and families that truly rocks. Seamlessly meshing their indie-rock roots with their keen awareness of childhood themes, the band continues to make waves coast to coast, showcasing the high-energy, pitch-perfect understanding of what gets kids excited. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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July 18 **Superheroes,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Look, up in the air… It's a bird; it's a plane – No, it's a SUPERHERO! Join fellow superheroes for a morning of superhero training and costume building. We will share stories and a snack in this fun, adventure-packed day. This is a caregiver and child class. **Ages:** 2-5 years old (and caregiver). **Cost:** $25/resident and $30/non-resident. Additional child is $5/resident and $6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 93903. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

July 18 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and now located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

July 19 **Woof Walk,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE (Meet at kiosk near off-leash dog corral)
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog(s) and learn how you can enjoy your parks with your furry friends. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 94433. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

July 25 **What's in the Forest Floor?,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
There's so much more to the forest floor than just soil! Come and learn about all the creepy crawlies and other organisms that make the forest floor home. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 26 **Backyard Bats,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Washington is home to 15 species of bats! Every fall these bats find a place to hibernate, hopefully avoiding human structures in their search. Find out what species live in Bellevue and how you can prevent your home from becoming a bat cave. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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July 28 **Harmonica Pocket (Children's Program),** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Robinswood Barn at Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE
Children (and their grownups) will be singing and moving in their seats as Harmonica Pocket mixes up music, dance and imagination games into a gigglish jambalaya. This acoustic show is sprinkled with wah-wah guitar, ukulele, jaw harp, percussion, harmonicas, and an invented instrument called a "Hinklehorn" – part kazoo, part plumbing fixtures. This children's event will be held in the park, on the grassy area outside the Robinswood Barn, and is presented by Friends of the Library in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

July 29 **Rabbit Tales,** 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Get up close to the Kelsey Creek rabbits. Teen volunteers and staff will teach you about what rabbits eat, where they live, and how they like to be touched. Create a craft project to take home. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Suggested donation of $1/person or $5/family. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

July 31 **Buzzing Blueberries,** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Meet at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bellevue has some wonderful opportunities for picking blueberries. How do the berries grow? It all starts with a bee or other pollinator. Bring your family to discover how important our pollinators are for blueberries and other plants, then you can check in with farm stands to pick blueberries. Farm stand rates apply to u-pick purchases. Please dress for the weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 94341. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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August 4 **Eric Ode: How to Fool a Dragon (and Save the World),** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Who will win when three knights and one little boy set off to defeat a sinister dragon? Find out in a performance presented by Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Eric Ode, children's singer, songwriter, author, and poet, uses American Sign Language and other hand motions, body movement, finger plays, children's books, poems, puppets, and props. This program will teach, engage, and entertain as we set off on our adventure. **Ages:** 3-8 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

August 7 **"Voices of the Wild" (Story Time Program),** two sessions – choose one: 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What animals do you hear when you walk through the woods? Come discover different animals' voices and how they respond to YOU! We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 94449 or 94450. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

August 9 **"Raptor Force" (Nature Film),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Humans have had a unique relationship with raptors for more than four thousand years, first through the ancient sport of falconry, and, more recently, as scientists and engineers have turned to these mighty birds as the inspiration for the latest in aircraft design. In *Raptor Force*, you'll learn the secrets of these astonishing aerialists, and how they've mastered, more than any other type of bird, the art of soaring. Running time is approximately 60 minutes. **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

August 11 **Nancy Stewart (Children's Program),** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a musical performance at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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August 14 **Buzzing Blueberries,** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Meet at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
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August 15 **Etiquette: Young Ladies & Gentlemen Part 1,** 9 a.m. - noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet it is the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This fun, hands-on workshop teaches telephone etiquette, basic table manners, introductions, personal care, and posture. ***There is no child care available for the hour between Part 1 and Part 2. Please consider this if enrolling in both classes.*** **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** $50/resident and $60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 93078. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

