SEPTEMBER 2019

 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 2 Holiday Farm Tour, two sessions, choose one:

10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. OR 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. *Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE* Come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them! 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:** <u>KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-7688, courses 1931091 (10-10:45 a.m.) and 1931092 (11-11:45 a.m.).

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 and to register:** <u>https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/</u>

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 and to register: https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/

Sept 6 Tag-A-Long Farm Tour, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE Rise and shine! Adult and child teams will get a sneak peek at Kelsey Creek Farm life as they help the farmers with their morning chores. You and your little farmer will meet animals both big and small, feed some of them, and learn how to clean their stalls as we get ready for a new day on the farm. After all that hard work, we'll reward ourselves with a farm-themed snack and story! Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 4-6 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <u>KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-7688, course 1931801.

 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.

Sept 7 Garden Event: Master Gardeners Plant Sale & Continuing Education, 9 a.m. – 3 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 and to register:** <u>http://www.mgfkc.org/events</u>

- 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 accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Preregistration: Not required. Info: 425-452-4195.
- Sept 9 Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm, 10:30 a.m. 11 a.m. Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a a different farm-related theme and include a visit with one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Space is limited. Doors close when the program begins. Ages: 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- 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:** <u>ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-6993.

Sept 13 Garden Lecture: Botanical Gardens – Cultivating a Culture of Discovery, Inclusion, and Access, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street Tim Johnson, Director of the Botanic Garden of Smith College, will focus on the important role botany historically played in women's access to science education at the 144-year-old women's college, and how the garden is reframing what it means to provide equitable access today. A question-and-answer session will follow to discuss the social role of botanical gardens and their potential contributions to diversity and inclusion efforts. Presented by the City of Bellevue and the Botanic Garden of Smith College. Cost: Free! Pre-registration:

Recommended. **To register:** <u>seattlesmithclub@gmail.com</u> **Info:** https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/

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 for course 1903218. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Sept 14Garden Event: Hardy Fern Foundation Plant Sale, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main StreetPurchase 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 indepth 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:** <u>ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-6993.

Sept 14 Historical Walking Tour, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE Learn about the history of Kelsey Creek Farm during this one-hour walking tour of the park. In the 1920s and 1930s, this land was a working dairy farm that housed thirty cows and provided Bellevue residents with milk, cream and butter. We'll put the story in the context of Bellevue's early development. We will tour inside both barns, visit some of the farm animals, and compare historic pictures of Twin Valley Dairy to the park as it is now. This program is designed for adults and teenagers. Ages: 12 years and older. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

- 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 15Garden Lectures from Northwest Perennial Alliance, 1 p.m. 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join us for two lectures "Designing a Dry Woodland Garden" by Alanna
Matteson and "The Gardens at Sunnyside 30 Years of Living Next to the Candy
Store" by Steve Smith. Doors open at noon for plant sales. Cost: Free for NPA
members; \$15/non-NPA members. Pre-registration: Tickets may be required.
Info and to register: http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org
- Sept 20 Indoor Play with Caspar Babypants, 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
 Caspar Babypants will perform a 45-minutes show at 10:30 a.m. for children and their parents/guardians. Afterwards, the families are encouraged to stick around and participate in our Indoor Play program. Ages: Family event. Cost: Free!
 Pre-registration: Not required. Info: sbcc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4240.
- Sept 20Story and a Stroll: "Crawdad Creek" 11 a.m. 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This story explores the treasure of Crawdad Creek from a child's perspective.
The illustrations draw you into a quiet world that gets richer the closer you look.
Ages: Best for 3-6 years. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Please RSVP. Info
and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Sept 20 The Power of Masks: Faces of Diversity, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street This is a City of Bellevue Welcome Week activity. Join us for an evening of mask making! Feel the power of masks... create a mask inspired by your favorite cultural influence. Masks will be combined into a community art project and on public display for three weeks. Instructor: Brad Niemeyer. Ages: Ages 7 years and older. Parents must accompany and participate with children. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Highly recommended; space is limited! To register: https://register.bellevuewa.gov, course 1903816. Info: <u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-4106.

Sept 21 Fall Farm Fun, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE Meet a sheep, feed a chicken, and pet a bunny! Enjoy a fall morning on the farm in the company of our animals. Activities include animal petting, crafts, and snack time with a story. Come dressed for the weather. Adult/child teams only. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1903128.

