

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
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JULY 2019

- July 4** **Bellevue’s Family 4th – presented by The Bellevue Collection,**
2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Celebrate our nation's birthday with friends and family in Bellevue Downtown Park at the Eastside's largest 4th of July event! Enjoy live music, children's activities and entertainment, inflatable rides, a variety of foods at the Outdoor Food Court, and enjoy the park! The evening concludes with a spectacular fireworks show synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra at 10:05 p.m. Bring a flashlight for safety. Free event parking is available at The Bellevue Collection after 6 p.m. (Bellevue Place, Lincoln Square, and Bellevue Square). **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission! Costs vary for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-453-1223 or <https://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/family-4th>
- July 5** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Hiding Tree”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Dive in for a closer look at the role trees play in hiding all sorts of forest critters during this story time. We’ll read about smallest beetles to the great horned owl that call hiding places in trees “home.” This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- July 6** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 7** **Street Smart Raccoons, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Finding masked bandits in your garbage can be startling, but there’s no need to be afraid! Come learn more about our problem-solving neighborhood raccoons and how they’ve learned to navigate our urban environments. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- July 9** **Space Dog from Planet K-9 Show**, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Robinswood Park, 2432 148th Avenue SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a fabulous performance by Eric Ode. It is a fun space adventure when Benjamin D Dog pretends to be a space alien who has crash landed his cardboard spaceship on Earth. Can he get back to Planet K-9? **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 9** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Hotel Transylvania”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. [See web page for more information.](#) **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park>
- July 12** **Toddler Trails**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the trails at Lewis Creek Park with a park ranger and get out some wiggles on select Fridays this summer. We’ll take frequent stops while we investigate the different environments of Lewis Creek Park as we wander through and learn how we can make hiking fun for everyone. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 18 months to 3 years with accompanying adult(s). **Distance:** Approximately a half mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- July 12** **What’s in the Water?** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Our region is known for its mild, damp conditions, creating the perfect pond habitats for a multitude of creatures from dragonflies to tadpoles. Join a Park Ranger for a closer look into the water at the critters that call these ponds home, and learn more about their fascinating (and often strange) lives by seeing them firsthand! **Ages:** 3 to 7 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.

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- July 13** **Wilderness Tea Party**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you'll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 4-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- July 13** **Garden Class: Introduction to Chinese Tea**, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join us for this introduction to Chinese tea, including climate and nature of tea plantations, roasting techniques, regional cultures, and tea-related etiquette and manners. Three teas and their related culture will be presented in three rotating sessions: Green Tea from Jiangnan (in Eastern China), Red Tea from Wuyi Mountain (in Southeast China), and Pu Er Tea from Yunnan (in Southwest China). **Cost:** \$20 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/event/introduction-to-chinese-tea/>
- July 13** **Eat or Be Eaten**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Predator and Prey relationships are essential to creating a healthy and balanced ecosystem. The Mercer Slough Nature Park is home to many creatures, both predator and prey. Join a Park Ranger to learn more about these critical interactions and enjoy some fun activities and crafts. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 14** **Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Course Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Explore Coal Creek at the Cinder Mine Trailhead to discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife you'll learn about while being guided by a Bellevue Park Ranger. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (240 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- July 16** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “A Dog’s Way Home”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
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- July 17** **Evening Summer Farm Tour, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come spend a warm summer evening learning about Kelsey Creek Farm and meeting our resident animals. Visit with our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1921181.
- July 17** **Garden Class: Basic Tree Pruning, including Fruit Trees and Japanese Maples, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Ingela Wanerstand from Plan Amnesty. This class will cover basic cuts and tree physiology, followed by some basics on fruit trees and Japanese maples. Learn how to approach and look at some of your favorite trees, how to encourage or slow growth, and how to know when to put the pruners down and appreciate their natural beauty. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 19** **Story and a Stroll: “Under One Rock” 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever peeked under a rock? A whole community of creatures lives there! One of the world’s most fascinating habitats is right at your feet. After the story, venture out with a Park Ranger to uncover some rocks and investigate these hidden creatures. **Ages:** Best for 3-6 years. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- July 19** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park**, 8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come test your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We'll learn all about our Northwest bat species before taking a dusk hike to watch for bats as they leave their roosting sites to forage for insects! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1902083. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 20** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. 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:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- July 20** **Street Smart Raccoons**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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- July 21** **Living with Wildlife – Backyard Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 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 which species live in Bellevue and how to prevent your home from becoming a bat cave! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompany adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 23** **Alien Invasion Concert**, 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents entertainer Rick Huddle – storyteller, dancer, and musician. Little blue creatures are coming to take over our planet and eat all of our pizza! Join us for a mini-musical with songs, comedy and puppets! **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.

