Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Event List

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

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

May 2 **Ranger Program-Great Migrations,** 2:30-3p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE. Wildlife migrations are among the most fascinating events of the natural world. Did you know that a monarch butterfly migrates 2,500 miles or the tiny Ruby-throated Hummingbird migrates 620 miles? Find out who travels here and around the world. All ages welcome; children under 12 must be accompanied by adult. ***FREE.*** No registration required. ***Info:*** 425-452-2565

May 7 ***Eliza and the Dragonfly*** **by Susie Caldwell Rinehart, part of Fiction Fridays,** 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Parents and children will explore together. ***Age:*** 3-6 years. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. ***Suggested donation***: $1. Registration required. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195

May 7 **Arbor Day Poster Art Exhibit Opening,** 6-7:30p.m. Bellevue Arts Museum, 510 Bellevue Way NE. Inspired by the beauty and benefits that tress provide in our community, Bellevue 4th and 5th grade students display poster art for the public to enjoy. Celebration includes light refreshments and free admission to Museum. ***Info:*** Northwest Arts Center, 425-452-7106 or DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov.

May 7 **Dance - Barn Dance,** 7-9:30pm, Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Rd. Dance for Teens and Adults with Developmental Disabilities. ***Cost:*** $7 (R), $9 (NR). ***Register:*** MyParksAndRecreation.com. ***Info:*** 425-452-7686

May 8 **Teatime with Mommy & Me!,** 10-11:30a.m., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St., Family workshop. Mommy and me have fun making art, nibbling snacks, listening to stories and singing together! ***Age:*** 2½-3½. ***Info:*** 425-452-6046 or email NWAC@bellevuewa.gov.

May 8 **WA Native Plant Society Sale,** 10a.m.-4p.m., Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Proceeds benefit Washington Native Plant Society. ***FREE. Info:*** 206-619-1073

May 8 **Growing up Green,** 2-3p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Just in time for Mother's day! Discover how a seed is transformed into a beautiful flowering plant. Then plant a flower to take home to Mom. $3 per person. ***Age:*** 6+; all children under 12 must be accompanied by registered adult. Preregistration required. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195

May 8 **The Lives and Times of Butterflies,** 2-4p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE. Did you know there are 60 common Cascadian butterflies in Washington? Join the Washington Butterfly Association and a Park Ranger to learn how these beautiful and fascinating creatures make a living. We'll start with a short presentation and then head out on the trails to see if we can find some local butterflies. All children under 12 must be with registered adult. ***Cost:*** $5. Preregistration required. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-2565

May 9 **Mother's Day Canoe,** 9a.m.-12p.m., Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE. Spend Mother's Day canoeing the Slough with your family. Bellevue Park Rangers lead this 3-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. Find out about different strategies wildlife mothers have for raising and protecting their young, while paddling Mercer Slough. ***Age:*** 5+; 1 adult for every 2 children; limit 3 people per canoe (550 lbs). Preregistration required. ***Cost:*** $12 (R), $14 (NR). ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-2565

May 9 **Mothers Day Social,** 1-4p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street. Open house featuring light refreshments, music. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-451-3755 or www.bellevuebotanical.org

May 11 **Teens and the Law – Legal Panel**, 5:30-7:30 pm, Crossroads Community Center, 16000 10th St NE. Speakers include representatives from police, court system, and probation. Teens and parents encouraged to attend. ***FREE. Info:*** Kevin Henry: 425-452-7886 or email khenry@bellevuewa.gov.

