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JULY 2012

July 4 **Symetra Bellevue Family 4th**, 2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Celebrate the 4th of July at Bellevue Downtown Park, enjoying the Eastside's largest Independence Day celebration. The event features the Bellevue Parks Family Fun Zone, an international food court, live entertainment on the main stage, formal presentation of the colors, and a C-17 Globemaster III flyover. When twilight fades, the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra will play a rousing Independence Day tribute set to the Eastside's largest fireworks display. Admission is free, and activities begin at 2 p.m. Ticket prices vary for the Family Fun Zone inflatables, bungee trampoline, candy art, face art and other activities. International food court prices vary. Roving entertainers, mascots, live music and community spotlight booths are free. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Bellevue and the Bellevue Downtown Association. **Ages:** All ages, family event. **Cost:** No entrance fee; food and activity prices vary. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

July 4 **Volunteer for Symetra Bellevue Family 4th**, 4 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
We are looking for energetic, fun people to help with a multitude of tasks at the Bellevue Family 4th celebration. Credit is available for school-required volunteer hours. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds, and be on their feet in all types of weather. Join us on July 4th at the Bellevue Downtown Park and help make this year's Bellevue Family 4th Celebration an event to remember! **Ages:** 16+. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** Required; no day of event registrations. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

July 6 **Secret Place (children's activity),** 11 a.m. – Noon and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Hardly anyone knows about the secret place along the river that runs dark and shallow in its concrete bed. But if you can find the secret place, there may be ducklings and other wild friends to discover. We will make birdie clip ornaments to take home. **Ages:** Ages 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2 per person. Parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65718 or 66448. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 8 **"Monkey Business" (children's movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
An all-star jungle cast from baby chimps to orangutans, and baboons to high-flying monkeys play and swing from the trees. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** Ages 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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July 10 **Bastille Day Dance,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sounds of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $3 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

July 10 **Brand Yourself for Success – Preparing for Graduation and More,** 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
You will learn how to make a positive and lasting impression, listen effectively, dress to succeed, set goals, manage your time, and gain tips on interviewing. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** $75/residents and $90/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106; or visit www.MyParksandRecreation.com .

July 10 **"Puss in Boots" (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity (Pagliacci Pizza Toss) starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us for outdoor movies in the Downtown Park! Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support The Sophia Way, a local non-profit. Items needed are grocery gift cards and bus passes. If raining, movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

July 11 **Rabbit Tales,** 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Teen farm volunteers and staff will introduce you to the world of domestic rabbits. Learn what they eat, where they live, how they like to be touched, listen to a story about bunnies, and do a craft project. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations suggested to help support the farm. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

July 12 **"Wetland Mammals" (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The wetland habitats of the Mercer Slough are home to a variety of mammals. Just minutes from downtown Bellevue are some of the most interesting creatures in King County. Learn about beavers, otters, muskrats and the other mammals that help make the Slough such a special place. **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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July 14 **"Pond Dip" (family activity),** 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 such as 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:** Appropriate for ages 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66104. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 15 **"Who Is Our Backyard Wildlife?" (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
From buzzing bees and hummingbirds, masked bandits and climbing squirrels, who is our backyard wildlife? What are they doing in your yard? Learn how you can identify similar species, and who makes tunnels and burrows and mounds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

July 15 **"Hunters and Hunted" (movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Mammals have adopted diverse strategies to hunt their prey and evade predators. This program shows how a sure-footed ibex kid escapes a hunting fox, the fishing behavior of greater bulldog bats in Belize and brown bears at an Alaskan river mouth – the latter awaiting the return of spawning salmon. Running time is 50 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 16 **Media Relations/Publicity Panel (Outreach to Diverse Communities),** 9:30 a.m. to noon
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE
This free panel discussion will provide information on increasing your exposure through the media. Confirmed speakers: Lori Matsukawa (KING 5 News Anchor), George Griffin (President, G-3 Associates Public Relations), Tiffany Ran (Editor, Northwest Asian Weekly), Veronica Abraham (Radio Host, ESPN Deportes Seattle and Community Engagement Supervisor at Big Brothers Big Sisters), and Jess Estrada (Social Media Strategist, FreshJess.com). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Kevin Henry at khenry@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886.

