

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services**  
**Event List**

**July Events**

- July 1**      **Independence Day Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, 98007. Come and celebrate the founding of the United States of America with a delicious meal, Bingo, and doorprizes. Wear some red, white, and blue! Suggested donation of \$3 for those 60+, charge of \$6 for those under 60, payable at the door. Call 425-452-7681 for additional information.
- July 4**      **Symetra Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 2 p.m. – 11 p.m. Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 4<sup>th</sup> St NE. 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, airbrush painting, food vendors and live entertainment on the main stage. Once twilight fades on the green of Bellevue's Downtown Park, the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra will play a rousing Independence Day tribute set to the brilliant fireworks display which will delight everyone. For more information e-mail NWAC @bellevuewa.gov or call 425 452-4106.
- July 4**      **Volunteer for Symetra Bellevue Family 4<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 2 p.m. – 11 p.m. Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 4<sup>th</sup> St NE. Earn community service, receive a free meal and have Fun as a volunteer at Symetra's Bellevue Family 4th of July. Volunteers need to be comfortable in large crowds, have the ability to communicate with the public and follow directions, a positive attitude, willingness to be outside regardless of the weather and able to be on their feet for a physically active day. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Applications can be found on line at <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/COBCalendar/default.aspx>, or email NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or call the Special Events office at 425-452-4106. All applications must be received by June 20, 2009. Space is limited so sign up early.
- July 4**      **Big Band Patriot Concert**, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Crossroads Park, International Section, 16000 NE 10<sup>th</sup>. Join the Sounds of Swing, 21 piece band, for big band favorites and patriotic songs to celebrate Independence Day. For more information, call 425-452-7681.
- July 5**      **Ranger Program- Summer plants at Mercer Slough**, 2:30 p.m.- 3:00p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Field Guides and ID keys are just some of the ways to become familiar with plants! Learn about the amazing plants that live in the Mercer Sough wetland, and how they survive in this ecosystem. All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.

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- July 7**      **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park**, Show starts at dusk (approx. 9pm), Bellevue Downtown Park. Sponsored by Intelius. Grab a blanket and popcorn and bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to enjoy a free screening of Hotel for Dogs (PG) under the stars on a 25-foot screen. Plus, support Hopelink by donating non-perishable, canned food. Parking is limited to Downtown Park lots so carpooling and walking are encouraged. Call 425-452-4240 for additional information or go to <http://www.intelius.com/summermovies>.
- July 9**      **Bats of the Northwest**, 7-8:30 p.m. at Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. What do bats eat? Do they really suck blood? Join Barbara Ogaard from Bats Northwest as she dispels the myths and reveals the truth about bats and their importance to our environment. Then get an up-close look at a few live bats. Preregistration is required. To register, call: 425-452-6885 or visit [www.myparksandrecreation.com](http://www.myparksandrecreation.com). All ages welcome however program will be geared toward ages 10Y and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: FREE
- July 11**      **Stream Exploration**, 11a.m.-12p.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Come watch the mayfly nymph do the hoola and figure out the difference between the right-handed and left-handed snail. We will explore the teaming life in the waters of Lewis Creek with a dip net and a bucket, and learn something about the quality of our water. Preregistration is required. To register, call: 425-836-2697. All ages welcome. Cost: \$10 per person.
- July 11**      **Local Area Hikes-** Lewis Creek to Lakemont Community Park, 11a.m.-4p.m. Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. No registration required. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Distance: 5 miles.  
Level of difficulty: Strenuous.  
Details: Gravel trail, follows greenbelts through neighborhood areas and loops back to Lewis Creek Park via Lakemont Blvd.  
Meeting Place: Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. For more information call 425-452-4195.
- July 13- 18**      **Bookwalk**, 9a.m.- 8p.m., South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way. Take a short hike with your little ones and read a delightful poem introducing your children to the beautiful nature that surrounds us. This is a self-led hike where the book will be located a long the hike. Pick up the trail map at the SBCC front desk. Fro more information, call 425-452-4240.
- July 14**      **Independence Day Dance**, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, 98007. Enjoy the Sounds of Swing performing for your dancing pleasure. Fee of \$3, payable at the door. Call 425-452-7681 for additional information.