 Sept 21 Mix, Measure and Chop! 10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Caregiver and child will mix, measure, and cook a delicious and tasty mini-meal together. One caregiver/one child. All materials provided. Ages: 2 to 5 years.

Cost: \$25/residents and \$28/non-residents. Pre-registration: Required. To register: 425-452-4106, course 1903144. Info: <u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-4106.

Sept 21 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! **Preregistration:** Not required. **Info:** <u>www.eastsideheritagecenter.org</u> or 425-450-1049.

Sept 21 Garden Class: Paper Itoh Peonies, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

Join us and make an Itoh peony, a striking herbaceous peony whose subtle cream and pink petals sport dramatic dark red markings. You'll learn techniques for creating a charming seed-pod center, adding a wash of color to your petals, stamen making, petal shaping, and basic crepe paper flower construction. You'll also receive supplies so you can practice your new skills by making a second flower at home. Beginners warmly welcomed! **Cost:** \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <u>https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/</u>

Sept 21 Family Discovery Series: Fall for Frogs, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE Have you ever heard the chorus of frogs and wondered how they stop and start in unison? Hop on over to the Mercer Slough to discover more about our frogs thriving in the wetland. These musical amphibians play an intricate role in the food web and help keep our ecosystems in balance. Enjoy some fun activities, crafts and a nature walk. It will be a splash! 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.

Sept 22 Chinese Cultural Celebration, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street Celebrate and learn about Chinese culture. Booths representing four regions -Beijing, Shanghai and Jiangnan, Canton, and SW China - will share their cultures, tea, plants and flowers. Visit information desks for living, schooling and other residence needs for new Chinese immigrants. Performances will include music, dance, and Taiji. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/

Sept 23 Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a a different farm-related theme and include a visit with one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Space is limited. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Sept 26 Wisdom Café Themed Conversations – Rise and Shine, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Downtown Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE

Converse, connect, and reflect! Come share your wisdom! These cafés provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others in discussion of universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea and treats provided! This conversation – Looking forward to each day relates to living fully. What gets you up every day? What would get you up with enthusiasm and a sense of purpose? We'll discuss how to infuse our days with the elements that rouse us. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 1935624. **Info:** <u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or <u>https://bellevuewa.gov/mainclub</u>

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.

Sept 27 Movies at Mercer Slough: "Fresh Water," 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE Only 3% of the world's water is fresh, yet all life forms depend on it. This *Planet Earth* episode follows the journey of our fresh water and demonstrates how various species take advantage of this precious natural resource. Narrated by David Attenborough. 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:** <u>MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-2565.

Sept 28 Painting with Chickens, 11 a.m. – noon

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE Create a painting in partnership with our chicken artists! Children will work with a chicken to create a fun, colorful piece of artwork combining your child's creativity with the footprints of our resident chickens. Children also get to pet the chicken artists and feed them some yummy treats. All activities will be inside, but dress warmly because the barn is not heated. The nontoxic children's finger paint is washable, but wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. **Ages:** 5-9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <u>KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-7688, course 1931291.

 Sept 28 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 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! Preregistration: RSVP required. Info and to RSVP: ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993.

Sept 29 Garden Class: Great Grasses for Your Garden, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street

Taught by George Lasch. Ornamental grasses introduce exciting textures to the garden, along with movement and sound as they rustle in the breeze. We will talk about plant selection and care. Slides and handouts will start the class, followed by a walk in the garden to appreciate how grasses are used in the landscape. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <u>https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/</u>

OCTOBER 2019

Oct 4 Lewis Creek Story Time: "Salmon Stream"

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! Swim along with baby salmon from the time they hatch until they complete their long, harrowing journey home. **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.

Oct 5 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. All materials provided. This is a caregiver/child class - one caregiver/one child. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$21/residents/ and \$26/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 1902815. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Oct 5 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.

