

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
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AUGUST 2014

June 13 – August 17 Nature Photography Contest

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Have some great nature shots taken in Bellevue's parks that you want to share with the community? Enter Lewis Creek Park's Nature Photography Contest! The winner's photographs will be displayed at Bellevue Parks' environmental education centers. Entries can be submitted in person at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE, from Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or mailed to Lewis Creek Park Rangers, 16023 NE 8th Street, Bellevue WA 98008. The winner will be announced on August 31! Please see entry form for contest rules and regulations. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 1 Sing a Song of Science – Nancy Stewart (Children's Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a musical performance at Kelsey Creek Farm Park. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Aug 1 See What's in the Sea (Children's Activity), two sessions, choose one
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Follow the adventures of a hermit crab as he tries to find a new shell and discover what lives along the shore! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, activity code 85180 and 85181. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Aug 1 Bats at Twilight, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Discover bats and the important role they play in nature. Bats Northwest will dispel myths and discern the facts as we learn about the bats that live in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. After dusk, we will scan the evening skies to see the bats that live at Kelsey Creek Park and use a bat detector to see and hear the resident bats at work. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 10 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Donations of \$1/person or \$5/family are suggested to help support Bats Northwest, a local non-profit organization. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Aug 2** **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. 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.
- Aug 3** **“Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air” (Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover the fast and marvelous lives of the tiniest warm-blooded animals on Earth as they are captured at 500 images per second, from nose dives to mating rituals. Running time is 73 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 5** **Bellevue Botanical Garden Society’s Annual Trillium Celebration (annual meeting) – open to the public**, 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street
Join us for the BBGS’s annual meeting with speaker Dan Hinkley. **Cost:** Free for BBGS members; \$25 for non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** www.bellevuebotanical.org.
- Aug 5** **“Gravity” (Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park)**,
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
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, the movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG-13, edited. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and www.inome.com/summermovies
- Aug 7** **“Walking with Dinosaurs” (Crossroads Movies in the Park)**,
Movie begins at dusk
Crossroads Community Park, International Area, 16140 NE 8th Street
Bring your family to enjoy a movie outside, under the stars. If it’s raining, the movie will be cancelled. Crossroads Park Outdoor Movies are sponsored by Crossroads Shopping Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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- Aug 8** **Buzzing Blueberries**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Bellevue has some wonderful opportunities for picking blueberries. How do the berries grow? It all starts with a bee or other pollinator. Bring your family to discover how important our pollinators are for blueberries and other plants, then you can check in with farm stands to pick blueberries. *Farm stand rates apply to u-pick purchases.* Please dress for the weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to attend. **Cost:** Program is free! Farm stand rates apply to u-pick purchases. **Pre-registration:** Required, course 85117. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.
- Aug 9** **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, hands-on workshop teaches telephone etiquette, basic table manners, introductions, personal care and posture. **Ages:** 6 to 11 years old. **Cost:** \$50/resident and \$60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, activity code 84682. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 9** **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 old. **Cost:** \$50/resident and \$60/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com, activity code 84684. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Aug 9** **Hurried Hummingbirds**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that a hummingbird flaps its wings 40-80 times per second? Or that they must eat more than half their body weight in nectar every day? Come learn about these amazingly agile birds, and make a hummingbird feeder to take home!. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Aug 10** **Ranger Program: Tree Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Come learn about the native trees in your neighborhood! We'll go on a tree walk to learn how trees fit into our urban ecosystem, and why they're so valuable. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 10** **“Wild Kratts: 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:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 12** **Sound of Swing 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:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$3, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.
- Aug 12** **Lecture Series at Bellevue Botanical Garden**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Richie Steffen of the Miller Botanical Garden presents Great Plant Picks, “Made in the Shade.” **Ages:** Best for ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - \$5; non-BBGS members - \$15. Payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org .
- Aug 12** **Computer Hardware Repair**, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Are you having computer troubles? Bring in your PC for help. Provided by Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.
- Aug 12** **“The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” (Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park)**,
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
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, the 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 and www.inome.com/summermovies