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- July 14**      **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park**, Show starts at dusk (approx. 9pm), Bellevue Downtown Park. Sponsored by Intelius. Grab a blanket and popcorn and bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to enjoy a free screening of *Bride Wars* (PG) under the stars on a 25-foot screen. Plus, support Overlake Service League by donating non-perishable, canned food and toiletries. Parking is limited to Downtown Park lots so carpooling and walking are encouraged. Call 425-452-4240 for additional information or go to <http://www.intelius.com/summermovies>.
- July 15**      **Bellevue All-Stars vs City of Bellevue VIPs Softball Challenge**, 4 p.m., Hidden Valley Sports Park, 1901 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, 98004. Come and cheer on your favorite team at this annual softball game between the Bellevue All-Stars (50+ year old team) and the City of Bellevue VIP's (including City Council, Park Board, Bellevue Network On Aging, and staff). The All-Stars currently hold the winning title. Weather permitting. FREE. Call 425-452-7681 for additional information.
- July 17**      **Rabbit Tales**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> PL SE, 98005. Teen farm volunteers and staff will introduce you to the world of domestic rabbits. Learn what they eat, where they live, and see a demonstration of how to handle a rabbit. For more information e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425 452-7688.
- July 17**      **Rhythms in Nature**, 6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Discover the soundscapes of nature through acoustic interpretation. Explore the sounds of the Mercer Slough with a trained naturalist. Then bring our explorations to life using percussion instruments. Instruments provided. Pre-registration is required. Cost \$5. To Register visit [www.MyParksAndRecreation.com](http://www.MyParksAndRecreation.com) or call 425-452-6885.
- July 17**      **Animal Adaptations**, 1p.m.– 2 p.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Why does an owl turn its head so far around? How can a cougar jump 30 feet in the air? Come explore the cool adaptations that animals in the Pacific NW have developed over the years. Then create and bring home an animal mask. Preregistration is required. To register, call 425-452-6885 or visit [www.myparksandrecreation.com](http://www.myparksandrecreation.com). Cost: FREE. Ages 6 and up. Donation of \$5 suggested to cover material costs.
- July 18**      **Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th PL SE. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life in the historic 1888 Fraser Cabin. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Free program appropriate for all ages. For more information, contact the Eastside Heritage Center at 425-450-1049.
- July 18**      **Nature Photography** 1-2:30 p.m., at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Have a digital camera and like to take pictures? Join

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Bellevue Community College professor and professional photographer Eric Tomberlin as he introduces you to the world of nature photography. This introductory course will help you learn just how to work your camera to get the most out of taking pictures of nature. All participants must bring their own digital camera. Preregistration is required. To register, call 425-452-6885 or visit [www.myparksandrecreation.com](http://www.myparksandrecreation.com). Cost: FREE Ages 10 and up.

- July 19**      **Ranger Program- Lichens of Mercer Slough**, 2:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Lichens are often overlooked and misunderstood. Learn what lichens are, how to identify them and the important role they play in Mercer Slough. All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.
- July 21**      **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park**, Show starts at dusk (approx. 9pm), Bellevue Downtown Park. Sponsored by Intelius. Grab a blanket and popcorn and bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to enjoy a free screening of Second Hand Lions (PG) under the stars on a 25-foot screen. Plus, support Eastside Domestic Violence by donating adult socks and toiletries. Parking is limited to Downtown Park lots so carpooling and walking are encouraged. Call 425-452-4240 for additional information or go to <http://www.intelius.com/summermovies>.
- July 21-24**    **Summer Wilderness Camp at Lewis Creek Park**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Ever wondered what you would do if you had to spend the night in the woods...UNEXPECTEDLY?! Come learn about basic wilderness survival with a trained naturalist. This 4 day camp will include lots of explore time in the woods while students learn basic wilderness survival skills, how to build a shelter, and how to make nature crafts from plants we harvest Preregistration is required. To register, call: 425-836-2697. Ages 7-12. Cost: \$120
- July 21-24**    **2009 Youth Leadership Academy**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Bellevue City Hall (450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue). A week-long free leadership training for middle and high school Bellevue students and residents. Provides your student with the tools that will help them prepare for the upcoming school year whether they serve in the Youth Link program, school, or in the community. Space is very limited. Pre-register by contacting Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or via email at [palina@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:palina@bellevuewa.gov)
- July 21,23,28, & 30**    **PARKDance**, 5:30 p.m -6 p.m. Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 4th St NE. Rain or shine PARKDance returns with its cast of highly athletic contemporary dancers flitting through, romping around, and transforming Bellevue’s Downtown Park with dance in unexpected places. Combining improvised and choreographed movement, dancers create vibrant moving images with simple gesture, large, full-bodied dancing, pedestrian movement and unexpected partnering; just for fun. Each week’s performances are

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created anew, using both choreographed and improvised contemporary dance. PARKDance is part of the SITE SERIES//Dance on Common Ground. For more information e-mail NWAC @bellevuewa.gov or call 425 452-6885.