August 15 **Etiquette: Young Ladies & Gentlemen Part 2,** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
This course is a natural follow-up to Young Ladies & Gentlemen Part 1. Learning how to be a gracious guest, guest of honor, or host, are skills children will use lifelong. Boys and girls will learn about invitations, being a great guest and host, meeting and greeting others, polite conversation, giving and receiving gifts, basic table manners while neatly eating birthday cake, and how to create their own thank you notes. It is not necessary to have taken Young Ladies & Gentlemen Part 1 to enroll in Part 2. ***There is no child care available for the hour between Part 1 and Part 2. Please consider this if enrolling in both classes.*** **Ages:** 6-11 years old. **Cost:** $50/resident and $60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 93080. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

August 15 **Coal Creek Park Hike,** 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Coal Creek East Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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August 15 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
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August 21 **Aloha Picnic and Dance,** 5 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Come and enjoy a barbecue before the dance! Dress in your favorite Hawaiian outfit, or come as you are. This dance is for teens and adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $9/Bellevue residents and $11/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-7686, course 94580. **Info:** Kim Indurkar at 425-452-6105.

August 21 **Bats at Twilight,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Discover bats and the important role they play in nature. Bats Northwest will dispel myths and discern the facts as we learn about the bats that live in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. After dusk, we will scan the evening skies to see the bats that live at Kelsey Creek Park; we will use a bat detector to see and hear the resident bats at work. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 10 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Suggested donation of $1/person or $5/family. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

August 23 **Woof Walk,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt, 15500 SE 16th Street (Meet at kiosk at north end of parking lot)
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog(s) and learn how you can enjoy your parks with your furry friends. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 94434. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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August 23 **That Woodpecker is Driving Me Crazy!,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Tap-tap-tap-tap is the calling card of many woodpeckers in the summer months. What may be driving you crazy might actually be beneficial to you! Come and learn why woodpeckers are a benefit to homeowners, and how we can get along together. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

August 28 **Night Hike,** 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** $2/resident and $3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course 94457. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

August 28 **Owl Prowl,** 8 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger to walk the Lake Hills Greenbelt trails and look for owls as well as other nocturnal wildlife. Learn about and listen for the animals that thrive in the dark! Wear sturdy footwear and be ready to walk the trails in the dark. Bring a flashlight or headlamp for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register**: www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6993, course 94343. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Daily, times vary
Kids on the Farm
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Meet the farm animals and learn interesting animal facts. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding while creating a wooly sheep to take home. These tours are for preschool and school groups. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** $85 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are $5.50 per child and $2.50 per adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Daily, times vary
Springtime in the Barnyard – Group Tours
Available mid-April thorugh May
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Welcome springtime with a tour of our animals, which may include chicks, goat kids, piglets and a calf. Learn about their special care, then finish up in the garden to plant pumpkin seeds. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** $85 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees - $5.50 per child and $2.50 per adult. Staff are free. **Pre-registration:** Required; call early. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month
Reading with Rover
Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th Street
Dogs help kids learn to read. Reading with Rover dogs will be at the Crossroads Community Center to listen to children read to them. This free program inspires children to discover the joy of reading while developing literacy skills and confidence in a fun, safe environment using trained therapy dogs. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** http://www.readingwithrover.org/ or call Judi Hagen, 425-452-4874.

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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 hstephens@bellevuewa.gov .

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
Youth Link 25th Anniversary & Community Leadership Awards Event Planning Meeting, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120
Assist in planning our 25th anniversary celebration scheduled for May 2015, and help set the theme, program and marketing of the youth recognition event. Students will help plan and will gain experience in planning the community event from concept to delivery. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

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 palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
Youth Link Marketing Committee, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE
Learn marketing through hands-on training and activities! Marketing team members work on the Bellevue Patch, YouthConnect, an online youth publication, develop marketing materials for the program and develop other marketing strategies using social media**. Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
Youth Link University Project Planning Meeting, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120
Assist in the development of a youth business training course during the school year. Students will work with other adult volunteers and business professionals in the planning of the training curriculum, marketing and delivery of the program. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule.

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-120
Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

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Every Thursday
Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov . Visit www.youthlink.com for program and updated schedule info.

Every Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered migratory visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Discover the history of the park, view community gardens, and share stories about our local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Every Saturday
Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington's largest wetland and Bellevue's second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Luncheon, Noon
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. ***Suggested donation***: $3 for those 60 and older; fee of $5.95 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches. **Info/Pre-register:** 425-452-7681.