May 11 **Public Pony Rides**, 10-11:30a.m., Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Pl SE. Bring your little one down to the farm for a ride on one of our adorable ponies. ***Age:*** 3+, weight limit/100 lbs. ***Cost:*** $3 per ride. Line closes at 11:30a.m. (no exceptions). ***Info:*** Kelsey Creek Farm: 425-452-7688 or email, kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov

May 11 **Mother's Day Dance**, 2-4p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era. ***Cost:*** $3. ***Info:*** 425-452-7681

May 12 **Kindergarten Orientation** hosted by Wrap-Around Services. 6:30-7:30p.m., Lake Hills Elementary, 14310 SE 12th St. A chance to learn more about the Kindergarten curriculum and what you need to know before the first day of school. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-456-5312

May 12 **Mother's Day Luncheon**, 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Celebrate the Motherhood with the North Bellevue Community Center. Bingo. ***Suggested donation***: $3 (60+), $5.75 (-60). ***Info:*** 425-452-7681

May 13-16 **The Taming of the Shrew**, May 13, 14, 15 (7-9p.m.), May 15, 16 (2-4p.m.), Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way. Enjoy one of Shakespeare's romantic comedies. Can Petruchio tame the shrewish Katherine? Who will win Bianca's

heart? Performed with a modern piece included in the storyline. ***Cost:*** $10/ticket. Reserved seating. ***Info:*** 425-452-7155

May 15 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Days,** 11a.m.-3p.m., Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Pl SE. Visitors invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880's settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and eastside history. Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers present the activities and interpret the log cabin that was built and lived in by the Fraser family over 100 years ago! The log cabin experience is magical and transports visitors back in time. All ages welcome. ***FREE. Info:*** Eastside Heritage Center, 425-450-1049 or www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.

May 15-16 **Rhododendron Show and Sale,** 10a.m.-5p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street. Show and sale of beautiful Northwest rhododendrons. Proceeds benefit Cascade Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-2750 or email lscott@bellevuewa.gov.

May 16 **Crazy Golf Day,** 10a.m.-4pm, South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way. Drop-in for a Fun Family Event for all ages. Try your hand at miniature golf, Wii Crazy Golf on a giant screen, and chipping - just to name a few of the activities. ***FREE.*** No registration needed. ***Info:*** 425-452-4240

May 18 **Public Pony Rides**, 10-11:30a.m., Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Pl SE. Bring your little one down to the farm for a ride on one of our adorable ponies. ***Age:*** 3+, weight limit/100 lbs. ***Cost:*** $3 per ride. Line closes at 11:30a.m.

May 20 **Heritage Series: Colman Cold Case,** 7-8:30p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE. Learn about life on Lake Washington in the late 19th century, as seen through the eyes of Clarissa Colman, and hear the intrigue and mystery surrounding the murder of her husband, James Manning Colman. EHC Trustee Sherry Grindeland will set the scene, and "History Detective" Tome Hitzroth will share his latest theories surrounding the Colman murder. Presented by Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-1049

May 22 **Bellevue Downtown Art & Park Walk – 10 K,** Start and registration 8a.m.-12p.m., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St. Walk on neighborhood and city sidewalks, parks, and pedestrian ways to view over 20 pieces of public art. Enjoy a diverse array of media, style, expression and cultural heritage. American Volkssport Association sanctioned walk in partnership with Bellevue Park & Community Services. Sponsored by Whole Foods Market Bellevue. ***FREE. Info:*** Northwest Arts Center, 425-452-7106 or DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov.

May 22 **Animal Babies,** 10-11a.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Come learn about the animal babies that are born this time of year in our parks! Make a nest of your own and explore the woods with a naturalist in search of animal babies of all kinds! ***Cost:*** $10. Preregistration required. ***Register:*** Nature Vision, 425-836-2697. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195

May 22 **Local Area Hikes: Mercer Slough Nature Park**, 10a.m.-12:00p.m. Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Dress for weather; bring water; wear sturdy shoes. No registration required. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195
Distance: 2.1 miles; ***Level of Difficulty***: Easy
Details: Soft-surface trails and raised boardwalk take visitors deep into Bellevue's largest wetland - great opportunities for wildlife viewing
Meeting Place: Mercer Slough Education Center 1625 118th Ave SE; limited parking; carpooling encouraged

May 26 **Community Leadership Awards**, from 7- 8:30p.m., place to be determined. Tell us about a child or teen in Bellevue whom you feel should be recognized for making a difference. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-5254.