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July 17 **"Happy Feet 2" (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity (Zumba Fitness) starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us for outdoor movies in the Downtown Park! Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Highland Community Center. Items needed are craft supplies and kitchen utensils. If raining, movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

July 18 **Wool and Ewe,** 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
The farm staff will introduce you to our resident sheep. Learn things about sheep and experience the feel of real wool. Make a wooly craft to take home. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations ($1/person or $5/family) are suggested to help support the farm. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

July 19 **Starlight Circus Show,** 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Robinswood Barn at Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE
The "Zaniac" reaches into his dreams to present a show that inspires kids to READ! Vegetables are sliced in half by flying playing cards, surprises are pulled out of a bottomless suitcase, and feats of juggling and balance will keep you awake past your bedtime. This children's event will be held in the park, on the grassy area outside the Robinswood Barn. This show is presented by Alex Zerbe (Professional "Zaniac") and Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** Family event; 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 20 **"Green Hour" (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us the third Friday of every month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for a *Green Hour* at Lewis Creek Park. Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66107. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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July 21 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the 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. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center at http://www.eastsideheritagecenter.org/ or 425-450-1049.

July 21 **We Scream for Ice Cream,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Stay COOL this summer enjoying the wonderful world of ice cream. Spend a fun-filled morning creating art projects, making ice cream and decorating cookies. **Ages:** 2-5 years. **Cost:** $25/residents and $30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106

July 22 **"Your Plants" (Know Your Yard),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Without plants, nothing else in the world would exist. Come learn about plant ecology and which plants are best for your property. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66102. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 22 **"Coyotes and Wolves" (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that there are at least 50,000 coyotes that roam Washington State? Urban coyote problems are growing, with the first recorded attack on a human in Washington in 2006 in Bellevue (coyotes had been deliberately fed by people). Also, wolves are making a comeback in Washington! Learn about coyote and wolf identification, ecology, how to prevent conflicts if you encounter a coyote or a wolf. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

July 24 **"Zookeeper" (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity ("60 Second Challenge") starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us for outdoor movies in the Downtown Park! Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Ashoka, a local non-profit. Items needed are books and office supplies. If raining, movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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July 26 **Rocking, Reading and Dreaming,** 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheatre, 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. The Not-It's performance will be to a rockin' tempo as they bounce around with fun, danceable music, movement and audience participation. **Ages:** Family event; 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 27-29 **Zany Worm Booth,** 9:15 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Bellevue Arts Museum, 510 Bellevue Way NE
The Zany Worm Booth at Kidsfair is sponsored by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and offers kids the opportunity to do hands-on garden activities. The fun begins with learning about and experiencing earthworms. Kids are challenged with Worm Trivia and information on these amazing garden creatures. Earthworm stamps and coloring worm cards to take home make this a memorable event. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! This event is part of Kidsfair in the Bellevue Arts Fair. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-451-3755, or visit www.bellevuebotanical.org.

July 27 **Local Area Hikes – "Fabulous Forests" in Weowna Park,** 10 a.m. to noon.
Meeting place – 168th Avenue SE and SE 19th Street
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in theme and length. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate. **Ages:** All ages are welcomed. **Meeting place:** 168th Avenue SE and SE 19th Street. Limited parking; please carpool. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 27 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Frogs – The Thin Green Line,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue Se
Amphibians are in trouble worldwide. From Australia to North America, a mass extinction event is currently underway. Explore the problem and see what scientists are doing about it. Running time is approximately 60 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 10 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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July 27 **Bat Detectors,** 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Bats Northwest will dispel myths and discern the facts as we learn about the bats that live in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Discover bats and the important role they play in nature and the food chain. Afterwards we will walk the grounds with a Bat Locator to see and hear the resident bats at work. **Ages:** Six years and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations ($1/person or $5/family) are suggested to help support Northwest Bats (non-profit). **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

July 29 **"In Defense of Food" by Michael Pollan (Naturalists' Book Club),**
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Michael Pollan's book, *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, launched a national conversation about the American way of eating. Now, *In Defense of Food* shows us how to change it, one meal at a time. Pollan proposes a new answer to the question of what we should eat that comes down to seven simple but liberating words: "Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants." **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 31 **"Adventures of Tintin" (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity (BYT's "Alice in Wonderland") starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us for outdoor movies in the Downtown Park! Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Kindering, a local non-profit. Items needed are toys and crafts. If raining, movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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Aug 1 **Exceptional Dancers Workshop,** 1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Emerald Ballet Theatre offers children with special needs (physical or developmental) an opportunity to explore movement and music in a joyful and nurturing environment. **Ages:** 7 to 12 years. **Cost:** $45/residents and $55/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, or visit www.MyParksandRecreation.com .