Oct 5Volunteer for Special Event - Kelsey Creek Farm Fair, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
Earn community service hours! Assist with children's activities and other event
tasks. Volunteers need to be able to follow directions, be comfortable in crowds,
and be on their feet in all types of weather. Participants must register by Oct. 4,
2019 and be enrolled in high school at date of event. All volunteers will be
required to complete a Criminal Background Check and provide their Social
Security number, which must be submitted by Oct. 1, 2019. Ages: 14-18. Cost:
Free. Pre-registration: Required by October 4. No day-of-event registrations
will be accepted. Info: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688,
course #1903175.

Oct 5 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 our fall festival. The Farm Fair features live entertainment, heritage demonstrations, pick-a-pumpkin (gathered from the vine but in a farm pasture), and farm animals. No pets are allowed in the barnyard areas or on the shuttle bus. Free shuttle service from Wilburton Park & Ride and Bannerwood Sports Park. Ages: All ages – family event. Cost: No entrance fee; cost varies for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. Info: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Oct 5 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 heritage program is part of Kelsey Creek Farm's Farm Fair event and 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:** <u>www.eastsideheritagecenter.org</u> or 425-450-1049.

Oct 6 Living with Wildlife – Raccoons 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE Are you neighbors with one (or several) of these mischievous mammals? If so, you're not alone. Learn all about raccoons, including how to prevent conflicts in your neck of the woods. This is an indoor program. **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.

Oct 7 Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a a different farm-related theme and include a visit with one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Space is limited. Doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <u>KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-7688.

Oct 10 Wisdom Café Themed Conversations – Aging Creatively, Living Life with Intention and Discovery, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Downtown Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE Converse, connect, and reflect! Come share your wisdom! These cafés provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others in discussion of universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea and treats provided! This conversation – Being intentional and awake are choices we can make at any age. Being older often gives us time to explore and discover what matters most to us. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 1935621. **Info:** <u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or <u>https://bellevuewa.gov/mainclub</u>

Oct 11 Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 6:30 p.m. – 8 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 the park home, and join a Park 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. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <u>https://register.bellevuewa.gov</u> for course 1903219. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

Oct 12 Fall Farm Fun: Pigs and Pumpkins, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE Pigs love pumpkins, and we think you will too! Children get to make pumpkin treats, go on a scavenger hunt, do a craft, and learn all about pigs. Each child will pick out a pumpkin to take home. Come dressed for the weather. Adult/child teams only. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <u>KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-7688, course 1903137.

Oct 13 October is for Orcas, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. *Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE* Did you know that our southern resident orcas communicate in a different "language" than transient orcas, or that they use sonar to hunt for their prey? Join us for an introduction to the families that make up the J, L, and K pods, a fintastic orca game, and to learn how you can help our endangered southern resident orcas starting right here in Bellevue! This is an indoor/outdoor program. Ages: Best for children ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Preregistration: Not required. Info: 425-452-4195.

Oct 14 Tag-A-Long Farm Tour, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. *Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE* Rise and shine! Adult and child teams will get a sneak peek at Kelsey Creek Farm life as they help the farmers with their morning chores. You and your little farmer will meet animals both big and small, feed some of them, and learn how to clean their stalls as we get ready for a new day on the farm. After all that hard work, we'll reward ourselves with a farm-themed snack and story! Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. Ages: 3-5 years old. Cost: \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident per person. Pre-registration: Required. Info and to register: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1931802.

Oct 16 Garden Lecture: Spring Starts in October, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street Professional gardener and writer, Daniel Mount, will share the ins and outs of bulb selection, planting, and maintenance. From the classics like tulips and daffodils to the oddities like fritillarias, brodiaeas, and corydalis, you will learn to have the ephemeral beauty of these gems in your garden. Presented by the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$15 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/

Oct 17Garden Lecture: Fall Dahlia Care – Digging and Dividing, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
The Puget Sound Dahlia Association presents this lecture, with a digging
demonstration at 6 p.m., and the meeting and lecture at 7:30 p.m. Cost: Free!
Pre-registration: Not required. Info: http://www.pugetsounddahlias.org/

Oct 18 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:** <u>LCVC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-4195.

