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JULY EVENTS

July 1 **"A Frog Thing" by Eric Drachman (Fiction Fridays),** 11 a.m. - Noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. Frank, the frog, wanted to fly, but he was a frog and frogs can't fly. Follow along as Frank jumps and runs and leaps and dives until he finally finds his place in the pond. Learn what makes a frog so unique, and then create your own frog art to take home. Parents and children will explore together. **Ages:** 3-6. **Cost:** $2; both parent and child must register. **Pre-registration:** required. **To Register:** 425-452-6885. **Info** 425-452-4195.

July 3 **Ranger Program: Animal Tracking,** 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Become a Slough sleuth: learn five techniques for animal tracking so you can identify who made the tracks, what direction they were going, how fast they were moving and what they were doing when they made the tracks. **Ages:** All ages, family event. **Cost:** Free! **Info** 425-452-2565 or www.bellevuewa.gov/mseec.htm

July 4 **Symetra Bellevue Family 4th of July**, 2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us for a day of celebration and patriotism. The 4th of July celebration is a safe, fun and affordable event that represents not only our heritage, but also a strong sense of community spirit. People of all ages, from all walks of life, find pleasure and enjoyment in the day's activities. Activities for families include: roving jugglers, stilt walkers, interactive games, inflatables, climbing wall, candy art, mascots, food vendors and entertainment on the main stage. Once twilight fades, the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra will play a rousing Independence Day tribute set to the Eastside's largest fireworks display. **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** No admission fee; other fees vary. **Info:** Northwest Arts Center – NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

July 4 **Volunteer for Symetra Bellevue Family 4th of July**, 4 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Earn community services hours, receive a free meal and have fun as a volunteer at Symetra Bellevue Family 4th of July. Volunteers need to be comfortable in large crowds, have the ability to communicate with the public and follow directions, have a positive attitude, be willing to be outside regardless of weather and be able to be on their feet for a physically active day. **Ages:** Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. **Pre-register:** www.myparksandrecreation.com . **Info:** Northwest Arts Center – NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

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July 5 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park – "Yogi Bear" (PG),** pre-movie activities begin approximately 7:30 p.m.; movie starts at dusk
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs, and enjoy a family-friendly movie on a giant, 40-foot screen **Cost:** Free! **Donations:** backpacks and school supplies will be collected to benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue. **Info:** www.intelius.com/summermovies or Bellevue Parks at 425-452-4240.

July 8 **Local Area Hike – Weowna Park,** 10 a.m. - Noon
Weowna Park, 168th Avenue SE and SE 19th Street
Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Difficult. Soft-surface trail, towering trees, waterfalls and old-growth mixed forest. Limited parking; carpooling is encouraged. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 9 **Aquatic Plant Identification**, 10 a.m. – 1p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Want to learn to identify native and non-native aquatic plants? Become a Lake Weed Watcher, or simply join us for this informational program. The goal of this project is to watch for populations of invasive aquatic weeds. Detecting these weeds early will allow us to stop them before they get too entrenched to remove. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Registration:** required. **Info and to register:** Katie Messick at Katie.Messick@KingCounty.gov or call 206-263-6461.

July 9 **Birds and Beaks!,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you ever wondered why birds have such a variety of beaks? How do they use their beaks to search for and eat food? Join Eastside Audubon to discover the differences in birds' beaks and how they indicate what food they eat. Then make a feeder to take home. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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July 10 **"Frogs: The Thin Green Line" (Movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
It's Movie Time at Lewis Creek! Get a closer look at some of Nature's most wonderful treasures with our free movie series. This movie is part of the PBS Nature Series. The impact frogs have on the world's ecosystems is great. Frogs sit right in the middle of the food chain, and without them, other creatures are disappearing too. We are only just beginning to understand what life may be like without them. The race is on to stem the tide – before the next frog crosses the thin, green line. **Running time:** 56 minutes. **Ages:** Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. **Cost:** Free; donations will be gratefully accepted. **Registration:** required. **To Register:** 425-452-6885. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 11-16 **Bookwalk,** 9 a.m. on July 11 to 5 p.m. on July 15
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Take a short hike with your little ones and read the delightful book, *Where Would I Be in an Evergreen Tree?* Introduce your little ones to the magnificent evergreen tree and the many creatures and plants who make their home in, under and around its abundant branches. Pick up the trail map and borrow a magnifying glass at the front desk. **Ages:** 5 and under. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **No registration needed**. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

July 12 **Bastille Day 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 is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

July 12 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park – "Despicable Me" (PG),** pre-movie activities begin approximately 7:30 p.m.; movie starts at dusk
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs, and enjoy a family-friendly movie on a giant, 40-foot screen **Cost:** Free! **Donations:** grocery gift cards and movie tickets will be collected to benefit The Sophia Way. **Info:** www.intelius.com/summermovies or Bellevue Parks at 425-452-4240.