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- Aug 13** **Rabbit Tales**, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Get up close to the Kelsey Creek rabbits. Teen volunteers and staff will teach you about what rabbits eat, where they live and how they like to be touched. Create a craft project to take home. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free – donations suggested to help support the farm (\$1/person or \$5/family). **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Aug 14** **ChowDown(town) – Bellevue Food Truck Round-Up**, 3:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Ashwood Park, 10820 NE 10th Street
Picnic in the Park with various choices from the best of Bellevue food trucks! Entertainment will be provided by Dysfunction Junction Bluegrass Band from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free parking is available at the Bellevue Library. Event is sponsored by the City of Bellevue and King County Library System. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** No admission; costs vary for food. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Jon Wilson at jswilson@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4278.
- Aug 14** **“Jack the Giant Slayer” (Crossroads Movies in the Park)**,
Movie begins at dusk
Crossroads Community Park, International Area, 16140 NE 8th Street
Bring your family to enjoy a movie outside, under the stars. If it’s raining, the movie will be cancelled. Crossroads Park Outdoor Movies are sponsored by Crossroads Shopping Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG-13. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Aug 15** **Brian Waite Band**, 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, welcomes the Brian Waite Band and Rock ‘n Roll Adventurers. Their mission is to sow the seeds of top-quality music and storytelling, produce innovative, unique and imaginative shows and awaken kids to the joy of live entertainment. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Aug 15-17** **“Pippi Longstocking and the Wayward Pirates” (Bellevue Youth Theatre production)**, August 15 and 16 at 7 p.m., and August 16 and 17 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
Come join us as we meet the unconventional character you remember from the books – Pippi Longstocking. Pippi, along with some new characters, will entertain you in this delightful summer production. The approximate run time is two hours with an intermission. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** \$5 per person, festival seating. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- Aug 16** **Lakemont Highlands Open Spaces Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Arduous (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 16** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park, 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. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- Aug 16** **Green Hour (Family Activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us the third Saturday of every month 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:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 16-17** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Show and Sale**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This show features a great selection of plants from Eastside gardeners. **Cost:** Free admission; price of plants varies. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.bellevuebotanical.org or 425-452-2750.
- Aug 17** **Ranger Program: Tree Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Come learn about the native trees in your neighborhood! We'll go on a tree walk to learn how trees fit into our urban ecosystem, and why they're so valuable. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- Aug 19** **“42” (Summer Outdoor Movies in the Park),**
Pre-movie activity starts at 8 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
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 toys and crafts. If raining, the movie will be shown at South Bellevue Community Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG-13, edited. **Cost:** Free! Please bring suggested donation item. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240 and www.inome.com/summermovies
- Aug 20** **Goin’ Batty!, 10 a.m. - noon**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Barbara Ogaard, board member of Sarvey Wildlife Center, was drawn to the intelligence and gentleness of the little bats, and a love affair bloomed. She has studied with many bat experts and traveled the world learning about bats. Her popular slide presentations educate the public on the need to help bats because of their many beneficial attributes such as pollination, agricultural pest and insect control, and medical research. **Ages:** Best for ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - \$25; non-BBGS people - \$35. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Aug 20** **End of Summer Picnic, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Elder Move Alliance will provide grilled hamburgers and a delicious lunch. Try the “Cupcake Walk,” play croquet, golf and bean bag baseball, and win some great bingo prizes! This event is always a lot of fun, with both indoor and outdoor activities. Lunch will be served indoors. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$3. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.
- Aug 21** **“Monsters University” (Crossroads Movies in the Park),**
Movie begins at dusk
Crossroads Community Park, International Area, 16140 NE 8th Street
Bring your family to enjoy a movie outside, under the stars. If it’s raining, the movie will be cancelled. Crossroads Park Outdoor Movies are sponsored by Crossroads Shopping Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated G. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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- Aug 22** **Once a Hero, Always a Hero – Outdoor Family Movie Night,**
6 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. See below for timing of activities.
Highland Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road
The Bellevue Family YMCA and Highland Community Center are hosting the second annual Outdoor Family Movie Night. In a larger-than-life experience, we will be watching “The Incredibles” on the outdoor big screen. Come meet local fire and police heroes, and join us for games and activities for Superheroes of every kind! Remember to bring chairs and blankets. **Times:** Family Fun from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pre-movie game from 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Movie begins at 8:30 p.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP at the YMCA Welcome Center or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/outdoor-family-movie-night-the-incredibles-tickets-12159853449> . **Info:** Bellevue YMCA – 425-746-9900.
- Aug 22** **Night Hike, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course #85162. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 23** **Flower and Garden Photography Class, 9 a.m. - noon**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Lesli Cohan has been an avid photographer for more than 20 years, with a distinct focus on nature, landscapes, fine art and interesting shapes and textures that occur in nature. She will cover scouting for locations, how to work within gardens without disturbing the fragile areas, lenses, aperture and depth of field, lighting and composition. **Ages:** Best for ages 16 years and older. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - \$45; non-BBGS people - \$55. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html> or 425-451-3755.
- Aug 23** **Woof Walks in Nature, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Meet at Lake Hills Greenbelt Community Garden Kiosk, 15500 SE 16th Street
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog and learn how you can both help the City steward these valuable lands. Please dress for the weather. We encourage families to attend. Dogs must be on a 6-foot leash. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7225.

