

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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MAY 2015

- 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 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 2** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Sale**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale features a great selection of plants from the Eastside Fuchsia Society. **Info:** 425-452-2750.
- May 3** **Great Blue Herons**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that the Mercer Slough Nature Park is home to a great blue heron rookery? We’ll learn about what makes the Slough such a great home for these long-legged birds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- 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.

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- May 9** **Hua Yuan Chinese Floral Art Exhibition**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The Gathering Place at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The exquisite floral arrangements created by members of the school will be on display in the covered Gathering Place. **Cost:** Free admission. **Info:** 425-452-2750.
- 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 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.
- May 10** **Mothers' Day Social**, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This open house features light refreshments, music and beautiful scenery. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2750 or <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- 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 10** **Great Blue Herons**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that the Mercer Slough Nature Park is home to a great blue heron rookery? We'll learn about what makes the Slough such a great home for these long-legged birds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- May 12** **Container Crazy (and Plants for Small Gardens) Lecture with Dan Heims,**
7 p.m. – doors open at 6:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Speaker Dan Heims is the owner of Terra Nova Nursery in Oregon. His trips around the world have exposed him to an amazing array of wild containers planted with the most unusual plants that give new life to containers. He will present tips on how to design containers and small garden spaces, as well as helpful information on maintaining soil fertility and plant health. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** No pre-registration; pay at the door. **Info:**
<http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- May 13** **Container Gardening – Heat-Loving Plants: Tomatoes and More (Garden Class),** 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. Container gardening is great for beginning gardeners, apartment dwellers or anyone looking to add extra space or variety to his or her garden. This class will introduce you to the many benefits of container gardening and will cover everything you need to get started, from choosing containers and crops to ongoing maintenance. Leave with the knowledge you need to grow small fruits and heat-loving crops like tomatoes and peppers in containers. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:**
<http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- 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.

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- May 16** **Northwest Passages: A Garden Club of America Flower Show presented by Seattle Garden Club**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This show features floral design, horticulture, photography and a conservation exhibit on water gardens. **Cost:** Free admission. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/calendar.html>
- 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.
- 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 17** **Hugh Jennings: Discover the Birds of Zambia and the Birds of Mercer Slough**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join guest speaker Hugh Jennings as we travel to Zambia through his beautiful photos. Afterwards, take a walk with Hugh as you explore the birds of Mercer Slough. This is a perfect time of year to see migrating birds, as well as our resident birds. Please dress for the weather, and if you have binoculars please feel free to bring them along! **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. To pre-register: www.MyParksandRecreation.com, course 94667. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- May 23** **North American Rock Garden Society Exhibit**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Specialty growers exhibit rare plants, alpenines and plants suitable for rock gardens. **Cost:** Free admission. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/calendar.html>

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- May 27** **An Illustrated Walk through the Wespelaar Arboretum in Belgium (Garden Program)**, 7 p.m. – doors open at 6:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Dr. Koen Camelbeke, the exuberant director of the Arboretum Wespelaar in Belgium, will give us a photo tour of the estate. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Not required; pat at the door. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- May 29** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Eagle – Master of the Skies”**, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
In this one-hour wildlife special, take a look at one of the world’s most amazing animals, the North American Bald Eagle. Learn about the predator/prey relationship and how eagles are important to a healthy ecosystem. Popcorn will be provided. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- 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.
- May 30** **Growing Lavender in the Northwest (Garden Class)**, 10 a.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Tom Frei, Master Gardener and owner of Woodinville Lavender, brings you the complete story of lavender, from history and botany to plant selection and uses. Learn from the best! **Cost:** \$15 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$25 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- 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 7** **Backpacking and Encounters with Wildlife**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Washington State is a great place to explore. Come learn from a Park Ranger and TRACKS leader, Jenna Walenga, about preparing for your first hike or overnight backpacking trip. Includes information on what to bring, good trail etiquette, and proper wildlife safety while out in the woods. **Ages:** Ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 13** **Lake-to-Lake Bike Ride**, 9 a.m.
Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 164th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family for this enjoyable, non-competitive ride with two unique loops. The Greenbelt Loop is a mostly flat eight-mile route; the Lake Loop is a more challenging, 22-mile route. Routes are approximately 80% on-road and 20% off-road (gravel). The routes go to and through our award-winning park system, exploring hidden treasures. Proceeds from this ride benefit the City of Bellevue’s youth camp scholarship fund. Volunteers needed! This ride is presented by Chaplin’s Subaru. **Ages:** Recommended for riders ages 8 and older. Riders under age 8 will be allowed in a tag-a-long or trailer. **Cost:** \$15 in advance, or \$20 on day of event (8 a.m. at the park, if openings remain). **Pre-registration:** Recommended but not required. **To register:** <http://parksreg.bellevuewa.gov/> or 425-452-6885, activity code 95182. **Info:** <http://bellevuewa.gov/lake-to-lake-bike-ride.htm>, bikeride@bellevuewa.gov, #coblk2lk, or 425-452-4882.