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- July 23** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Smallfoot”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
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- July 24** **Evening Summer Farm Tour, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come spend a warm summer evening learning about Kelsey Creek Farm and meeting our resident animals. Visit with our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1921182.
- July 26** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Clash Encounters of Bears and Wolves”**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
In this documentary the grizzly and the wolf, two fierce competitors, test their strategies for survival. In a complex and vast region such as Yellowstone National Park, where predators, scavengers and opportunists fight to survive, each one plays a vital role. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- July 27** **Garden Class: Watercolor – Birds of the West**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Molly Hashimoto. Learn how to sketch and paint birds in watercolor and gouache in this fun workshop designed for all levels. We'll use pencils to draw and to establish good proportions, and then add watercolor and gouache to finish our sketches in full color, working on high quality watercolor paper as well as toned paper. As we work, you'll learn about a wide variety of bird habitats and where to go to see the colorful and remarkable birds of the west. Supplies included. **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$55/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 27** **Evening Wildlife: Busy Busy Beavers**, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
The busy beaver is hard at work preparing a home for the winter. They dam the river, build a lodge, and even prepare an underwater ladder! Come learn how beavers build their warm home and why they build their dams. **Ages:** 3 to 7 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- July 30** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
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- Aug 1** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Christopher Robin”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk
Crossroads Community Park, 16140 NE 8th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Crossroads Movies in the Park, presented by Crossroads Mall. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for four consecutive Thursday evenings through August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities for the whole family. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240, or see the web page - <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park>
- Aug 2** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Remarkable Reptiles”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! If you look closely in Bellevue and step lightly, you’re sure to spot one of our marvelous garter snakes! Reptiles come in all shapes and sizes that we’ll learn about during this story time. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Aug 2-18** **“Pippi and the Wayward Pirates” (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**
Friday, August 2, 9 and 16 at 7 p.m.;
Saturday, August 3, 10 and 17 at 2 p.m.;
Saturday, August 3, 10 and 17 at 7 p.m.;
Sunday, August 4, 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Come enjoy a journey with pirates, the circus, and just hometown fun as Pippi shows her power and saves everyone in the process. New songs highlight this musical. Great fun for all ages; this is summer youth theatre at its best. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Aug 3** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Aug 3-4** **“Visions” Flower Show,**
12 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs is proud to present Visions, an NGC Standard Flower Show, in celebrations of our 60th anniversary! Come and see beautifully arranged floral designs and pristine specimens of horticulture competing for first prize. **Cost:** Admission is free, and children are welcome. **Info:** <http://www.elwd.org/flower-shows.aspx>
- Aug 4** **Family-Friendly Ranger Walk,** 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine
Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 4** **Adult Enrichment Series: Bindweed, Blackberry, and Ivy, Oh My!**
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
A monster is creeping through our gardens! It invades with runners and through clippings to choke trees and shade plantings. Join a Bellevue Park Ranger to learn more about the plants invading your flowerbeds and what you can do to keep them out. **Ages:** Best for adults, but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 6** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part”**
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- Aug 8** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Ralph Breaks the Internet”**
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Crossroads Community Park, 16140 NE 8th Street
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- Aug 9** **Garden Class: Hypertufa Containers Hands-On Workshop**,
11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Presented by the Northwest Perennial Alliance, taught by Lisa McGregor. Lisa will start with a “how to” presentation and offer some ideas of what you can make out of hypertufa. Then it’s time to get your hands dirty as you choose what to make. (We will not be planting up your new container at this event, and Lisa will explain why.) Fee includes all the materials needed to make a hypertufa pot for you to take home, and a handout on after-care and planting. **Cost:** \$25 for NPA members; \$35/non-NPA members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/classes_signup19.php