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- Aug 24** **Hot Topics in Washington State: Disappearing Bees**, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Honeybees have been disappearing in recent years at alarming rates, creating a sticky situation for humans, as bees pollinate one third of food crops. Recent studies have revealed several sources of this bee crisis. Come learn about these hazards, and find out what you can do to help! **Ages:** 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 28** **“Frozen” (Crossroads Movies in the Park),**
Movie begins at dusk
Crossroads Community Park, International Area, 16140 NE 8th Street
Bring your family to enjoy a movie outside, under the stars. If it’s raining, the movie will be cancelled. Crossroads Park Outdoor Movies are sponsored by Crossroads Shopping Center. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated G. **Cost:** Free!
Pre-registration: Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- Aug 29** **Aloha Picnic and Dance**, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This event serves teens and adults with intellectual disabilities. Come and bring your family to the annual picnic and dance. Hamburgers, salad, chips, drinks and desserts will be served. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/resident and \$11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7686, course 76632
- Aug 29** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Empires of Industry: Timber,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Douglas Fir Community Room, 1625 118th Avenue SE
A History Channel film, this program visits logging camps and timber mills, tracking de-forestation and re-forestation in a country now attempting to renew its natural resources. Popcorn will be provided! **Ages:** Best for ages 8 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** mseec@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 30** **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 like dip nets and water scopes to get a closer look at the wetland creatures of Lewis Creek Park. What will we find in this unfamiliar under-water world? **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Sept 4** **Resource Fair – Chinese Information Services**, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Come out and enjoy information from over 20 health, fitness and wellness providers. Have your blood pressure checked, and enjoy free seminars on health and wellness. Information will be provided in Chinese Mandarin and English. Sponsored by Chinese Information Services and co-sponsored by Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome. **Cost:** Free admission. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.
- Sept 5** **Swimming Salmon (Children’s Activity)**, two sessions, choose one
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Fall is the time for salmon to run! Learn about the journey that salmon take every fall. We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, activity codes 86683 and 86684. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 6** **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. 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.
- Sept 6** **Lake Hills Blueberry Festival and Open House**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Lake Hills Elementary School. 14300 SE 12th Street
Celebrate “Back to School” and our area’s rich blueberry harvest! This event is sponsored by Wrap-Around Services and numerous community partners to help bring the Lake Hills neighborhood, Lake Hills Elementary School and the broader community together. Activities include face painting, arts and crafts, tours of Jubilee REACH Center and opportunities to meet with local service providers and shop with local vendors down Blueberry Lane, where blueberry pies will be available for purchase. Students and families will be able to meet with Lake Hills Elementary teachers from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Jeannie Anderson – janderson@bellevuewa.gov or 425-456-5312.