July 13 **Rabbit Tales,** 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 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 and how they like to be touched, listen to a story about bunnies and do a craft project. **Ages:** all ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. No registration needed. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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July 14 **Around the World with Brian Vogan and His Good Buddies,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Sing and dance on a fantastical trip with this amazing band. Learn to say "hello" in other languages, and discover songs about strange animals while you hop, skip and jump around the world! Sponsored by Bellevue Friends of the Library in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** 2 and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. No registration needed. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

July 16 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th Place SE
Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. The programs are free to the public and appropriate for people of all ages. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! No registration needed. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

July 16 **Learning to See by Looking: Digital Photography,** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Accomplished photographer, Chad White, explores how humans interact with nature through photography. This introductory course teaches nature photography techniques, provides one-on-one instruction and time to practice your skills in Mercer Slough Nature Park. Participants must bring their own digital camera. **Ages:** 18+. **Cost:** $5. **Pre-registration:** required. **To Register:** www.MyParksAndRecreation.com or 425-452-6885 for Course #57870. **Info** 425-452-2565 or www.bellevuewa.gov/mseec.htm .

July 17 **Wild Tracks,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
We can tell a lot about a wild animal by its tracks! Learn the basics in animal tracking, search for tracks and other signs of wildlife in the park, and make a plaster track to take home. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** $3. **Registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 19 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park – "Letters to Juliet" (PG),** pre-movie activities begin approximately 7:30 p.m.; movie starts at dusk
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs, and enjoy a family-friendly movie on a giant, 40-foot screen **Cost:** Free! **Donations:** bath tissue and cleaning products will be collected to benefit Eastside Domestic Violence Program. **Info:** http://www.intelius.com/summermovies or Bellevue Parks at 425-452-4240.

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July 21 **Take a Musical Mystery Tour with Eric Odle,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Robinswood Barn at Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue SE
There is a musical mystery to solve, and Eric's good buddy, Benjamin Dog, is on the case. With his Time Traveling Transportamatic, Benjamin zips from Asia to Australia, from Africa to Argentina. This event will be held in the park on the grass area outside. Please bring a blanket to sit upon. Sponsored by Bellevue Friends of the Library in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

July 23 **Local Area Hike – Mercer Slough Nature Park,** 10 a.m. - Noon
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 2.1 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Easy. Soft-surfaced trails and raised boardwalk into Bellevue's largest wetland with opportunities for wildlife viewing. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

July 26 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park – "Megamind" (PG),** pre-movie activities begin approximately 7:30 p.m.; movie starts at dusk
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs, and enjoy a family-friendly movie on a giant, 40-foot screen **Cost:** Free! **Donations:** pasta sauce and cereal will be collected to benefit Treehouse. **Info:** http://www.intelius.com/summermovies or Bellevue Parks at 425-452-4240.

July 27 **Experience the Joy,** 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
The farm staff will introduce you to our resident hog, Joy. You will learn interesting facts and information about swine – such as what's the difference between a pig and a hog – then get a chance to see Joy up close. Give her a pat if you dare! **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free; donations to support the farm will be gratefully accepted. No registration is needed. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

July 27 **Bellevue All-Stars (Seniors) vs City of Bellevue VIPs,** 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 VIPs 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. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

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July 29 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Baby Tales,"** 5 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Every creature begins life in the same way – as a baby. But growing up is different for each of us. These are the stories of babies across the animal kingdom and their daunting journeys into a grown-up world. Approximately 60 minutes. **Ages:** Best for ages 8+. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2565.