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- Aug 10** **Family Discovery Series: Perfect Pollinators**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Pollination is not just fascinating, it is an essential ecological function. Over 80% of the world's flowering plants require a pollinator to reproduce. Unfortunately, we are witnessing a significant decline in our natural pollinator populations. Without these pollinators, humans will not survive, and terrestrial ecosystems will continue to deteriorate. Join a Park Ranger to learn more about what we can do to protect our future of food. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 10** **Garden Class: Drawing Native Berries and Other Woodland Fruit**,
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Dorota Haber-Lehigh. Learn about native berries and other fruit of the forest and their ecological significance. Create a beautiful portrait of a native plant using colored pencils on walnut ink-stained paper. Explore the realistic style using colored pencils and other supporting media. By the end of the workshop, students will complete a dynamic and evocative portrait of native berries or other woodland fruit. All supplies provided. **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$55 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- Aug 11** **Busy Beavers**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Beavers shape the environment with help from their whole families to make places where animals of all shapes and sizes live. Join us as we learn all about nature's engineers. We'll do a fun fur experiment and go on a short walk around our wetland. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Aug 13** **The Jammin' on Jupiter Show**, 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents the energized Brian Waite Band. Sing, dance and laugh with the band as they blast off to the moon! **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 13** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Ferdinand”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. [See web page for more information](#). **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park>
- Aug 14** **Evening Summer Farm Tour**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come spend a warm summer evening learning about Kelsey Creek Farm and meeting our resident animals. Visit with our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1921181.
- Aug 15** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Incredibles 2”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk
Crossroads Community Park, 16140 NE 8th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Crossroads Movies in the Park, presented by Crossroads Mall. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for four consecutive Thursday evenings through August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities for the whole family. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240, or see the web page - <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park>

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- Aug 16** **Story and a Stroll: “Secret Place”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
In the heart of the city, there is a special place, a place for wildlife to call home. This story immerses young readers into a hidden habitat, a place you may even have just outside your front door. The Mercer Slough Nature Park is one of those places. Join a Park Ranger to explore a little bit of nature in our urban areas.
Ages: Best for 3-6 years. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 16** **Aloha Picnic and Dance,** 5 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This event is facilitated for teens and adults, 16 and older, with intellectual disabilities. Highland presents warm breezes and tropical beach wishes at the annual summer picnic and aloha dance. Celebrate your summer with friends on this warm summer evening. We will be serving hamburgers, baked beans, and potato salad. Group home staff, caregivers, parents and guardians eat for free. Participants, please bring food items according to last name: A-H (chips), I-M (pop), N-Z (dessert). **Please, no homemade items.** **Ages:** Teens and adults, 16 and older, with intellectual disabilities. **Cost:** \$10/Bellevue resident and \$12/non-Bellevue resident. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-450-7686.
- Aug 17-18** **Fuchsia Show and Plant Sale,** 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. both days
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
See fuchsia blossoms of all shapes and colors, and purchase hardy fuchsias for your home garden. This event includes free fuchsia care classes at 1 p.m. on Saturday and at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday! This show is hosted by the Eastside Fuchsia Society. **Cost:** Admission and parking are free. Cost of plants will vary. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/societies.htm>
- Aug 17** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program,** 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. 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:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