- July 23**      **Kid's Show at Robinswood Park**, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Robinswood Park 2430 148<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, outside Grey Barn, day and time to be determined. In partnership with the Lake Hills Library and Bellevue Friends of the Library, the Kid's Show presents Linda Severt. Linda transforms everyday objects and musical instruments into whimsical props and characters, and weaves them into hilarious, daring tricks and routines with refreshing originality. The event will be held on the grass in the park; a blanket for seating is encouraged. For more information e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425 452-7688.
- July 23**      **Toxic Toy Testing**, 7p.m.-9p.m., Lewis creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Join the Washington Toxics Coalition and the City of Bellevue for free toy testing and information. In addition to testing your household's toys, Washington Toxics Coalition will offer some tips on choosing toxic free toys and products for your family. You can register for this program by visiting [www.MyParksandRecreation.com](http://www.MyParksandRecreation.com) or for more information call Laura Hughes at 4250452-7225.
- July 24**      **Going Batty**, 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m., Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. You will meet some live bats, then we will walk the grounds at Kelsey Creek Park with a Bat Locator to see and hear the resident bats at work and discover important role they play in nature and the food chain. We will dispel myths about the bats that live in the Pacific Northwest. Free, all ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425 452-7688.
- July 25**      **Local Area Hikes-** Weowna Park, 2p.m.-4 p.m. Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. No registration required. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes.  
Distance: 3 miles.  
Level of difficulty: Moderate  
Details: soft-surface trail, towering trees, waterfalls, old-growth mixed forest.  
Meeting Place: 168th Ave SE & 19th St, Limited Parking. Carpooling encouraged.  
For more information call 425-452-4195.
- July 25**      **Walk in the Woods**, 10a.m.-11a.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Warm, filtered sun through breezy branches, bird song ringing out from near and far, and critters scurrying amongst the underbrush...join us for a summer walk through the woods at Lewis Creek. A trained naturalist will guide the group as we discover the beauty

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of our Pacific Northwest forest. Preregistration is required. To register, call: 425-836-2697. All ages welcome. Cost: \$10 per person.

- July 28**      **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park**, Show starts at dusk (approx. 9pm), Bellevue Downtown Park. Sponsored by Intelius. Grab a blanket and popcorn and bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to enjoy a free screening of *The Express* (PG) under the stars on a 25-foot screen. Plus, support Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue by donating a backpack and school supplies. Parking is limited to Downtown Park lots so carpooling and walking are encouraged. Call 425-452-4240 for additional information or go to <http://www.intelius.com/summermovies>.
- July 31**      **Nature Writing**, 1p.m.-2:30 p.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Come relax as we use Lewis Creek to inspire some creative nonfiction. Sit outside by the wetland and jot down notes, poetry and stories. Then share your work with others over some lemonade. Preregistration is required. To register, call: 425-452-6885 or visit [www.myparksandrecreation.com](http://www.myparksandrecreation.com). Ages 10Y and up. Cost: FREE.
- July 31**      **Movie at Mercer Slough- Life of Mammals- Opportunists**, 5 p.m.- 6 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Have you ever wondered why those pesky raccoons dig in your garbage? The mischievous and misunderstood opportunists of the world are finally exposed. This movie looks at the lives of raccoons, skunks, fox, grizzly and other unusual opportunists. All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.