July 29 **Bat Detectors,** 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Discover bats and the important role they play in nature and the food chain. We will dispel myths and discern the facts as we learn about the bats that live in the Pacific Northwest. Afterwards we will walk the grounds with a Bat Locator to see and hear the resident bats at work. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Participants are encouraged to make a donation to support the Northwest Bats non-profit organization. No registration needed. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

July 29-31 **Incredible Inflatables,**
Friday (noon – 8 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m. – 8 p.m.) and Sunday (10 a.m. – 6 p.m.)
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Are you looking for that insurmountable level of fun that will make your day and create memories? If so, you have 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 or just come on your own, and burn off some energy in this interactive fun zone. **Ages:** family event; children must be at least 3 to participate. **Cost:** Free admission; activity fees vary. No ATM is on site. **Info:** Northwest Arts Center – NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

July 30 **Buggin' Out,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Get an up-close look at our local aquatic insects with the Stream Team! Watch live "Bug TV" as we take a close look at the critters from our wetland under a video microscope. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** $3. **Registration:** required. **To register:** 425-452-6885. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

AUGUST EVENTS

Aug 2 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park – "How to Train Your Dragon" (PG),** pre-movie activities begin approximately 7:30 p.m.; movie starts at dusk
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs, and enjoy a family-friendly movie on a giant, 40-foot screen **Cost:** Free! **Donations:** paint brushes and acrylic paint will be collected to benefit Highland Community Center. **Info:** http://www.intelius.com/summermovies or Bellevue Parks at 425-452-4240.

Aug 5 **"Verdi" by Janell Cannon (Fiction Fridays),** 11 a.m. - Noon
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and activities with a Park Ranger. A baby yellow python is told to grow up big and green, but he loves his bright colors. Verdi is in no rush to grow up and tries different methods to keep from blending in with the trees. Discover how camouflage helps snakes blend into their habitat. Then make a snake bracelet to take home. Parents and children will explore together. **Ages:** 3-6. **Cost:** $2; both parent and child must register. **Registration:** required. **To Register:** 425-452-6885. **Info** 425-452-4195.

Aug 5 **Aloha Picnic and Dance,** 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Enjoy the summer sunshine and a BBQ dinner before dancing to great music. Adults with developmental disabilities and their families are welcome. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** $8 for residents; $10 for non-residents. **Info:** 425-452-7686.

Aug 6 **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 family entertainment and music in the Garden. The Fabulous Roadstars will provide excellent Dixieland music for your enjoyment. Genii Blue the Clown will entertain the kids. No alcoholic beverages and no pets, please. Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling. **Ages:** Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission; donations are encouraged. **Info:** BBGS Office – bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org or 425-451-3755.

Aug 7 **Ranger Program: Knots in the Outdoors,** 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Knots have been fundamental to human survival since prehistoric times. They are still used today for practical and recreational purposes including boating, fishing, climbing and camping. Try your hand at some common and complex knots. **Ages:** All ages, family event. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2565 or www.bellevuewa.gov/mseec.htm .

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Aug 9 **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 is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

Aug 9 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park – "Shrek Forever After" (PG),** pre-movie activities begin approximately 7:30 p.m.; movie starts at dusk
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs, and enjoy a family-friendly movie on a giant, 40-foot screen **Cost:** Free! **Donations:** Play-Doh and medium and large stickers will be collected to benefit the Kindering Center. **Info:** http://www.intelius.com/summermovies or Bellevue Parks at 425-452-4240.

Aug 10 **The Treasure of Twin Valley Dairy,** 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Unearth treasures of the past. Explore this historic farm park and the area's agricultural history while discovering how our forefathers lived, worked and played. Read stories in the dairy barn loft, and look for treasures in the fields and forest. Meet the farm animals, and learn more about them. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free; donations to help support the farm will be gratefully accepted. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Aug 12 **Local Area Hike – Coal Creek Park,** 10 a.m. - Noon
Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate. Soft-surfaced trails follow Coal Creek past waterfalls and evidence of the area's coal mining past. Limited parking; carpooling is encouraged. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 12-14 **Charlotte's Web – Bellevue Youth Theatre production**
August 12 and 13 at 7 p.m.; August 13 and 14 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11000 NE 6th Street
Come enjoy our summer presentation with this timeless classic of Charlotte, Templeton, Wilbur and his friends. This is a full stage productions and is suitable for the entire family. There is a two-hour running time with an intermission. **Ages:** This show is appropriate for all ages. **Cost:** $10 per ticket. Group rates are available. **Info:** Sheila Framke – sframke@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7155.

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Aug 13 **Nature Printing,** 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Buds, bugs, birds and more. Explore your surroundings and document the changing season with nature prints. Beginning and veteran artists enjoy this medium. We will experiment with non-toxic water-based inks, papers, an etching press and several different techniques to start a collection of Mercer Slough images. All tools and materials provided. No experience necessary. **Ages:** 18+. **Cost:** $5 registration and $10 materials fee at door. **Pre-registration:** required. **To Register:** www.MyParksAndRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course #57952. **Info** 425-452-2565 or www.bellevuewa.gov/mseec.htm .