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- Aug 20** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Wonder Park”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. [See web page for more information.](#) **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park>
- Aug 22** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Mary Poppins Returns”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk
Crossroads Community Park, 16140 NE 8th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Crossroads Movies in the Park, presented by Crossroads Mall. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for four consecutive Thursday evenings through August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities for the whole family. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240, or see the web page - <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park>
- Aug 23** **Bird Brains: The American Crow, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Although cultures around the world may regard the crow as a scavenger, bad omen, or simply a nuisance, this bad reputation might overshadow what could be regarded as the crow’s most striking characteristic – its intelligence. Come join us for an educational program on our local bird brains, and enjoy a crow craft! **Ages:** 3 to 7 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993, course 112723.
- Aug 23** **Bats at Twilight, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Discover bats and the important role they play in Bellevue’s ecology. Bats Northwest will teach us about 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 teenagers and adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- Aug 23** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come test your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We'll learn all about our Northwest bat species before taking a dusk hike to watch for bats as they leave their roosting sites to forage for insects! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1902084. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 24-25** **Arts in the Garden, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Saturday) and 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Sunday)**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Discover more than 30 artists and a wide variety of sculpture and garden art available for purchase among the flowerbeds and woodlands of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Enjoy music, food and libations. Your whole family will enjoy the magic of the Garden and the additional delight our artists bring to it. **Cost:** Admission and parking are free; art and refreshments for sale. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/arts-in-the-garden/>
- Aug 24** **Busy Beavers, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Beavers shape the environment with help from their whole families to make places where animals of all shapes and sizes live. Join us as we learn all about nature's engineers. We'll do a fun fur experiment and go on a short walk around our wetland. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Aug 27** **Downtown Movies in the Park: "Back to the Future"**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue's Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit's wish list to support their cause. [See web page for more information.](#) **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://bellevuewa.gov/city-government/departments/parks/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park>

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- Aug 28** **Garden Class: Winter Flowering Perennials**, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This class is presented by the Northwest Perennial Alliance and taught by Trevor Cameron. Get your garden ready to have beautiful blooms over the winter. **Cost:** \$25 for NPA members; \$35/non-NPA members. **Pre-registration:** Required.
Info: http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/classes_signup19.php
- Aug 30** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Bees: Tales from the Hive,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Honeybees have been mysteriously disappearing across the planet at alarming rates in the past decade or more. This phenomenon is referred to as a Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). While endless hours and years of research has been dedicated to solving this mystery, a definitive answer has not been found. Come and learn more about what may be leading to bees’ demise, what it means for our future, and what we can do to help save the bees. We’ll provide the popcorn!
Ages: All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Aug 31** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Meeting place: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds alongside a creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required.
Info: 425-452-4195.
- Aug 31** **Evening Wildlife: An Owl Prowl!** 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
When darkness falls, nocturnal animals are just waking up! From bats to owls in the air, and raccoons to coyotes on the ground, the night is ever so active! Discover which of these creatures live in Bellevue, and come listen for them in a special ranger-led night hike! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required. **Info and to RSVP:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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- Sept 1** **High-Flying Hawks**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
From patrolling 405 to flying over the trees of Lewis Creek Park, hawks can be found in almost all of Bellevue’s habitats. Learn about the different raptor species that call Lewis Creek Park home before we head out on a hike to scan the sky for them. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 4** **Garden Lecture: From Dreams to Reality - Practical and Artistic Elements in Creating a Garden**, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Rosemary Alexander, principal, owner, and founder of The English Gardening School, and one of the UK’s most influential garden designers and writers, will speak at the Bellevue Botanical Garden! The third updated edition of her book, *The Essential Garden Design Workbook*, was recently published by Timber Press and was awarded one of eight Silver Awards by the Garden Writers Association of America. Rosemary speaks all over the world and is a frequent contributor to *Gardens Illustrated* and the Royal Horticultural Society’s *The Garden*. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$15 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- Sept 6** **Garden Class: Mindfulness in the Garden**, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Deborah Wilk, LMFT, and Jessica Hancock, ND. Stroll through the vibrant colors of the late summer garden while Deborah and Jessica guide you in Mindfulness Meditation while opening your senses with Shinrin-Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing). Restore mind, body and spirit as you let the stress and demands of daily life melt away and you experience the healing power of Nature. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>
- Sept 6** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Life in the Forest Floor”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! You might be amazed how much life goes unnoticed in the woods just because it’s under our feet! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- Sept 7** **Garden Event: Master Gardeners Plant Sale & Continuing Education,**
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Shop for cool plants from unique local nurseries and attend sessions with excellent speakers. Master Gardeners can earn Continuing Education credits for these sessions. Event includes a Master Gardener Clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cost: Admission to the plant sale and parking are free. Speaker session fees vary; pre-registration is recommended. **Pre-registration:** Recommended for speaker sessions. **Info:** <http://www.mgfkc.org/events>
- Sept 7** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 8** **Living with Wildlife – There’s a Bear in the Yard! 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Living in south Bellevue means roaming bears. Learn all about black bears, including how to prevent conflicts in your neighborhood, and what to do if you see a bear. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompany adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 13** **Colorful Caterpillars, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Every fall, our region begins crawling with life in the form of bright, patterned, and sometimes very fuzzy critters. Caterpillars are plentiful in Bellevue this time of year, preparing for a cozy winter (and getting ready to become butterflies and moths). Peek into the park’s foliage to test your observational skills while on a ranger-led walk, and enjoy creating a craft to bring home! **Ages:** Best for ages 3 to 7 years old, with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