May 26 **Youth Link 20th Annual Community Leadership Awards Night, reception** 6:30p.m., ceremony 7-8p.m., Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue. Community youth recognition event celebrating student and teen contributions. ***FREE. Info:*** Patrick: 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov.

May 27 **Spring Fling**. 6-7:30p.m., Lake Hills Elementary, 14310 SE 12th St. Come out and meet your neighbors while enjoying student performances. hosted by Wrap-Around Services. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-456-5312

May 27 **It's a marvelous night for a Moon Lecture,** 7-8:30p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Join NASA Solar System Ambassador and Bellevue College Professor Rob Viens for an exciting presentation about the geology and importance of the Moon. Then, if conditions are right, head outside and observe the full moon. ***Age:*** 10+; all children must be accompanied by registered adult. ***Cost:*** $5. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195

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

May 29 **Wilderness Walks,** 10a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Rangers will lead a variety of walks focused on specific topics. Walks are slow-paced. Dress for weather; wear sturdy shoes. *Tree-mendous Walk*–Learn about our Washington Giants and their importance to the local ecology. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195

June

June 4 ***Listen, Listen*** **by Phillis Gershator , part of Fiction Fridays,** 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Parents and children will explore

together. ***Age:*** 3-6; both parent and child must register. ***Cost:*** $2. Registration required. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195

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

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

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

Jun 12 **Local Area Hikes: Coal Creek Park** 10a.m. Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Dress for weather; bring water; wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in length and difficulty. See details below. No registration required. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195
Distance: 5 miles; ***Level of Difficulty***: Moderate
Details: Soft-surface trails, follows Coal Creek past waterfalls and evidence of the area's coal mining past
Meeting Place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE; limited parking; carpooling encouraged

Jun 16 **Father's Day Luncheon**, 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Celebrate Fatherhood with NBCC. Bingo. ***Suggested donation***: $3 (60+), $5.75 (-60). ***Info:*** 425-452-7681

Jun 19 **Cool Red, White & Blue Activities! Super Saturday Family Art**. 10a.m.-12p.mm., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th St. Make fun 4th of July decorations or paper craft items: holiday or birthday cards and lots more! ***Age:*** 5-11 with caregiver. ***Cost:*** $2/$5. Preregistration required. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-6046

Jun 19 **Birding 101 for Kids,** 2p.m-3:30p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. What a perfect way to spend time with Dad this Father's Day weekend. Join Eastside Audubon to learn what makes a bird a bird. Then, on a walk, use a field guide to help identify our feathery neighbors. ***Age:*** 6+; children must be accompanied by registered adult. ***Suggested donation***: $3. Preregistration required. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195

Jun 19 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Days,** 11a.m.-3p.m., Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Pl SE. Visitors invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880's settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and eastside history. Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers present the activities and interpret the log cabin that was built and lived in by the Fraser family over 100 years ago! The log cabin experience is magical and transports visitors back in time. All ages welcome. ***FREE. Info:*** Eastside Heritage Center, 425-450-1049 or www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.

Jun 19 **Summer Solstice Dance,** 7-9p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era and some special songs for Summer. ***Cost:*** $10. ***Info:*** 425-452-7681

Jun 19-20 **Greenway Days activities in Bellevue Parks,** date/times vary. Celebrate the beauty and benefits of our 100-mile Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor all summer long! Communities along the Greenway will host activities that highlight the best of their natural, historic, cultural and recreational treasures. Activities in Bellevue include Fraser Pioneer Cabin Open at Kelsey Creek Farm, June 19, 11a.m.-3p.m.; Free Father's Day Orienteering & Climbing Challenge at South Bellevue's Eastgate Park, June 20, 10a.m.-2p.m. Free Educational Workshops & Ranger Walks at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center all summer long. For a complete list of Greenway Days activities visit mtsgreenway.org. For Bellevue activities: Debbie Pettersson, Northwest Arts Center 425-452-7106 or dpettersson@bellevuewa.gov.