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- Jul 31-Aug 9 Girl Power**, July 31, August 1, 7 & 8 from 7:00 to p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and August 2 & 9 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way. Bellevue Youth Theatre presents an original play about the struggles and successes that young women face in life. Set in an all girls school, the girls are given a famous woman from history to research and in the process find out how that woman is like them and how they can all work together to become strong and successful women. Cost: \$10 per assigned seat. For more information contact Sheila Franke at 425-452-7155.
- Aug. 1 Pops in the Park**, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Pack a picnic supper and bring family and friends to an enchanting summer evening at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. The event will include music by Bonnie Birch International Band and balloon fun with a professional clown to entertain the kids. Sponsored by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and the Bellevue Parks & Community Services, this event is free and open to the public. Donations are encouraged. For more information, contact Lisa by email at [lscott@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:lscott@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-2750.
- Aug. 1 EHC- Pioneer Pastimes**, 1p.m.-3p.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Go back in time with the Eastside Heritage Center! Get a hands-on look at coal mining artifacts, activities, and make butter! Children can make a coal mining metal badge to take home. Join the park rangers for a short hike around Lewis Creek! For more information call 425-450-1049 or email [savita@eastsideheritagecenter.org](mailto:savita@eastsideheritagecenter.org). Cost: FREE Age: 4Y and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Aug. 2 Ranger Program – Wetlands**, 2:30 p.m. - 3:00p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Learn all about Lake Washington's largest wetland. Discover the animals that call the Mercer Slough wetland home and how the wetland works. Live demonstrations. All ages welcome. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.
- August 4 Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park**, Show starts at dusk (approx. 9pm), Bellevue Downtown Park. Sponsored by Intelius. Grab a blanket and popcorn and bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to enjoy a free screening of Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) under the stars on a 25-foot screen. Plus, support Treehouse by donating youth pajamas. Parking is limited to Downtown Park lots so carpooling and walking are encouraged. Call 425-452-4240 for additional information or go to <http://www.intelius.com/summermovies>.
- Aug. 4 Bellevue Botanical Garden Society Annual Meeting**, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., NOTE: This event is NOT at the Garden. FREE for Members, \$25 for Non-Members. Special Guest Speaker, Dan Hinkley. For reservations

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and location contact [bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org](mailto:bbgsoffice@bellevuebotanical.org). or call 425-451-3755. Door prizes!

- Aug. 6**      **Horsemanship Demonstration** at Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. If you come to this demonstration you just might see dancing horse. Come watch our young riders demonstrate connecting with their horse, Eli, Winchester, Gus and others. Students will work on ground handling techniques and demonstrate their skills in the saddle. Observe students maneuver through an obstacle course. For more information e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov).
- Aug. 6**      **Learning to See by Looking**, 7p.m.-8:30p.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Join Eric Tomberlin, professor at BCC and professional photographer, as he examines how humans interact with nature. Preregistration is required. To register, call: 425-452-6885 or visit [www.myparksandrecreation.com](http://www.myparksandrecreation.com). Cost: FREE. Age: 10Y and up.
- Aug. 7**      **Aloha Picnic and Dance**, 5:00pm-9:30pm, Highland Community Center 14224 Bel-Red Rd. Participants and family members of adults with developmental disabilities are invited to come to our BBQ picnic and dance. For more information and registration requirements please call 425-452-7686.
- Aug. 8**      **Local Area Hikes-** Coal Creek Park, 2p.m.-4 p.m. Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. No registration required. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes.  
Distance: 4 miles.  
Level of difficulty: Easy  
Details: soft-surface trail, follows coal creek past waterfalls and shows evidence of the historic coal-mining district.  
Meeting Place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE. Limited Parking. Carpooling encouraged.  
For more information call 425-452-4195.
- Aug. 11**      **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park**, Show starts at dusk (approx. 8:30 pm), Eastgate Park (South Bellevue Community Center). Sponsored by Intelius. Grab a blanket and popcorn and bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to enjoy a free screening of Kung Fu Panda (PG) under the stars on a 25-foot screen. Plus, support Youth Care by donating adult socks and undergarments. Parking is limited so carpooling and walking are encouraged. The movie will be shown indoors during inclement weather. Call 425-452-4240 for additional information or go to <http://www.intelius.com/summermovies>.
- Aug. 11**      **Celebrate Summer Dance**, 2p.m.-4p.m. at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Sounds of Swing will perform for your dancing pleasure. Dance to favorites of the Big Band era and enjoy music specific to the season. Call 425-452-7681 for information.