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- Sept 13** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come test your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We'll learn all about our Northwest bat species before taking a dusk hike to watch for bats as they leave their roosting sites to forage for insects! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 14** **Garden Event: Hardy Fern Foundation Plant Sale, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Purchase unusual ferns for your garden and learn about ferns from the experts! Event is hosted by the Hardy Fern Foundation. **Cost:** Admission and parking are free. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://hardyferns.org/events/>
- Sept 14** **A Closer Look: Pacific Northwest Caterpillars, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Of all the insects we observe in our parks, gardens, and beyond, lepidopterans boast arguably one of the most incredible and complex life cycles. Get an in-depth look at the species we share our region with, how they survive, and everything you should know about interacting with them. We'll be looking at live specimens with a focus on understanding their unique adaptations. **Ages:** Best for ages 9 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
- Sept 15** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Highlands Open Space, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**
Meet at: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Bellevue Park Ranger at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center to explore the Lakemont Highlands Open Space trail system. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (680 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 21** **Bird Stroll, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you ever wondered about the bird species you see as you walk through the park? Grab your binoculars and join a Park Ranger for a walk around Lewis Creek Park, where you'll learn to identify our feathered park visitors. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required by 4 p.m. the Friday before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** 425-452-4195.

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- Sept 27** **Toddler Trails**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the trails at Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger and get out some wiggles on select Fridays this summer. We'll take frequent stops while we investigate the different environments of Lewis Creek Park as we wander through and learn how we can make hiking fun for everyone. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 18 months to 3 years with accompanying adult(s). **Distance:** Approximately a half mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- Sept 27** **Sensational Squirrels**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Who knew such a small animal could have such a big personality? As one of the area's most commonly-observed critters, the squirrel evokes many different emotions in those who come across them. We'll discuss the species present in our forests and backyards, and learn all about this adaptive animal. Join us for a fun time and a craft! **Ages:** Best for ages 3 to 7 years old with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.
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- Sept 28** **An Evergreen Evening**, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Join us for an evening hike in the Lake Hills Greenbelt. Bring your flashlight and a warm coat as we learn about native Washington trees and listen for creatures that get active in the dark hours. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required. **Info and to RSVP:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.