Jun 20 **Free Father's Day Orienteering & Climbing Challenge.** A Greenway Days Event, South Bellevue's Eastgate Park, 14509 SE Newport Way. Enjoy a day out with dad testing his outdoor navigation skills. The orienteering course is suitable for all ages and takes about 1 hour to complete. ***Age:*** 12+ try the Vertical Play Pen. ***Age:*** 6+ the Indoor Climbing Wall. No experience or equipment required. Preregistration not required. ***Info:*** Debbie Pettersson, Northwest Arts Center, 425-452-7106 or email dpettersson@bellevuewa.gov

Jun 20 **Father's Day Canoe,** 9a.m.-12:00p.m., Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE. Canoe Mercer Slough with your dad! Treat your dad to a special Father's Day exploring the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water. This 3-hour self-paddled, canoe trip leaves from Enatai Beach Park. ***Age:*** 5+ to participate; 1 adult every 2 children; limit 3 people per canoe (550 lbs). ***Cost:***$12/$14. Preregistration required. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-2565

Jun 25 **Owl Workshop,** 2-3:00p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. What do owls eat? How do they fly so silently? Learn what unique adaptations these Birds of Prey have and why they are important to the environment. Then dissect your own owl pellet! Appropriate for ages 8+. ***Cost:*** $5. All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Preregistration required. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195

Jun 25 **Family Movie-Land Invaders: Amphibians,** 5-6:30p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE. Amphibians and reptiles ruled

the world for nearly 200 million years, and today there are well over 14,000 species. Watch breathtaking footage and amazing action photography that proves the cold-blooded world is as passionate, dramatic and bizarre as an on Earth. Best for ages 10+. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Approx. 58 min. ***FREE.*** No registration required. ***Info:*** 425-452-2565

Jun 26 **A Pirate's Life For Me!** 10a.m.-12p.m., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street. Yo Ho Ho! Join us for a whale of a time learning about pirates. Hunt for treasure, play games, sing songs and have a treat to eat! ***Age:*** 3-5. $25/$/$30. Preregistration required. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-6046

Jun 26 **Aquatic Weed Program,** 10a.m.-1p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE. Want to learn how to identify aquatic plants? Become a Lake Weed Watcher volunteer or join us to learn how to identify both native and non-native aquatic plants. The goal of the project is to watch for populations of invasive aquatic weeds. Detecting these weeds early will allow us to stop them before they get too entrenched to remove. ***FREE.*** Preregistration required. ***Info/Register:*** 206-263-6461 or e-mail Katie.messick@kingcounty.gov.

Jun 26 **Woof Walk, part of Wilderness Walks.** 9-10:00a.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Rangers will lead a variety of walks focused on specific topics. Walks are slow-paced. Dress for weather; wear sturdy shoes. This month: Bring your dog and your leash. We will provide the bags. Learn the basics in dog first aid and what to bring while hiking with your furry friend. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-4195

Jun 26 **Local Area Hikes: East Coal Creek Park,** 10a.m.-12p.m. Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Dress for weather; bring water; wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in length and difficulty. See details below. No registration required. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195
Distance: 5 miles; ***Level of Difficulty***: Moderate
Details: Soft-surface trails, follows Coal Creek past waterfalls, and evidence of the area's coal mining past
Meeting Place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Limited parking; carpooling encouraged

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

July Events

Jul 2 ***Verdi,* by Janell Cannon, Part of Fiction Fridays,** 11a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Look, Listen and Create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Parents and children will explore together. ***Age:*** 3-6. ***Cost:*** $2; both parent and child must register. Registration required. ***Register:***