Aug 14 **"Wolves: A Legend Returns to Yellowstone" (Movie),** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
It's Movie Time at Lewis Creek! Get a closer look at some of Nature's most wonderful treasures with our free movie series. National Geographic follows the re-introduction of the wolf into Yellowstone National Park and reveals how returning the species to this ecosystem has helped restore natural balance. **Running time:** 57 minutes. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 6 years and older. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult. **Cost:** Free; donations will be gratefully accepted. **Registration:** required. **To Register:** 425-452-6885. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 15-20 **Shakespeare in the Park: "As You Like It" (Bellevue Youth Theatre)**
Love, exile and passion flow in this work by Shakespeare. This piece will be presented in an hour format at several of our parks. Come enjoy Shakespeare this summer in the best of Bellevue's places – a park! **Ages:** This show is appropriate for ages 6 and up. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Sheila Framke – sframke@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7155.

- August 15, Noon to 1 p.m., Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
- August 16, Noon to 1 p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
- August 16, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
- August 18, noon to 1 p.m., Crossroads Park Plaza, 999 164th Avenue NE
- August 19, noon to 1 p.m., City Hall Lawn, 450 110th Avenue NE
- August 20, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Robinswood Park, 2430 148th Avenue NE

Aug 16 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park – "The Karate Kid" (PG),** pre-movie activities begin approximately 7:30 p.m.; movie starts at dusk
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs, and enjoy a family-friendly movie on a giant, 40-foot screen **Cost:** Free! **Donations:** backpacks and USB flash drives will be collected to benefit YouthCare. **Info:** http://www.intelius.com/summermovies or Bellevue Parks at 425-452-4240.

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Aug 18 **Music for All – Johnny Bregar and Friends,** 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Reaching across cultural and geographic boundaries, this group brings the fun to you. From old standards to catchy new original songs, they will have you clapping and singing along. Sponsored by Bellevue Friends of the Library and Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** Ages 3 and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Aug 20 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th Place SE
Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. The programs are free to the public and appropriate for people of all ages. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – 425-450-1049 or www.eastsideheritagecenter.org

Aug 20-21 **Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Show and Sale**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This show features a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners. **Cost:** Free admission; costs for plants vary. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.com or 425-452-2750.

Aug 23 **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park – "Gnomeo and Juliet" (G),** pre-movie activities begin approximately 7:30 p.m.; movie starts at dusk
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Bring your picnics, blankets and low-back chairs, and enjoy a family-friendly movie on a giant, 40-foot screen **Cost:** Free! **Donations:** jam/jelly and men's/women's socks will be collected to benefit Bellevue LifeSpring. **Info:** http://www.intelius.com/summermovies or Bellevue Parks at 425-452-4240.

Aug 24 **Click-N-Treat**, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Learn what clicker training is all about and how it is being used on the farm. See staff and volunteers demonstrate the technique they use to train the farm animals, including goats, sheep and chickens. Take home some basic techniques that you and your family can practice with your animals. **Ages:** Ages 5 years to adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.org or 425-452-7688.

Aug 24 **End of Summer Picnic,** 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Box lunches will be provided for this fun event. Try the "Cupcake Walk," play croquet, make crafts and win some great Bingo prizes! We'll be eating indoors, but some activities will take place outdoors, so dress for the weather. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $3 per person. Pre-registration is required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7681.

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Aug 26 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Life of Birds – Signals and Songs,"**
5 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Experience the colorful and intriguing life of birds. Learn how birds communicate with one another using songs, signals and occasionally a bit of mimicry in this documentary. Approximately 60 minutes.. **Ages:** Best for ages 8+. **Cost:** Free! **Info** 425-452-2565.

Aug 27 **Local Area Hike – Kelsey Creek Park,** 10 a.m. - Noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park (parking lot), 410 130th Place SE
Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 3 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate. Mixture of soft-surface and paved trail through forests and wetlands. Carpooling encouraged. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 27 **Incredible Inflatables**, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Are you looking for that insurmountable level of fun that will make your day and create memories? If so, you have 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 or just come on your own, and burn off some energy in this interactive fun zone. **Ages:** family event; children must be at least 3 to participate. **Cost:** Free admission; activity fees vary. No ATM is on site. **Info:** Northwest Arts Center – NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Aug 26-28 **Art in the Garden**, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Sculptures and garden art by twenty 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. **Ages:** Open to the public. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** BBGS Office – bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org or 425-451-3755.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sept 4 **Ranger Program - Raptors,** 2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know Mercer Slough Nature Park has raptors? Learn who these predators are, then roll up your sleeves to learn how and who they hunt by dissecting owl pellets. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2565 or www.bellevuewa.gov/mseec.htm .