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- Sept 6** **Hot Topics in Washington State: 50 Years of Wilderness!**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
On September 3, 1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Wilderness Act. Today, over 109 million acres are protected under this act. Join us at Lewis Creek as we celebrate 50 years of protected wilderness! Learn about the Wilderness Act, wilderness areas, how you can help protect and preserve wilderness, as well as the natural areas in Bellevue. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 7** **“Salmon: Running the Gauntlet” (Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Learn about the collapsing Pacific salmon populations and the extreme measures that biologists and engineers have taken to save them. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 9** **Active Seniors Geocaching 101**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This free event will send you on a treasure hunt right outside your door. This is a great way for seniors to get outside and be part of a larger community adventure. Geocaches are small containers with a variety of fun surprises inside. We will show you how to use the GPS coordinates or a smartphone app to find them! We'll get you set up, show you how to engage with a growing community of geocachers and find your first cache. An endless world of exploration, puzzle solving and discovery awaits! Dress to head outdoors on your search. If you have a smartphone or GPS, bring it with you. You can even download a geocaching app beforehand. Presented with the Washington State Geocaching Alliance. . **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP to jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov . **Info:** jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov; also www.geocaching.com .
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- Sept 10** **"One Big Hapa Family" (Film Screening)** - 7 p.m.
The Carlson Theater at Bellevue College, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE
Half Japanese-Canadian filmmaker, Jeff Chiba Stearns, embarks on a journey of self-discovery to find out why everyone in his Japanese-Canadian family married interracially after his grandparents' generation. This live action/animated documentary explores why almost 100% of all Japanese-Canadians are marrying interracially, the highest out of any other ethnicity in Canada, and how their mixed children perceive their unique multiracial identities. There will be a Q&A with filmmaker Jeff Chiba Stearns following the screening. **Ages:** Appropriate for ages 12 years and older. **Cost:** This event is free, but reservations are strongly recommended. **RSVP** to Kevin Henry at khenry@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7886. For more information about the film, visit the film's web site at www.onebighapafamily.com.
- Sept 13** **What's It Take to Be a Kokanee?",** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Lake Sammamish is home to a treasure: Kokanee salmon! Late every fall they swim up to the lower reaches of Lewis Creek to lay their eggs. Learn about what makes these fish so special, and what we can do to protect them. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 14** **"Wild Kratts: Bass Class" (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:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 16** **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails,** 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. Every other Tuesday, between September 16 and November 5, we'll meet at Highland Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Look forward to guest leaders on topics from birding to local history. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Jenna Walenga at jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883, activity code 86927.

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- Sept 17** **Farm Hands – Welcome to the Farm**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #81672. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Sept 17** **Natural Yard Care Class**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
Every fall, Bellevue offers free natural yard care workshops. At each class, local experts share practical tips and how-to's for home gardeners who want to go natural. **Cost:** Free! **Info:** Patricia Burgess at pburgess@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4127.
- Sept 18** **For Best Results, Plan Your Spring Vegetable Garden Now!**,
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class, taught with Seattle Tilth, will teach you everything you need to know to plan your vegetable garden for next spring – from soil preparation and the best locations for edibles, to the types of vegetables that thrive in our climate and when to plant what. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - \$25; non-BBGS people - \$35. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Sept 19-20** **The EZ Rocks – Skate for the Cure and 20-Year Skate Park Anniversary**,
Bellevue Skate Park and Plaza, 14224 Bel-Red Road
Skate for the Cure is a three-day PRO/AM Mega Ramp and street skateboarding event, benefitting the Zakes Foundation (to help raise awareness of adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) and fund newborn ALD screening) and celebrating the Bellevue Skate Park's 20-year anniversary. Skate for the Cure is the first of its kind Mega Ramp competition in the Northwest and will host many of the world's top skateboarders, including Mitchie Brusco, PLG, Sky Siljig, Jake Brown, Tom Schaar, Trey Wood, Jagger Eaton and Elliot Sloan. Skate for the Cure includes a \$50,000 purse spread over the following events: the first-ever Mega Ramp Highest Air and Mega Lip-Trick Contests, Amateur Street Contest, Girls' Street Competition, All Ages Street Competition, Tricks for Cash Event. Other activities include free skate clinics at the indoor skate park, a VIP event, pro autographs and photo opportunities, live music, food trucks, carnival games, silent auction and prize giveaways! **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Tickets are \$10-\$75. Proceeds will benefit Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) Newborn Screening. **Tickets and registration:** <http://www.ezrocks.org/>