425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195

Jul 4 **Symetra Bellevue Family 4th,** Sunday, 2-11p.m. Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 4th St NE. Join us for a day of celebration and patriotism. 4th of July celebration is a safe, fun, and affordable event that represents not only our heritage, but also a strong sense of community spirit. People of all ages, from all walks of life, find pleasure and enjoyment in the day's activities. Activities for families include; roving jugglers, stilt walkers, interactive games, inflatable's, climbing wall, candy art, mascots, airbrush painting, food vendors and live entertainment on the main stage. Once twilight fades, the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra will play a rousing Independence Day tribute set to brilliant fireworks display. ***Info:*** 425-452-4106 or email NWAC@bellevuewa.gov.

Jul 4 **Volunteer for Symetra Bellevue Family 4th,** Sunday, 4-10p.m. Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St. Earn community service, receive a free meal and have Fun as a volunteer at Symetra's Bellevue Family 4th of July. Volunteers need to be comfortable in large crowds, have ability to communicate with public and follow directions, a positive attitude, willingness to be outside regardless of weather and able to be on their feet for a physically active day; must be at least 16 years old. ***Register:*** myparksandrecreation.com. Questions: email NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or call the Special Events office, 425-452-4106. All applications must be received by June 20. Space limited, so sign up early.

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

Jul 6 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park,** movies start at dusk, Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St. Come to the Park (July-August) for a movie on our giant 40' screen. Tonight: "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs." ***Donations:*** nonperishable food and toiletries will be collected to benefit Overlake Service League. ***Info:*** 425-452-4240

Jul 7 **Independence Day Luncheon,** 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Celebrate Independence Day with NBCC. Bingo. ***Suggested donation***: $3 (60+), $5.75 (-60). ***Info:*** 425-452-7681

Jul 10 **Local Area Hikes: Weowna Park,** 10a.m-12p.m. Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Dress for weather; bring water; wear sturdy shoes. No registration required. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195
Distance: 3 miles; ***Level of Difficulty***: Difficult
Details: Soft-surface trail, towering trees, waterfalls, old-growth mixed forest
Meeting Place: 168th Ave SE & 19th St; limited parking; carpooling encouraged

Jul 10 **Amphibian Exploration,** 10-11a.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Hop! Wiggle! And Swish! Come learn about our local frogs, salamanders, and newts! Get a chance to hold a salamander and poke about in Lewis Creek for tadpoles and other aquatic creatures. ***Age:*** 6+. ***Cost:*** $10. ***Register:*** Nature Vision, 425-836-2697. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195

Jul 13 **Bastille Day Dance**, 2-4p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era. ***Cost:*** $3. ***Info:*** 425-452-7681

Jul 13 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park,** movies start at dusk, Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St. Come to the Park (July-August) for a movie on our giant 40' screen. Tonight: "Where the Wild Things Are." ***Donations:*** nonperishable food and toiletries will be collected to benefit the YMCA. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-4240

Jul 17 **Going Wild for Wildlife,** 1-2:30p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Do you know what wildlife lives in your area? What happens when a wild animal gets injured? Learn the Washington Wildlife basics with the Progressive Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) education team. See behind the scenes photos of the PAWS Wildlife Center, find out what happens when animals run out of space with the Shrinking Habitat game and learn how to better co-exist with our wild neighbors. Then get your hands on a few Wild Animal Artifacts! ***Age:*** 8+. ***Cost:*** $3. Registration required. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195

Jul 17 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Days,** 11a.m.-3p.m., Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Pl SE. Visitors invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880's settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and eastside history. Eastside Heritage Center staff and volunteers present the activities and interpret the log cabin that was built and lived in by the Fraser family over 100 years ago! The log cabin experience is magical and transports visitors back in time. All ages welcome. ***FREE. Info:*** Eastside Heritage Center, 425-450-1049 or www.eastsideheritagecenter.org.