Sept 10 **Northwest Perennial Alliance Fall Plant Sale,** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Wrap up the gardening year with bargains galore! Shop for plants that add fall and winter interest to the garden, including perennials from the famous NPA Border and an array of plants from specialty nurseries. Hot coffee and tents in case of inclement weather. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the NPA Border. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free admission; costs for plants vary. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/ .

Sept 13 **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. Pre-registration is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

Sept 13 & 15 **Kelsey Creek Pony Partners,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Avenue SE
Children will learn pony safety, grooming, basic parts of a pony, and then will enjoy a craft. Each partner must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The program runs rain or shine. No infants or older siblings. **Ages:** 2-5 years. **Registration:** required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7688 or kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .

Sept 17 **Lake to Lake Greenway Trail Walk,** 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm, 2380 Bellevue Way SE
Join Bellevue Parks and Northwest Striders to hike one of the nation's most spectacular urban greenway trails. Both 15K and 6K routes are available. Routes are not suitable for strollers or small children. No dogs allowed. **Cost:** Free for the general public; $3 per person for Volksport members. **Registration:** All participants must register the morning of the event, at the Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm. Register for the 15K between 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and registration for the 6K is open until noon. **Parking:** South Bellevue Park & Ride, 2700 Bellevue Way SE. **Info:** 425-452-2565.

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Sept 17 **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th Place SE
Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. The programs are free to the public and appropriate for people of all ages. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

Sept 17 **Autumn Leaves Dance,** 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Enjoy an evening of fun and the songs of the "Sound of Swing" band. USA Dance will be here to teach a lesson from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., followed by dancing to all of your big band favorites. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** $15 per person. Pre-registration is not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.

Sept 18 **Cycle the Wave – bike ride for a great cause,** staggered morning start times
Tibbetts Valley Park, 965 12th Avenue NW, Issaquah 98027
Cycle the Wave is an all-women/girls non-competitive bicycle ride through Bellevue and adjacent cities. The ride will bond together women through fitness and the desire to make a difference in the community by supporting domestic violence programs. Choose from ride lengths of 10, 25, 40 or 62 miles. This event is co-sponsored by the South Bellevue Community Center, official indoor training center, and all proceeds go to fund domestic violence programs. **Ages:** no age limit. **Cost:** $55 per person. **Info and to register:** by mail or online, see http://cyclethewave.org/ .

Sept 20 & 22 **Kelsey Creek Pony Partners,** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Avenue SE
Children will learn pony safety, grooming, basic parts of a pony, and then will enjoy a craft. Each partner must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The program runs rain or shine. No infants or older siblings. **Ages:** 2-5 years. **Registration:** required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7688 or kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .

Sept 23 **U.S. Naturalization Ceremony,** 11 a.m. – Noon
Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE
Immigrants to the United States will become official citizens. RSVP recommended. **Ages:** All ages. **Info:** Kevin Henry - 425-452-7886 or khenry@bellevuewa.gov .

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Sept 27 **Using the Field Indicators for Hydric Soils,** 9 a.m. – 4 p.m..
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This class will teach you how to effectively use the Hydric Soil Indicators in the Regional Supplements to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual. You will learn the basic processes that take place in saturated soil, and how to "read the story" of a soil profile. **Ages:** 18+. **Cost:** $75. **Registration:** required. **Register:** http://www.coastaltraining-wa.org/ **Info:** Cathy Angell, Coastal Training Program Coordinator – 360-428-1075 or cangell@padillabay.gov , Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Washington State Department of Ecology.

Sept 30 **Movies at Mercer Slough: "The Great Salmon Run,"** 5 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Natural forces drive a spectacular migration for some animals every year. The great salmon run in the Pacific Northwest is one of great opportunity and great danger. See what happens! Approximately 60 minutes. **Ages:** Best for ages 8+. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** 425-452-2565.

SEASONAL EVENTS

Jan-Oct **King County Master Gardener Workshops**, 10:30 a.m. to Noon, every Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Demonstration Garden 15500 SE 16th Street
Learn good gardening practices and home-based horticulture tips from a trained Master Gardener. **FREE. No registration required. Info:** 425-452-7225 or Demonstration Garden email – bellevuedemo@hotmail.com . For a full schedule of topics and dates, please visit http://bellevuewa.gov/lake_hills_greenbelt.htm

Mar-Sept **Garden d'Lights Classes**, 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. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org for class types, times and dates.