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- Sept 20** **Bellevue Aquatic Center Grand Re-Opening**, 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143rd Avenue NE
Celebrate the re-opening of the BAC after its four-week annual maintenance closure. Come for free swimming, Parent-Tot class (for parents and children up to 3 years old), raffles and therapist booths..
Event Schedule:
 Warm Springs Pool –
 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Therapy rehab
 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Parent-Tot swim lesson class
 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Open swim and therapy
 Blue Lagoon Pool –
 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Lap swim
 11 a.m. to noon – Deep water exercise class and lap swim
 Noon to 2:30 p.m. – Open and lap swim
Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-2806.
- Sept 20** **Coal Creek Park Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 20** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 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. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- Sept 21** **Kokanee (Living with Wildlife Program)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that Lake Sammamish is home to a special population of salmon? Kokanee spend their lives land-locked in the lake, migrating up the surrounding creeks, including Lewis Creek, in the late fall. Learn about the threats to this species and how you can help them to thrive. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Sept 25** **Ferns for All Seasons**, 10 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
If you are not a fan of ferns, Sue Olsen's class will convert you! Sue has been studying, photographing and writing about ferns for more than 40 years. Her nursery, Foliage Gardens, has introduced numerous ferns to horticulture. She is a founding member of the Hardy Fern Foundation and author of *Encyclopedia of Garden Ferns*. After her presentation, she will lead a tour of the Garden's Rhododendron Glen. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - \$25; non-BBGS members - \$35. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Sept 26** **Night Hike**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-6885, course #86692. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 27** **Superheroes Training Academy**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Look up in the air... It's a bird, it's a plane... No, it's a SUPERHERO! Join fellow superheroes for a morning of superhero training and costume building. We will share stories and a snack in this fun, adventure-packed day. **Ages:** 3-5 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$36/non-resident. Additional child cost is \$6/resident and \$7/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, activity code 86430.
- Sept 30** **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails**, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. Every other Tuesday, between September 16 and November 5, we'll meet at Highland Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Look forward to guest leaders on topics from birding to local history. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Jenna Walenga at jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883, activity code 86928.

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- Oct 3** **Creepy Crawlies (Children's Activity)**, two sessions – choose one
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Where do bugs live? Find out and go along as a brave slug attempts to climb a hill. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, activity code 86685 or 86686. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 4** **The Great Northwest Glass Pumpkin Patch**, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Wander through a pumpkin patch of 2,000 hand-blown, one-of-a-kind glass pumpkins made by the artists at the Tacoma Glassblowing Studio. Pick your favorite to bring home, or just come and see the beautiful hand-crafted art! Rain or shine. **Ages:** All ages; children must be supervised by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; prices vary for pumpkins, ranging from \$35 to \$200. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- Oct 4** **Geocaching 101: Family Adventure**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A fun adventure for the whole family, this free event will send you on a treasure hunt right outside your door. There are hundreds of geocaches hidden throughout Bellevue, and this course will give you the tools to start finding them. Geocaches are small containers with a variety of fun surprises inside. We will show you how to use the GPS coordinates or a smartphone app to find them! Also, learn how to engage with a growing community of geocachers and find your first cache. An endless world of exploration, puzzle solving and discovery awaits! Dress to head outdoors on your search. If you have a smartphone or GPS, bring it with you. You can even download a geocaching app beforehand. Presented with the Washington State Geocaching Alliance. **Ages:** All ages, family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP to jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov. **Info:** jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov; also www.geocaching.com.
- Oct 4** **Edible Perennials, Part 1**, 10 a.m. to noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class is the first of a two-part series, taught by Jessi Bloom. Jessi is the owner of NW Bloom, which has won numerous awards from northwest professional gardening organizations. This class will illustrate which perennials are edible and how to grow them. The second class, on October 11 at 21 Acres Kitchen in Woodinville, will demonstrate how to cook them in featured recipes. Lunch included! **Cost:** For October 4th class only - Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - \$25; non-BBGS people - \$35. For both classes is \$70 for BBGS members and \$80 for non-members. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>