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- Aug. 15**      **Lewis Creek Wildlife**, 10a.m.-11a.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Did you know that cougars can jump so high that they could land on the roof of our Visitor Center? Or that our resident coyotes leave messages for each other along the trail? Come join us as we explore the many kinds of wildlife in Lewis Creek Park. We will start at the center and then walk into the woods to look for wildlife signs. Preregistration is required. To register, call: 425-836-2697. \$10 per person. All ages welcome.
- Aug. 15**      **East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flower Show**, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. ELWD celebrates 50 years of gardening and volunteerism. This outstanding exhibition includes horticultural specimens, floral displays and educational exhibits. For more information, contact Lisa by email at [lscott@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:lscott@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-2750.
- Aug. 15**      **Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th PL SE. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life in the historic 1888 Fraser Cabin. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Free program appropriate for all ages. For more information, contact the Eastside Heritage Center at 425-450-1049.
- Aug. 14-16**    **Dr. Doolittle**, Aug.14 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Aug.15 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Aug.16 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6<sup>th</sup> St. Join us for a timeless romp through the animal kingdom with everyone's favorite veterinarian who talks to the animals! This colorfully costumed show with lively music is suitable for the entire family. Cost: \$10 per assigned seat. For more information contact Sheila Framke at 425-452-7155.
- Aug. 16**      **Ranger Program- Bugs**, 2:30p.m.- 3:00p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Crawling, flying, swimming, and even biting, many insects and other invertebrates live in the Mercer Slough wetland. Explore the trails and see what bugs we encounter! All ages welcome. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.
- Aug. 16**      **My First Triathlon 4 Kids**, 11a.m. – 2p.m., at Bellevue Aquatic Center Co-Sponsored by South Bellevue Community Center. Youth, ages 10 – 12, swim 10 minutes in the pool; walk or run 10 minutes on the Odle Middle School track, and cycle 10 minutes on stationary bikes. The goal

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is to have fun trying your first Triathlon. Fee is \$20. Each participant 'wins' a T-shirt. Get in competition shape by enrolling in the Fit Camp 4Kids the weeks of July 13–17 and/or Aug. 10–14. Call 425-452-4240 for additional information.

- Aug. 18**      **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park**, Show starts at dusk (approx. 8:30 pm), Eastgate Park (South Bellevue Community Center). Sponsored by Intelius. Grab a blanket and popcorn and bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to enjoy a free screening of Ghostbusters (PG) under the stars on a 25-foot screen. Plus, support YWCA by donating toiletries. Parking is limited so carpooling and walking are encouraged. The movie will be shown indoors during inclement weather. Call 425-452-4240 for additional information or go to <http://www.intelius.com/summermovies>.
- Aug. 19**      **End Of Summer Picnic**, 11:30am-1:30pm at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Co-sponsored by Madison House of Totem Lake with support from Brighton Gardens Bellevue. Enjoy a delicious box lunch along with old fashioned games of Badminton, Croquet, a Cupcake Walk, and of course Bingo. Make a craft to take home. Pre-registration required by Aug. 15. This event sells out, so register early. Call 425-452-7681 for information.
- Aug. 20**      **Hog Walk**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130th PL SE. Join Kelsey Creek Farm's resident hog, Joy, as she takes a leisurely stroll in the park. The experience starts with farm volunteers and caretaker staff sharing interesting facts and information about swine – like what's the difference between a pig and a hog - then join Joy as she takes a walk in the park. The "Hog-Talk" begins at 1pm and the "Hog-Walk" starts at approximately 1:20pm. For more information e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425 452-7688.
- Aug. 22**      **Animal Homes**, 10a.m.-11a.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Did you know that a hummingbird's nest is woven together with spider web? Or that a squirrels' nest is really like a sleeping bag? Come join us as we explore the different types of animal homes at Lewis Creek Park. Preregistration is required. To register, call: 425-836-2697. Cost: \$10 per person. All ages welcome.
- Aug. 22/23**    **Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Show and Sale**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Featuring a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners. For more information, visit [www.bellevuebotanical.com](http://www.bellevuebotanical.com) or call 425-452-2750.
- Aug. 25**      **Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park**, Show starts at dusk (approx. 8:30 pm), Eastgate Park (South Bellevue Community Center). Sponsored by Intelius. Grab a blanket and popcorn and bring your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to enjoy a free screening of Back to the Future (PG) under the stars on a 25-foot screen. Plus, support Hopelink by donating non-perishable, canned food. Parking is limited so carpooling

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and walking is encouraged. The movie will be shown indoors during inclement weather. Call 425-452-4240 for additional information or go to <http://www.intelius.com/summermovies>.