Aug 1 **Incredible Inflatables,** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, International Plaza, 16000 NE 10th Street
If you are looking for that insurmountable level of fun that will make your day and create memories, then you found the right activity – inflatables in all shapes and sizes! FunRent and Bellevue Parks & Community Services provide entertainment for all ages in a safe and fun environment. Bring your child, and burn off some energy in this interactive fun zone. **Ages:** Kids over three years are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Aug 2 **"Together" in Chinese (Foreign Language Films in Crossroads Park),**
Live international music performance starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Join us for outdoor movies in Crossroads Park! Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. If raining, movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

Aug 3 **Dream a Dream Concert,** 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Caspar Babypants will sing songs about bedtime, sleep time and dream time mixed with traditional folk songs, nursery rhymes and original music. Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, present this musical performance. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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Aug 3 **A Log's Life (children's activity),** 11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
One stormy day, a strong wind rages through the forest, causing an old oak tree to bend and sway and crash to the ground. Learn about the life cycle of a tree when a new oak grows from the fallen-down log. We will map out the oak tree's life cycle to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2; parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65719 or 66449. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 4 **Music in the Garden,** 5:30 - 8 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 beverage and no pets, please. Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free and open to the public. Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org or call 425-451-3755 .

Aug 5 **"Honey Seekers" (children's movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 7 **"Soul Surfer" (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity (Brian Waite Band) starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us for outdoor movies in the Downtown Park! Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support iCareweCare, a local non-profit. Items needed are clothing and backpacks. If raining, movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

Aug 8 **Incredible Inflatables,** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, International Plaza, 16000 NE 10th Street
If you are looking for that insurmountable level of fun that will make your day and create memories, then you found the right activity – inflatables in all shapes and sizes! FunRent and Bellevue Parks & Community Services provide entertainment for all ages in a safe and fun environment. Bring your child, and burn off some energy in this interactive fun zone. **Ages:** Kids over three years are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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Aug 9 **"Up" in Spanish (Foreign Language Films in Crossroads Park),**
Live international music performance starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Join us for outdoor movies in Crossroads Park! Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. If raining, movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

Aug 9-12 **"Alice in Wonderland" (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production),**
August 9, 10, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m.; August 11 and 12 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
Enjoy family theatre this summer with the classic tale. This delightful journey includes all of your favorites from the White Rabbit to the Mad Hatter. This production includes actors of all ages and is suitable for the whole family. This show will have two casts. **Ages:** This show is rated G. **Cost:** Tickets are $10/advanced or $12 beginning August 4. **To purchase tickets:** 425-452-7155. **Info:** http://bellevuewa.gov/BYT-productions.htm or 425-452-7155.

Aug 10 **"Pond Dip" (Family Activity),** 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 such as 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:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66105. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 11 **Art of Etiquette #1 – Young Ladies and Gentlemen,** 9 a.m. - Noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Children rarely attend classes on manners, and yet manners are the key to building positive friendships and strong self-esteem. This fun, lands-on workshop teaches telephone etiquette, basic table manners, introductions, personal care and posture. **Ages:** 6 to 11 years. **Cost:** $50/residents and $60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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Aug 11 **Art of Etiquette #2 – Young Ladies and Gentlemen,** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
This course is a natural follow-up to Young Ladies and Gentlemen #1. One of the first social settings that children encounter is being a guest. Learning how to be a gracious guest, guest of honor, or host, are skills they 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 Ladies and Gentlemen #1 to enroll in Ladies and Gentlemen #2. **Ages:** 6 to 11 years. **Cost:** $50/residents and $60/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Aug 12 **"Creatures of the Deep" (movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Marine invertebrates, the descendants of one billion years of evolutionary history, are the most abundant creatures in the ocean. Warch packs of Humboldt squid make nighttime raids from the deep to cooperatively hunt sardines. See fried egg jellyfish, giant cuttlefish, Giant Pacific octopus and more! Running time is 50 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 14 **"Big Miracle" (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity ("Name the Right Price" game) starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us for outdoor movies in the Downtown Park! Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Bellevue LifeSpring, a local non-profit. Items needed are cooking oil and pasta sauce. If raining, movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