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- 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.
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Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
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- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- June 26** **“Earth Navigators” (Nature Movie)**, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Each year, driven by the changing of season, millions of animals navigate from one spot to another, taking part in one of the world's many great migrations. This film explores both the native and exotic navigators of our world, and what drives them to travel such great distances. Popcorn will be provided! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- 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.

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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.

June 28 **The Real Seahawks**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that the Seahawk is a real bird that lives in Washington State? Come learn about the Ospreys in this fascinating program. Find out why this bird was chosen as the mascot for your favorite football team! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- July 4** The Bellevue Collection Bellevue Family 4th presented by PACCAR, 2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
With rockets' red glare, bombs bursting in air, and a jam-packed lineup of festivities, the 2014 Bellevue Family 4th will bring the Eastside's largest Independence Day celebration and fireworks show to the Bellevue Downtown Park. The event features the Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone, an international food court, live entertainment on the Main Stage, and formal Presentation of the Colors. When twilight fades, the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra will play a rousing Independence Day tribute set to the Eastside's largest fireworks display. This event is co-produced by the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Downtown Association. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free entrance; prices vary for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- July 9** **ChowDown(town) – Bellevue Food Truck Round-Up**, 3:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Ashwood Park, 10820 NE 10th Street
Food and Fun! Come and meet your neighbors at Ashwood Park next to the King County Main Library. Fourteen different food trucks will be on hand with a variety of food to satisfy all taste buds. Entertainment will make the evening even better. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and join us for a great night! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** No admission; prices vary for food. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4278.
- 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.

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- July 12** **Energy of the Sun**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Come learn about the amazing relationship we all have with the sun. Learn about how energy from the sun travels through animals and plants, and how without it, we could do nothing at all. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- 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.
- July 17** **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 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.

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- 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 18** **Music in the Garden**, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Pack a picnic dinner and a blanket to spread on the lawn for a special night of beautiful music in the Garden. No alcoholic beverages and no pets, please. **Cost:** Free and open to the public; donations are encouraged. **Info:** 425-452-2750 or <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- 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 19** **Energy of the Sun**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Come learn about the amazing relationship we all have with the sun. Learn about how energy from the sun travels through animals and plants, and how without it, we could do nothing at all. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- 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.

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- 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.
- July 26** **Adult Enrichment: History of Mercer Slough**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Take a look at Mercer Slough through the lens of time. Discover what our Nature Park was like before it was abused, and how the city is helping it to heal. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center. **Ages:** Best for ages 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- 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.

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- 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.
- July 31** **“How the Earth was Made” (Nature Movie)**, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
“How the Earth was Made” plots the twisting course of Earth’s amazing journey. Using groundbreaking special effects and traveling to remote locations where our planet still bears the scars of its violent history, this compelling film tells the story of unimaginable timescales, world-shattering forces, and mass extinctions. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** msec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Aug 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.
- Aug 4** **Bellevue Botanical Garden Society's Annual Trillium Celebration (annual meeting) – open to the public**, 6:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Kathryn Gustafson is the world-renowned landscape architect of Gustafson Guthrie Nichol in Seattle and Gustafson Porter in London. Kathryn's projects include Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial in London, Cultuurpark in Westergasfabriek in Amsterdam, and the Lurie Garden at Millennium Park in Chicago. **Cost:** Free for BBGS members; \$35 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .
- Aug 7** **Flower Arranging from the Garden (Garden Class)**, 10 a.m. - noon
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Improve your flower arranging skills using your own home-grown blooms and greens. Linda McDonald's class will offer seven tips for combining stems, plus demonstrate the points by making up example bouquets. Practice what is presented by creating your own, take-home bouquet. Bring a vase, clippers, a bucket of flowers and a bucket of greens. Cuttings from instructor Linda McDonald as well as from the NPA Border at the BBG will be available to add to your combinations. Limited to 18 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for BBGS members; \$35 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .

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- Aug 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.
- Aug 7-16** **“Aladdin” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
August 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16 at 7 p.m.; August 8, 9, 15, and 16 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
The magical journey of Aladdin comes to life in the new Bellevue Youth Theatre at Crossroads. Aladdin, the Genie, and all the characters of the classic Arabian story are told in fun fashion suitable for the whole family. There are two separate casts performing each weekend. Are you coming to see a friend or family member perform? Ask the Box Office when they are performing. 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:** \$5. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Aug 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.
- Aug 9** **Invasion of the Turtles**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that up to three different species of turtles live in the Mercer Slough? Did you also know that only one of them is native? This free program will focus on the turtles that live in Mercer Slough and what it means to be an “invasive species” in a natural setting. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Aug 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.
- Aug 13** **ChowDown(town) – Bellevue Food Truck Round-Up**, 3:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Ashwood Park, 10820 NE 10th Street
Food and Fun! Come and meet your neighbors at Ashwood Park next to the King County Main Library. Fourteen different food trucks will be on hand with a variety of food to satisfy all taste buds. Entertainment will make the evening even better. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and join us for a great night! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** No admission; prices vary for food. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4278.
- Aug 14** **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 94342. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Aug 15-16** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Sale**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale features a great selection of plants from the Eastside gardeners. **Info:** 425-452-2750 or <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>.
- Aug 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.

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- Aug 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.
- Aug 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.
- Aug 15** **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.
- Aug 20** **Save Seeds from Your Garden (Garden Class)**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Saving seeds is an ancient tradition that can help you save money, be more self-sufficient, and join the global movement to preserve biodiversity. We will discuss the many benefits of seed saving, the science of pollination, and the full process of seed saving, including how to choose the best parent plants and the best way to store seeds. Start saving seeds this summer to get ready for next year's garden, and have more than enough to share with friends and family. Limited to 27 participants. Presented in conjunction with Seattle Tilth. **Cost:** \$25 for BBGS members; \$35 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .

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- Aug 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.
- Aug 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.
- Aug 21-23** **“10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
August 21, 22, and 23 at 7 p.m.; August 22 and 23 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10th Street
It’s the end of the world, and hordes of singing, dancing, rampaging zombies are about to kill you. What do you do? Come find out in the first performance of the Bellevue Youth Theatre in our new amphitheater at Crossroads. **Ages:** This show is suitable for ages 7 and older; parental discretion is recommended. **Cost:** \$5 for seating within the inner perimeter. Beyond the inner perimeter, seating is free. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Aug 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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- Aug 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.
- Aug 23** **Wolf Haven**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Wolf Haven is a sanctuary near Olympia, WA, that provides a home for displaced, captive-born wolves. Join this free family-friendly program to learn about the wild wolves that live in our state. Wolves mean a great many different things to different groups of people. Find out what they mean to you. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 28** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Reptiles: Turtles and Tortoises,”** 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
A turtle’s shell is among the most peculiar but successful pieces of design in the natural world. Unchanged for 200 million years, it has allowed the various species of turtles to populate almost everywhere in the world. This episode introduces some inspirational people who are trying to help the turtle keep thriving in our world. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 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.

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- Aug 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.
- Aug 29-30** **Art in the Garden**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Sculptures and garden art by several outstanding Northwest artists will grace the gardens, each in its own private space. From the serious and simplistic to the whimsical and elaborate, exhibits will include works in metal, wood, blown and fused glass, bronze and other outdoor-appropriate materials. **Cost:** Free for and open to the public. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or 425-452-2750.
- Aug 30** **Invasion of the Turtles**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that up to three different species of turtles live in the Mercer Slough? Did you also know that only one of them is native? This free program will focus on the turtles that live in Mercer Slough and what it means to be an “invasive species” in a natural setting. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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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 woolly 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 through 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.