Jul 17 **We Scream For Ice Cream**! 10-11:30am., Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street. Stay COOL this summer enjoying the wonderful world of ice cream. Do art, make ice cream and decorate cookies! YUM! ***Age:*** 2½-4 w/caregiver. $20/$24. $4/$5 additional child fee. Preregistration required. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-6046

Jul 20 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park,** movies start at dusk, Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St. Come to the Park (July-August) for a movie on our giant 40' screen. Tonight: "Night at the museum: Battle at the Smithsonian." ***Donations:*** adult socks and toiletries will be collected to benefit Eastside Domestic Violence Program. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-4240

Jul 23 **Going Bats**, 7:30-9:30p.m., Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Pl SE. Discover bats and the important role they play in nature and the food chain. We will dispel myths and discern the facts as we learn about the bats that live

in the Pacific Northwest. Afterwards we will walk the grounds with a Bat Locator to see and hear the resident bats at work. ***Cost: FREE.*** Participants are encouraged to make a donation to support the Northwest Bats non-profit organization. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Jul 24 **Wilderness Walks,** 10a.m.-12p.m., Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. Rangers will lead a variety of walks focused on specific topics. Walks are slow-paced. Dress for weather; wear sturdy shoes. *Wildflower Walk-* Get to know your Washington Wildflowers. ***Info:*** 425-452-4195

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

Jul 27 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park,** movies start at dusk, Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St. Come to the Park (July-August) for a movie on our giant 40' screen. Tonight: "Monsters vs. Aliens." ***Donations:*** youth-sized pajamas will be collected to benefit Treehouse. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-4240

Jul 28 **Hog Walk**, 1-2p.m., Kelsey Creek Farm Park Community Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Pl SE. Meet Kelsey Creek Farm's resident hog and take a leisurely stroll in the park with her. The experience starts with farm volunteers and caretaker staff sharing interesting facts and Info about swine, such as what's the difference between a pig and a hog. Then join farm staff and Joy as we take a walk in the Park together. The 'Hog Talk' begins at 1p.m. and the 'Hog Walk' starts at approximately 1:20p.m. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Jul 29 **Slip, Slide or Dive Into a Book**, 11a.m-12p.m., Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Pl SE. Charles the Clown and his puppet sidekicks, take the audience on a virtual water tour. Charles uses comedy, non-stop rhyme, costuming, and audience participation to create a fantastical show that has elicited rave reviews from librarians, kids, parents and teachers alike. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

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

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August

Aug 3 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park,** movies start at dusk, Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St. Come to the Park (July-August) for a movie on our giant 40' screen. Tonight: "Percy Jackson & the Olympians: the Lightning Thief." (PG). ***Donations:*** backpacks and school supplies will be collected to benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-4240

Aug 10 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park,** movies start at dusk, Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St. Come to the Park (July-August) for a movie on our giant 40' screen. Tonight: "The Spy Next Door." (PG). ***Donations:*** nonperishable food will be collected to benefit Hopelink. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-4240

Aug 10 **Celebrate Summer Dance**, 2-4p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Join Sound of Swing as they play favorites of the Swing era. ***Cost:*** $3. ***Info:*** 425-452-7681

Aug 14 **Blueberries of Mercer Slough,** 1-2p.m., Blueberry Farm, 2380 Bellevue Way SE. Go behind the scenes at Mercer Slough's beloved blueberry farm. Explore the farm, learn how it came to be and how we grow such tasty berries today Optional U-pick to follow program (for an additional fee). All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Preregistration required. ***Cost:*** $5. ***Register:*** 425-452-6885. ***Info:*** 425-452-2565

Aug 17 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park,** movies start at dusk, Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St. Come to the Park (July-August) for a movie on our giant 40' screen. Tonight: "The Blindside" (PG13). ***Donations:*** adult socks and underwear will be collected to benefit YouthCare. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-4240