Aug 14 **Celebrate Summer Dance,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sound of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $3 per person. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

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Aug 15 **Cream to Butter,** 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Have you ever made butter? Where does cream come from? Come discover answers to these and other questions. Explore activities common to a dairy farm in the early 1900s. **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations are suggested to help support the farm - $1/person or $5/family. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Aug 16 **A Night in the Life Concert,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Recess Monkey will soar through the sky! Meet a ukulele-playing space alien and dive deep into a black hole to discover oddities and lesser-known monsters on an epic musical adventure. Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, present this musical performance. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Aug 16 **"Beginner's Dendrology" (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Some pretty amazing trees grow within Bellevue's city limits! Join a Mercer Slough park ranger for an introduction to the trees of the area. A ranger will be available following the presentation for a guided walk through the Slough to see the trees up close. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

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Aug 16 **"The Ugly Duckling" in Russion (Foreign Language Films in Crossroads Park),**
Live international music performance starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Join us for outdoor movies in Crossroads Park! Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. If raining, movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

Aug 17 **"Green Hour" (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us the third Friday of every month from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for a *Green Hour* at Lewis Creek Park. Observe and explore the park during an hour of unstructured play and interaction with the natural world. Each month, creative, science-based ideas will have children and parents deepening their knowledge and love of nature together! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66108. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 18 **Local Area Hikes – "Local Wildlife" in Lewis Creek Park,** 10 a.m. to noon.
Meeting place – Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 80 miles of trails to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in theme and length. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult. **Ages:** All ages are welcomed. **Meeting place:** Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 18 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888 and located at Kelsey Creek Farm, comes to life with activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the 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. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free. **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center at www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

Aug 18-19 **Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Show and Sale,** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale features a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners. **Cost:** Free admission; cost of plants vary. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or call 425-452-2750.

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Aug 19 **"Wetland Wildlife" (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15415 SE 16th Street
Who lives in the wetland? There are many different wildlife species that are specially adapted to thrive in the wetland environment. Join a park ranger to see who lives here, and discover their wild wetland adaptations. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Aug 19 **"Your Animals" (Know Your Yard),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
What backyard habitat have you created? What wildlife can you expect to see in your yard, and how do you mitigate impacts against our furry and feathered neighbors? **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66103. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 21 **"Dolphin Tale" (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity (BGCB Teen Band) starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us for outdoor movies in the Downtown Park! Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, a local non-profit. Items needed are backpacks and school supplies. If raining, movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

Aug 22 **End of Summer Picnic,** 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us for this end of the summer picnic. Lunch will be served. Try the "Cupcake Walk," play croquet, make crafts and win some great bingo prizes! This event is always a lot of fun. We'll eat indoors; some activities will take place outdoors. Co-sponsored by Spiritwood. **Cost:** $3 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required by August 13. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.

Aug 23 **Bellevue All-Stars (Seniors) vs City of Bellevue VIPs Softball Game,**
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Hidden Valley Sports Park, 1905 112th Avenue NE
Come out and cheer on your favorite team in this annual softball challenge! The Bellevue All-Stars senior citizen team will take on the City of Bellevue VIP's team comprised of members of the City Council, Park Board, Bellevue Network on Aging and City department heads and staff. Concession sales will benefit the North Bellevue Senior Advisory Board. **Cost:** Free admission. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

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Aug 23 **"Billu Barber" in Hini (Foreign Language Films in Crossroads Park),**
Live international music performance starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Join us for outdoor movies in Crossroads Park! Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. If raining, movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

Aug 25 **Pirate's Life for Me,** 10 a.m. - Noon
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
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 to 6 years. **Cost:** $30/residents and $38/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Aug 25-26 **Art in the Garden,** 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Sculptures and garden art by 25 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 and open to the public. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org or 425-451-3755.