**Aug 28**      **Movie at Mercer Slough- How the Earth Was Made**, 5p.m. – 6p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 188<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. From a seething ocean of radioactive, molten rock to a refuge for life as we know it, Earth has undergone a staggering series of cataclysmic transformations. Enjoy watching the twisting course of Earth's amazing journey. All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.

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- Sept. 6**      **Ranger Program- Life Under Water**, 2:30p.m.-3 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. What lives beneath the water of White Pond at Mercer Slough? Invertebrates, frogs and even turtles. Learn how they are adapted to move through and live in the water. All ages welcome. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.
- Sept. 12**      **Beginning Birding at Mercer Slough**, 8a.m.-10a.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 188<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Do you know that we have over 400 species of birds in Washington? Mercer Slough Nature Park is essential to migratory birds and year-round residents. Learn how to find and identify birds with an accomplished instructor. Bring binoculars if you have them and dress for the weather. Pre-registration required. Adults only. Cost \$5. To Register visit [www.MyParksAndRecreation.com](http://www.MyParksAndRecreation.com) or call 425-452-6885.
- Sept. 19**      **Lake-to-Lake Greenway Trail Walk, *Connecting People, Parks and Nature***: 15K Volkssport walk highlighting Bellevue's Park and Open Space System along the Lake to Lake Greenway Trail. Park at South Bellevue Park & Ride on Bellevue Way. Register the morning of the event between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm, 2380 Bellevue Way. Shuttle will run every ½ hour to the start of the trail at Weowna Park. 6K Walking route also available in the Mercer Slough Nature Park only. For more information, call 425 452-7106.
- Sept 19**      **Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs**, 11a.m. – 3p.m., at Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Fraser Cabin, 410 130th PL SE. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life in the historic 1888 Fraser Cabin. Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. Free program appropriate for all ages. For more information, contact the Eastside Heritage Center at 425-450-1049.
- Sept. 20**      **Ranger Program- Mercer Slough Amphibians**, 2:30 p.m.- 3p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Wetlands are one of the most important habitats for amphibians of the northwest! Discover the reasons why so many frogs, salamanders and newt make the Mercer Slough their home. All ages welcome. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.
- Sep 21**      **Fall Prevention Event**, 10am-12p.m., at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE. Join students from the University of Washington's Physical Therapy School for balance testing and Fall Prevention tips.
- Sep 23**      **Mid-Autumn Festival**, 11:30am – 1pm, at North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Celebrate the harvest with a festive meal and enjoy listening to the Chinese & English Chorus performance and join in the singing and dancing.

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**Sept. 25**      **Movies at Mercer Slough- Life of Birds: Signals and Songs**, 5p.m.-6:30p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Experience the colorful and intriguing life of birds. Learn how birds communicate with one another using signs, signals and occasionally a bit of mimicry in this documentary. Best for ages 10+. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. For more information, call 425-452-2565.

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**Seasonal Events**

- July-Sept.** **Sit, Sip & Stroll**, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE . Take in the magnificent views of Mercer Slough. Enjoy our brand new sustainably built facility that sits among the trees. Sip on coffee or tea as you observe and discuss nature from a comfortable chair or use the spotting scope to find and watch wildlife. Then, a Park Ranger will lead a guided stroll along the trails. Starting October 30th, adults and seniors are welcome to drop-in the Douglas Fir Community Room to join us every Thursday at 11:00 am. No registration necessary. For more information call 425-452-2565.
- July-Sept.** **Crossroads P-Patches**, Registration for the City of Bellevue P-patches at Crossroads has begun! Opening at the end of June, this community garden is looking for groups of Bellevue residents to grow fresh produce for local food banks over the summer. This seasonal opportunity is also open to individuals interested in gardening. For more information please call Laura Hughes at 425-452-7225.
- July- Oct.** **Docent-led tours**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. every Saturday & Sunday at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St. Reservations are not required. For more information call 425-451-3755.
- July- Sept** **Canoe the Mercer Slough**, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. at Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Explore the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water and see how this amazing wetland ecosystem functions. Participants are required to paddle the entire distance of 4 miles. Trip begins and ends at Enatai Beach Park. Some paddling experience is required. Up to 3 people per canoe. Please dress for the weather. For ages 5+. Children and youth must have at least 1 adult present for every 2 children or youth. Please call 425-452-7225 with any questions.
- July-Aug** **Kelsey Creek Farm Summer Volunteers** times vary, Monday-Friday, Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> PL SE, 98005 Experience new challenges, expand your knowledge, and develop and use your abilities as you help build a strong community through volunteering. A variety of programs provide opportunities for teens and adults to work with a diverse group of people in a safe environment.
- July – Aug.** **Wednesday Night Weed-in, 5 – 8 pm, at Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St.** Skip the gym, forgo the traffic, and stop by the border for a few hours on summer evenings. The plan is to meet at 5-ish and have a bit of social time discussing last week's topic while everyone filters in. Then head out for an in-garden discussion of a plant or group of plants. Each week (yes, EVERY week!) we will tackle a different area to work in, mostly light duty stuff such as dead-heading, weeding etc. Come once or come every week to have some fun after work. For more information contact [george@crows-hop.com](mailto:george@crows-hop.com).