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- Oct 4** **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. 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.
- Oct 5** **“Life: Primates” (Nature Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Primate are a particularly interesting order in the animal family, occurring in many different environments, from apes to lemurs. Primates are stunning examples of ingenuity and adaptation. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 11** **Volunteer for Kelsey Creek Farm’s Special Event**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
We are seeking energetic, fun teens to assist with children’s activities at Kelsey Creek Farm’s special event. Volunteers must be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds and be on your feet in all types of weather. This is a great way to earn your community service hours. Dress to work outside with the public. Wear sturdy shoes that can get wet. **Ages:** 14-18 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 77868.
- Oct 11** **Kelsey Creek Farm Fair**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Bring your family to the farm and enjoy a variety of old-time activities: live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, kids’ crafts, tractor-pulled hay rides, pony rides, and barnyard animals. No pets, please. **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free admission; cost varies by activity. Sorry, no ATM will be on site, and we cannot accept charge cards. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Oct 11** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
This program is part of the annual Kelsey Creek Farm Fair event. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

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- Oct 11** **Edible Perennials, Part 2**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
21 Acres Kitchen, Woodinville
This class is the second of a two-part series, taught by Jessi Bloom. Jessi is the owner of NW Bloom, which has won numerous awards from northwest professional gardening organizations. This class, will demonstrate how to cook edible perennials in featured recipes. Lunch included! **Cost:** For October 11th class only - Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members - \$25; non-BBGS people - \$35. **Info and to register:**
<http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Oct 14** **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails**, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. Every other Tuesday, between September 16 and November 5, we'll meet at Highland Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Look forward to guest leaders on topics from birding to local history. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Jenna Walenga at jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883, activity code 86929.
- Oct 14** **Sound of Swing Halloween 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:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$3, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.
- Oct 14** **Computer Hardware Repair**, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Are you having computer troubles? Bring in your PC for help. Provided by Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.
- Oct 15** **Farm Hands – Happy Halloween, Goats!**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We'll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #81673. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Oct 18** **Lewis Creek to Lakemont Community Park Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
This lovely trail winds through green corridors to connect two of Bellevue's most beautiful parks. **Distance:** 4.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Arduous (350 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 19** **“Growing Up Wild: Frontier Friends” (Children’s Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
“Growing Up Wild” gives fun and entertaining insight into the animal kingdom. In this episode find out all about buffalo, marmots and mountain goats! 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.
- Oct 22** **Collecting Seeds and Plants in the Mountains of Northern Vietnam**, 7 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
Bleddyn and Sue Wynn-Jones, of Crug Farms Nursery in Wales, will lead this class. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS people - \$15. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**
<http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Oct 24-Nov 2** **The Phantom Tollbooth (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
October 24, 25, 26 and November 1 at 7 p.m.;
October 25, 26, and November 1 and 2 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northup Way
Laugh at the clever puns brought to you by Norton Juster’s wonderful characters as we try to restore Right and Reason to the land. This show is suitable for people of all ages who enjoy a simple message hidden in a silly story. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** \$10-\$12, reserved seating. Tickets will be available in late September. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Oct 24** **Halloween Howl Dance (For Youth and Adults with Intellectual Disabilities)**,
7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
Come and dress in your favorite costume to dance, listen to good music and have a light meal. We’ll provide hot dogs, chips and soda. This dance is for youth and adults with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/Bellevue resident; \$11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7686.

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- Oct 24, 25, 26 and 31** **SpookFest Zip Tour**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (every half hour)
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Experience one suspension bridge and three zip lines in the dark! Imagine stepping off a platform and zipping to the other end that you cannot see. This Zip Tour will last approximately 75 minutes. Riders and platforms will be brightened with glow sticks. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$24 for ages 16-18; \$39 for adults. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-4240; zip tours leave every half hour from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 25** **SpookFest Pumpkin Festival**, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Love Halloween? Don't miss this new event as part of South Bellevue Community Center's SpookFest weekend. There will be carnival games, arts and crafts to make and buy, treats and a marketplace to buy Halloween goodies! Loads of Halloween fun for all ages! **Ages:** All ages; family event. **Cost:** Free admission; costs will vary for some activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 25** **Great SBCC Pumpkin Race**, 10 a.m. – noon
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
Bring your decorated pumpkin complete with wheels to compete in the Fourth Annual Great SBCC Pumpkin Race, a part of our SpookFest line-up of events. Upon registration, you'll receive basic directions to prepare your pumpkin for race day. We encourage individuals, families and groups to register! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! \$18 for supplies if you need wheels. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** www.MyParksandRecreation.com or 425-452-4240, activity code 87027. **Info:** sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Oct 25** **Pumpkin Pals**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Spend a fun-filled morning pondering the perfect pumpkin! Art, music, a yummy snack and a pumpkin relay race are some of the happy activities planned for the morning. This is a caregiver and child class. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. Additional child - \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course #85525.