Aug 26 **"Raccoons" (Living with Wildlife),** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Urban raccoon populations can get quite large, owing to hunting and trapping restrictions, few predators and human-supplied food. Learn how to prevent conflicts with these crafty urban neighbors. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #65713. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 26 **"Stickeen" by John Muir (Naturalists' Book Club),** 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Scottish-born American naturalist and writer, Muir devoted much of his life to saving the natural beauties of the West from destruction by commercial exploitation. *Stickeen* details the Alaskan adventures of Muir and his adopted four-legged companion. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Aug 28 **"We Bought a Zoo" (Outdoor Movies in the Downtown Park),**
Pre-movie activity (Bellevue.com Movie Trivia) starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us for outdoor movies in the Downtown Park! Come to the park and watch this free movie on the 40-foot screen, and enjoy free popcorn. We will be collecting items and cash donations to support YouthCare, a local non-profit. Items needed are backpacks and USB flash drives. If raining, movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

Aug 31 **Movies at Mercer Slough - "Beavers – The Biggest Dam Movies You Ever Saw,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Learn about the world of beavers, from their perspective! Watch beavers grow, play and transform their world. Running time is approximately 70 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov .

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Sept 7 **"The Tree" by Dana Lyons (children's activity),** 11 a.m. – Noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (two separate sessions)
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This powerful song of an ancient Douglas fir celebrates the age-old cycle of life in the Pacific Rain Forest, revealing the interconnectedness of all things. We will make a tree that changes colors with the seasons to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** $2; parent and child must both register. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66819 or #66820. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Sept 11 **Back to School Dance,** 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
The "Sound of Swing" will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

Sept 14 **"Bird Nests" (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The breeding season is wrapping up, but come see some of the fascinating nests that Mercer Slough's birds built this season. We'll talk about what nests are, what they do and how you can help birds right here in Bellevue! Join us after the program for a game of nest hide-and-seek. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Sept 15 **"Nature Bingo" (family activity),** 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about the elements that make up the natural world while you race to yell "Nature Bingo!" first! **Ages:** 4 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. Parent and child must both register. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #66828. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Sept 16 **"Plants" (nature movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Written and narrated by esteemed naturalist David Attenborough, experience the stand-out BBC nature documentary series, LIFE. In this movie, plants endure a daily struggle for water, nutrients and light. Running time is approximately 50 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for age 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Sept 22 **Lake to Lake Bike Ride,** 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Start and finish at Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 164th Avenue SE
This non-competitive, recreational, adventure ride consists of loops that travel through many of Bellevue's parks and bikeways on pavement, some gravel trails and dirt. **Ages:** Recommended for 8 years and older. **Cost:** Entry fees are $15/adult, $10/ages 17 and under, and $30/family up to three people residing at same address. **Pre-registration:** Not required. All participants must sign-in/register on event day. **Info:** Ted Mittelstaedt at tmittelstaedt@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4882.

Sept 23 **"Tremendous Trees" (ranger program),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
These beautiful, gentle plants are as diverse and interesting as humans. Come learn about the ancient intelligence of trees: why do trees have bark? Why are their leaves green? How do you tell them apart? Join us for fun and games while learning about our tree neighbors! **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

Sept 23 **Guest Lecture Series: "Kokanee and You,"** 11 a.m. to Noon
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Lake Sammamish is home to a small population of Kokanee Salmon that is fighting for its life. Join a representative of the Lake Sammamish Kokanee Workgroup to learn about Kokanee, what is being done to conserve them and how citizens can get involved in their own neighborhoods. **Ages:** Best for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** go to www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885, course #66981. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Sept 23 **"Fuzzy Wuzzy Bears" (children's movie),** 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Looking for food and looking for trouble out in bear country. See grizzly bears, polar bears, black bears and more – even giant pandas and raccoons, too. All fuzzy and fun! Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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Sept 28 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Planet Earth – Fresh Water,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Follow rivers as they course from mountains to the sea, nourishing unique and dramatic wildlife. From the world's deepest lake inhabited by the only species of freshwater seal, to a stunning look at the world's highest waterfall, "Fresh Water" offers a unique perspective on the secret lives teeming in our purest waters. Approximately 50 minutes. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Sept 30 **"What are People For?" by Wendell Berry (Naturalists' Book Club),**
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Wendell Berry identifies himself as both "a farmer of sorts and an artist of sorts," which he deftly illustrates in the scope of these 22 essays. Ranging from America's insatiable consumerism and household economies to literary subjects and America's attitude toward waste, Berry gracefully navigates from one topic to the next. He speaks candidly about the ills plaguing America and the growing gap between people and the land. Despite the somber nature of these essays, Berry's voice and prose provide an underlying sense of faith and hope. **Ages:** 15 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195