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**Sept-Oct. Garden d'Lights Classes**, Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street, Bellevue, 98005. 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. Visit the website [bellevuebotanical.org](http://bellevuebotanical.org) for class types, times and dates.

### **Ongoing Events**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month**

**Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners**, 11a.m.– 3:30p.m. at Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130<sup>th</sup> Pl SE. Visitors are invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. No registration necessary. All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call 425.452.7688 or e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov).

#### **Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month**

**Outspoken Teen Newspaper**, 4p.m.-5p.m., Bellevue City Hall, Rm. 1E-119, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. Teen newspaper created by teens for teens. For more info, call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit our web site at [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com)

#### **Last Monday of each month**

**Youth Link Teen Closet Distribution Event**, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at World Impact Network, 2015 Richards Road, Bellevue (just between SE 21st & Richards Road). Teen Closet is free clothing bank for teens and families in the Bellevue area. Individuals, families, and community groups interested in volunteering at the event can contact Patrick Alina, Youth Link Program Coordinator, at 425-452-5254 or via email at [palina@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:palina@bellevuewa.gov) For more info, please visit web site at [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com)

#### **Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month**

**Community Leadership Awards Night Planning Committee**, 4p.m.-5p.m., Bellevue City Hall Rm. 1E-119, 450 110th Ave NE. Help plan a city-wide youth recognition event in our community! For more info, call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit our web site at [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com)

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month**

**Bellevue Youth Court**, 6p.m. – 8 p.m., Bellevue City Hall - Council Chambers, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court. Two juvenile court cases. For more information, call 425-452-2846.

#### **Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month**

**Bellevue Youth Council Meeting**, 5p.m.-7p.m., Bellevue City Hall in Rm. 1E-120, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students. For more info, call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or visit our web site at [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com)

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**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month**

**Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting-** 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110th Ave NE. For more information, call 425-452-7681 or visit [www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm)

**Every Thursday each month**

**“Jub-Hub” Teen Café Peer Mentoring Project & TRACKS Action Team,** 4p.m.-6 p.m., Jubilee Reach Center, 14200 SE 13<sup>th</sup> Pl. Plan special events with other teens, help other students with their homework, learn more about our environment and the world we live in at a Café-like atmosphere. Be the difference! For more info, call 425-452-5254 or visit our web site at [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com)

**First Saturday each month**

**Bellevue Birding,** 9 a.m.-10 a.m. at Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE. Once a month, grab your binoculars and your boots and come join us to look for birds. Free. For more information call 425-452-4195.

**Weekly. Saturdays (May-June)**

**Guided Tour and Wetland Walk,** 1p.m. – 2 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Join us for a free guided tour of the new Environmental Education Center and wetland walk in the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Starting November 1st, we’ll meet at the Visitor Center every Saturday at 1:00 pm. No registration necessary. All ages are welcome. For more information call 425-452-2565.

**Weekly. Saturdays (July-Sept.)**

**Nature Walk** 2p.m. – 3 p.m. at Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE. Join us for a free Ranger led tour of the Mercer Slough wetland and Environmental Education Center. Explore the plants and wildlife that call Mercer Slough home. No registration necessary. All ages are welcome. Free. For more information call 425-452-2565.

*Event information as of June 30, 2009*