Aug 18 **End of Summer Picnic,** 11:30a.m.-2p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Madison House-Totem Lake will co-sponsor the event and will be providing the box lunches. Try the 'Cupcake Walk', play Croquet, make crafts, and win some great Bingo prizes! This event is always lots of fun. We'll eat indoors; some activities will take place outdoors. ***Cost:*** $3. Preregister by August 13. ***Info:*** 425-452-7681

Aug 24 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park,** movies start at dusk, Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St. Come to the Park (July-August) for a movie on our giant 40' screen. Tonight: "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince" (PG). ***Donations:*** nonperishable food and toiletries will be collected to benefit Overlake Service League. ***FREE. Info:*** 425-452-4240

Seasonal Events

June **Kids on the Farm Group Tours,** Kelsey Creek Farm 410 130th Pl SE. Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies. Experience the old fashion skill of wool carding and create a wool sheep to take home. Daily viewing.

Cost varies according to group size (up to $5 per person.) Preregistration required. Info/***Register:*** 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

May **Arbor Day Poster Art Displays, Trees are terrific...and Energy Wise!** Inspired by the beauty and benefits that tress provide in our community school age children create poster art for the public to enjoy. Exhibits open at the following locations during normal open hours: Bellevue Arts Museum, Whole Foods Market, Bellevue City Hall, Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, and Lewis Creek Visitor Center. ***Info:*** Debbie Pettersson, 425-452-7106 or email DPettersson@bellevuewa.gov.

Apr-Oct **Docent-Led Tours,** 2-3:30p.m. every Saturday & Sunday, Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Reservations not required. ***Info:*** 425-451-3755

May **Springtime in the Barnyard,** times and dates vary Kelsey Creek Farm, 410 130th Pl SE. Welcome springtime with a tour of our newest baby animals, which may include chicks, goat kids, a calf, and piglets. Learn about their special care and feeding, tour our historic barn, and finish up in the garden planting pumpkin seeds. Many groups return in the fall to check on their pumpkin's growth and choose a pumpkin from our indoor pumpkin patch. Cost varies according to group size (up to $5 per person.) Preregistration required. ***Info:*** 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Ongoing Events

3rd Sunday of each month

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

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month

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

Last Monday each month

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

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month

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

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4th Tuesday each month

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

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month

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

1st Thursday each month

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

Every Thursday each month

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

First Saturday each month

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

Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, (June-Sept) 2p.m.-3p.m., Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street. Join a Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt! Visit restoration sites and learn about local wildlife! Fun for the whole family, all ages welcome. ***FREE.*** No registration required. ***Info:*** 425-452-7225

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

Every Saturday

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

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

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Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Luncheon, 12 p.m, North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Ave NE. Adults 65 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. ***Suggested donation***: $3. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches require preregistration.

Every 1st Monday each month

Snocon Night, 5-8p.m, Bellevue Skate Park, 14224 Bel Red Road within the Highland Community Park. Bellevue Skate Park and Snowboard Connection are proud to present "Snocon Night". The night consists of various games, best trick contest and give a ways for families and youth of all ages. Come on by and check it out and you may even walk away with some cool prizes. ***Info:*** 425-452-2722

Every Wednesday and Saturday

2010 King County Master Gardener Drop-In Clinics, (April-Oct), 9a.m.-1p.m., Lake Hills Greenbelt Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th St. Consult w/Master Gardeners about all aspects of plant care, disease, propagation, identification and more. Bring questions! ***FREE.*** No registration required. Info on Demonstration Garden: bellevuedemo@hotmail.com

Wednesdays and Fridays, Must pre-schedule

Group Tours, (Jun-Aug), 11a.m.-1p.m., Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE. Rangers offer outdoor interpretive walks. Learn and discuss flora, fauna, and natural and cultural history of Mercer Slough Nature Park. We schedule groups of 5-25, for one-hour program; time slots available: first-come/first-serve. ***Suggested donation***: $1. ***Register:*** 425-452-2565 or MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov.

Daily, Must pre-schedule

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

Event Info as of May 3, 2010