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SEASONAL EVENTS

Feb-Sept **Garden d'Lights Classes,** offered monthly at various times
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Learn to make beautiful flower light creations that will actually become part of the display at the yearly Garden d'Lights at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. **Ages:** Adults. **For more info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org for class types, fees, times and dates.

April-Oct **Docent-led Tour,** every Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m.
May-Sept **Plant ID Tours,** 1 p.m. on May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11 and September 8
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Reservations are not required. **Cost:** Free! **For more info:** 425-451-3755 or 425-452-2750.

April 28 – July 8 **"Wolves in Washington State" (traveling exhibit)**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE
Wolves, once hunted to near extinction, are making a comeback in Washington State. Understanding how to coexist with wolves is crucial to their survival. A complex story, "Wolves in Washington State" examines wolf habitat and land development issues as well as highlights the critical role wolves play in promoting a healthy ecosystem. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 14 and older. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-4195.

May-Sept **Canoe the Mercer Slough,** Saturdays and Sundays, 8:45 a.m. – Noon (no trips on August 4 and 5)
Launch at Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE
Explore the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water. After launching at Enatai Beach Park, we'll travel up the Mercer Slough, exploring the ecology and history of the area as we go. Please dress for the weather. Waiver form required for participation. Each canoe must have one experienced paddler. **Ages:** Family event; children must be at least 5 years old and accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** $14/residents and $16/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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June & Sept **Kids on the Farm Group Tours,** times vary
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Explore our farm and meet our goats, pig, sheep, rabbits, chickens and ponies.. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding and create a wool sheep to take home. **Ages:** For preschool and school groups, ages 2 and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to $5 per person). **Pre-registration is required. Info/Register**: 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .

July-Aug **FREE Indoor Cycling Summer Series,** Wednesdays, 6 a.m. – 7 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Catch an early morning or evening ride to start or end your day with a free, fun, all-levels ride. Morning rides begin Wednesday, July 11 and go through Wednesday, August 22. Evening rides begin Wednesday, July 18 and go through Wednesday, August 22. This is a great time to join others trying something new while burning up 600+ calories. Class is limited to 15 riders, so call SBCC to reserve a bike. **Ages:** 13+. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To reserve a bike:** 425-452-4240. **Info:** Email jperugini@bellevuewa.gov .

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

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.

Every 1st Monday each month
Snocone Night, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Bellevue Skate Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road (within Highland Community Park)
Bellevue Skate Park and Snowboard Connection are proud to present "Snocon Night." Various games, best trick contest, and give a ways for families and youth of all ages. Come check it out - you may walk away with some cool prizes. **Info:** 425-452-2722. **Register:** not required.

Every Monday
2011 Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

Every Monday
2012 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Committee, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan a biennial city-wide youth conference in Bellevue. Decide with other teens on selecting themes, workshops and speakers. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

Last Monday each month
Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road
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, Youth Link Program Coordinator, 425-452-5254, e-mail palina@bellevuewa.gov, or visit www.youthlink.com.

Every Tuesday
21st Annual Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119, 450 110th Avenue NE
Help plan a city-wide youth recognition event in Bellevue. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com .

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Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month
Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-119
Help plan a citywide youth recognition event in our community. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or visit www.youthlink.com.

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 visit www.youthlink.com.

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 visit www.youthlink.com.

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-112
Info: 425-452-7681 or visit www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm.

1st Saturday each month
Lewis Creek Ranger Hikes, first Saturdays – July 7, August 4, September 1
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Every Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger-led 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 winter visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Learn the history of the park, tour community gardens, and learn about local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7225.

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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.