April-Oct **Docent-Led Tours,** 2 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Reservations are not required. **Info:** 425-451-3755.

April-Oct **Gourmet Bikers**, dates vary
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join other older adults for a day of low-impact exercise, fun, fellowship and lunch. We start around 10 a.m., bike for 12-15 miles for lunch, and then return. We will ride on flat bike trails and low-traffic roadways. Riders must provide their own bicycles and helmets. Contact July at 425-378-0645 to get involved.

April-Oct **Senior Hikers**, every Thursday at 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Like to get out of doors, commune with nature and get some exercise all at the same time? Join our hiking groups at the North Bellevue Community Center. Call Darrion at 425-452-7681 for details.

Apr-Oct **King County Master Gardener Drop-In Clinics,** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., every Wednesday and Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Demonstration Garden, 15500 SE 16th Street
Consult with Master Gardeners about all aspects of plant care, disease, propagation, identification and more. Bring questions! **FREE**. **Info:** 425-452-7225 or Demonstration Garden email – bellevuedemo@hotmail.com . **No registration is required.**

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Apr-Oct **2011 Community Gardens and P-Patch Programs**
The City of Bellevue offers P-Patch garden plots to the community at two locations. Each plot measures approximately 400 square feet, and water is supplied onsite. The Gardens will re-open on April 2, 2011. For more information, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact the Ranger Station at 425-452-7225. Administrative Office for the P-Patch program is at the Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station. Garden locations:

- Crossroads Par 3 Golf Course, 15801 NE 15th Street
- Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

May-Sept **Canoe the Slough,** 8:45 a.m. – Noon, every Saturday
(NOTE: no canoe tour on May 7.)
Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE
Bellevue Park Rangers lead this three-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. Children must be five years and older to participate. One adult must be present for every two children. Limit is three people per canoe (550 lbs). **Pre-registration** is required. **Cost:** $14 (Bellevue residents), $16 (non-residents). **Info:** 425-452-2565. **To register:** 425-452-6885.

May-Sept **Plant ID Tours,** 1 p.m., second Saturdays.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
These plant ID tours will be led by Bellevue Botanical Garden docents on May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13 and September 10. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Lisa Scott - 425-452-2750 or LScott@bellevuewa.gov .

June-Sept **Garden d'Lights Work Parties,** various times and dates.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
If you've participated in one or more Garden d'Lights classes, you are invited to come help this summer with preparations for our annual Garden d'Lights celebration. Participants will help make and repair flowers and/or critters to be placed in the garden this coming November and December. Once you attend a class and sign in with your contact information, you will be on the Work Party notification list and will receive notices of upcoming classes.

- To learn about Garden d'Lights classes, please visit: http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/dlights/fmdlights_classes.htm

Jun 22-Sept 14 **Free Wednesday Morning Indoor Summer Cycling Classes,**
6 a.m. – 7 a.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Catch a ride and burn up to 600 calories before the rest of your day begins. This one-hour workout for all fitness levels will definitely wake you up and start your day out right. Wear padded cycle shorts, heart rate monitor, and SPD cycle shoes if you have them; otherwise, wear layered athletic attire and shoes. Bring a bike cage sized water bottle and towel. Call SBCC to confirm dates and reserve a bike each week. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Joan Perugini at jperugini@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.

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September **Kids on the Farm Group Tours**
Kelsey Creek Farm, 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. Daily viewing. **Cost:** varies according to group size (up to $5 per person.) **Pre-registration:** required. **Info/Register**: 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov .

Sept-Nov **After School Volunteers,** 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Earn community service hours in this once-a-week after-school volunteer program at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. You need to have a willingness to learn, a positive attitude, a tolerance for being outside and an interest in animals. **Pre-registration is required. Info/Register**: 425-452-7688 or email kelseycreekfarm@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.

Every Saturday
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join a Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Visit restoration sites; learn about local wildlife; fun for the whole family. All ages welcome. **FREE. Info:** 425-452-7225. **Register:** not required.

Every Saturday
Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that Mercer Slough Nature Park is 320 acres? Join us for a free guided tour of the Environmental Education Center; explore the Park with a Ranger. Dress for weather. All ages welcome. **FREE. Register:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-2565. **NOTE:** No walk on Sept. 17.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Luncheon, Noon
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Adults 65 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. ***Suggested donation***: $3. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches. **Info/Pre-register:** 425-452-7681.