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- Oct 25** **How to Create a Self-Maintained Garden Based on Natural Ecosystems**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden Education Center, 12001 Main Street
This class is taught with Seattle Tilth. Permaculture, an increasingly popular gardening style, reduces ongoing garden maintenance by mimicking natural environmental zones to increase the abundance and resilience of plants. An expert from Seattle Tilth will provide practical information to help you plan an herbal spiral for your garden. **Cost:** \$35 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; non-BBGS people - \$45. **Info and to register:**
<http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html>
- Oct 25** **Colorful Fall: Why Do the Leaves Change?**, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Every fall a beautiful, mysterious event occurs. The trees become brilliant shades of red, yellow, orange and brown. Why does this change happen? Learn what makes deciduous trees lose their leaves, and why it is beneficial. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 26** **Bats (Children's Movie)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Washington is home to 15 species of bats! Every fall these bats find a place to hibernate, hopefully avoiding human structures in their search. Find out what species live in Bellevue and how you can prevent your home from becoming a bat cave. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Oct 28** **Senior Hiking Series – Tuesday Trails**, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 NE Bel-Red Road
This easy hiking series is designed for active seniors looking to explore the beautiful trails around Bellevue. Every other Tuesday, between September 16 and November 5, we'll meet at Highland Community Center and ride to a trailhead in the Issaquah Alps, Cascades or other scenic areas nearby. Hikes will be generally less than three miles and specifically chosen for the over-50 crowd. Look forward to guest leaders on topics from birding to local history. Dress for the weather, and bring a lunch and water. **Ages:** 50 years and older. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Jenna Walenga at jwalenga@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6883, activity code 86930.
- Oct 29** **Halloween Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Come out and enjoy a great lunch while wearing your favorite Halloween outfit. Enjoy a great meal and fun music. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$3 for people 60 years and older; \$6 for all others. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.

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- Nov 1** **Lewis Creek Park Ranger Hike**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger. 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.
- Nov 2** **“North America: Learn Young or Die” (Nature Movie)**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
“North America” is a Discovery Channel series featuring amazing cinematography to explore our own backyard and all of the marvels it holds. Survival is a daily battle on this continent; learn about the struggles of creatures living in extreme conditions. **This film contains a predation scene that may be inappropriate for younger viewers.** Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 5** **Farm Hands – Cows, Butter and a Log Cabin**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We’ll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 8 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #81674. **Info:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- Nov 7** **Whoo! Whoo! (Children’s Activity)**, two sessions; choose one -
11 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Harvest moons and owl moons! When all the leaves are gone, it is easier to spot owls. Learn about the habits of our feathered friends. We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, activity code 86687 and 86688. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 15** **Visions of Sugarplums**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Jelly bellies, gumdrops and peppermint FUN! Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season by making a mini gingerbread house, singing songs, dancing and eating yummys for your tummies! Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome fun. This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. Additional child - \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course #85524.

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- Nov 7-16** **Peter Rabbit & Friends: The Tales of Beatrix Potter (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
November 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m.;
November 9, 15 and 16 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16661 Northrup Way
Enjoy the charming adventures of Peter Rabbit and his friends as they try to stay out of mischief. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** \$10-\$12, reserved seating. Tickets will be available in late September. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Nov 8** **The Food Chain (Family Activity)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
All living things depend on each other to survive. Who do you depend on? Learn about the web of life as you create your very own food chain model to take home! **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, activity code 86695. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 9** **“Wild Kratts: Build It Beaver” (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:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be gratefully accepted. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 15** **Coal Creek Park Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Redtown Trailhead (Cougar Mountain) on Lakemont Blvd SE
Discover Bellevue’s largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Distance:** 5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 19** **Thanksgiving Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148th Avenue NE
Join us as we serve you a delicious Thanksgiving feast. Entertainment will be provided. Please pre-register by November 10. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$3 for people 60 years and older; \$6 for all others. **Pre-registration:** Required by November 10. **Info and to register:** Darrion Spratley at dspratley@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7681.

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- Nov 21** **Night Hike**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #86696. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 23** **Fungus Among Us**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Fall is a wonderful time to look for fungus! Join an instructor from the Puget Sound Mycological Society for a fungus hunt to look for and identify the many varieties that call Lewis Creek home in the wet fall months. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-6885, course #86704. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Nov 29 – Jan 3** **Garden d’Lights**, 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., every evening
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This annual holiday season tradition features thousands of tiny twinkling lights that transform Bellevue Botanical Garden into a winter wonderland. Be sure to join us this year, and bring your family, friends and out-of-town guests to see the new Visitor Center and new Garden d’Lights route. **Cost:** \$5; children 10 and under are free. **For driving, parking and ticket information:**
<http://www.gardendlights.org/>
- Nov 28-30** **Babes in Toyland (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,
November 28 and 29 at 7 p.m.;
November 29 and 30 at 2 p.m.
Meydenbauer Theatre, 11100 NE 6th Street
Come and join us on the journey to magical Toyland! Singing, dancing, action and adventure await as all your favorite Mother Goose characters come together to stop an evil plot. **Ages:** Suitable for the whole family. **Cost:** \$12-\$14, reserved seating. Tickets will be available in late September. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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YEAR-ROUND EVENTS

Daily, times vary

Kelsey Creek Farm Pioneer Days

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Experience life in the 1800s by visiting our historic log cabin. Tour includes grinding wheat and coffee, turning butter, and other living history activities. These tours are for preschool and school groups. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Daily, times vary

Fall on the Farm – Group Tours

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE

Experience harvest season in a traditional way. Visit a pony, feed the chickens and work on barn “chores” with child-sized pails and rakes. Tour the garden and pumpkin patch. Children finish up by choosing a pumpkin from our harvest-themed indoor pumpkin patch! Extra fee for pumpkins. **Ages:** Preschool and school groups, 2 years and older. **Cost:** Varies according to group size (up to \$5 per person). **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

3rd Sunday of each month

NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners, Noon - 2 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130th Place SE

Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov.

Every Monday

Youth Link Marketing Committee, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121, 450 110th Avenue NE

Learn marketing through hands-on training and activities! Marketing team members work on the Bellevue Patch, YouthConnect, an online youth publication, develop marketing materials for the program and develop other marketing strategies using social media. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email palina@bellevuewa.gov .

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.

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Every Tuesday

2013 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:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov .

Every Tuesday

2014 Youth Involvement Conference Planning Meeting, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121, 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 .

4th Tuesday each month

Bellevue Youth Court, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Council Chambers

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or hstephens@bellevuewa.gov .

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

Bellevue Youth Council Meeting, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or palina@bellevuewa.gov .

1st Thursday each month

Bellevue Network On Aging Meeting, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall, 450 110th Avenue NE, Room 1E-120

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

Every Saturday

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered migratory visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Discover the history of the park, view community gardens, and share stories about our local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required.

Info: 425-452-7225.

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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 Saturday and Sunday, April through October

Docent-led Tour of Bellevue Botanical Garden, 2 p.m.

Meet at Bellevue Botanical Garden Visitor Center, 12001 Main Street

Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:** 425-452-2750.

Every Saturday and Sunday, May 24 through Labor Day Weekend 2014

(No trips on June 14-15 or August 2-3)

Canoe the Mercer Slough (ranger-led trip)

Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE

Explore the beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water! Bellevue park rangers lead this three-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. You'll see how this amazing ecosystem functions as you travel into the heart of Mercer Slough Nature Park, a 320-acre wetland. With a little luck, you may catch a glimpse of the otters, herons, turtles and other wildlife of Mercer Slough.

Canoeing experience is required. Ages: Must be 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$16/Bellevue resident and \$18/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 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.