- Oct 18 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 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 and to register: https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/
- Oct 18 Story and a Stroll: "When Rain Falls" 11 a.m. 12 p.m. *Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center*, 1625 118th Avenue SE When rain falls, we scurry indoors. But what about all those animals in the forests and fields? Journey from your neighborhood to the woods and wetlands of the Mercer Slough after enjoying this engaging story of animal habitats. Ages: Best for 3-6 years. Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. Info and to
- **Oct 18** The Great Pumpkin Hunt, 6 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

Presenting Sponsor: Sterling Bank & Trust

RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Kid games, Halloween crafts, entertainment and the Great Pumpkin Hunt make this an event you will not want to miss! Pumpkin Hunt is offered by age groups: 2-4 year-olds at 6:30 p.m., 5-8 year-olds at 7:15 p.m., and 9-12 year-olds at 8 p.m. Only one hunt per age group is offered. Older children are not allowed in younger group hunts. Tickets in plastic pumpkins collected from the hunt can be redeemed at Prize Central for all prizes. Children's entertainment and themed art projects provided. Cost include access to all activities and the Pumpkin Hunt. Wear your costumes; there will be prizes for the Best Costume Contest! Register early, as this event sells out. Event will be held, rain or shine. **Ages:** 2-12 years old. **Cost:** \$15/participant, includes tax. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

Oct 19 Adventures in Pioneer Farming, 10 a.m. - noon

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE Enjoy a fall morning immersed in farm life. Spend time with our animals and learn about pioneer farming in our historic log cabin that was built in 1888. Activities will include learning how to grind wheat into flour, feeding lunch to the farm animals, and working with real wool from our sheep. Children will have fun experiencing what life was like a hundred years ago. **Ages:** 8-11 years old. **Cost:** \$33/resident and \$40/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <u>KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-7688, course 1903138.

- Oct 19Family Discovery Series: Swim to Spawn, 2 p.m. 3 p.m.Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SESalmon were once abundant here in the Pacific Northwest but have been on arapid decline in most of our region. Come learn more about the salmon that makethe arduous journey from the ocean to the Mercer Slough where they willeventually spawn in the shallow waters of Kelsey Creek. Learn about thedifferent stages of our salmon and what you can do to help aid in their survival.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.
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- Oct 20 Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area, 10:30 a.m. noon *Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead, 15400 SE Newcastle Coal Creek Road* 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 that you'll learn about while being guided by a 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.

Oct 20 Garden Class: Chinese Tea, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street This class will focus on several Chinese Teas and include a discussion of how the tea plants are grown and harvested, as well as the regional cultures around them. There will be a tea presentation to show the etiquette of the tea ceremony. Cost: \$25 per person. Pre-registration: Recommended. Info and to register: https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/

Oct 21 Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. *Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE* Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a a different farm-related theme and include a visit with one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for your children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Space is limited. Doors close when the program begins. Ages: 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

Oct 22 Garden Lecture: Crown Jewel Wilderness – Creating North Cascades National Park, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street Author Lauren Danner traces the fascinating narrative of Washington State's third crown jewel national park, North Cascades National Park, in the 1960s, including how its creation helped lead to the founding of the Washington Native Plant Society. Presented by the Washington Native Plant Society. **Cost:** Free! **Preregistration:** Not required. **Info:** <u>https://www.wnps.org/</u>

Oct 23 Garden Class: Perfect Peonies, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street Join Kit Haesloop in the classroom for a PowerPoint on peonies, followed by a stroll around the border to learn all about this essential perennial. Cost: \$25/Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members and \$35/non-members. Preregistration: Recommended. Info and to register: http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/classes_signup19.php

Oct 24 Wisdom Café Themed Conversations – The Artist Within, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. *Downtown Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE* Converse, connect, and reflect! Come share your wisdom! These cafés provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others in discussion of universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea and treats provided! This conversation – We are all born with the capacity to engage with the world creatively. Yet, most people don't think of themselves as "artists." How does your inner artist show up? You might be surprised by what you discover. Ages: Adults. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required. To register: 425-452-4106, course 1935626. Info: NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or

https://bellevuewa.gov/mainclub

Oct 25 Movies at Mercer Slough: "Our Blue Planet," 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. *Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE* This episode examines the role of human anthropogenic activity on the oceans. Microplastics and pollution are an increasing problem for the world's seas, threatening the lives of marine life and ultimately affecting the ecosystem. Can humans reverse their activity to protect these threatened ecosystems and the wildlife dependent on them? 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.

Oct 25-Nov 3 "The Phantom Tollbooth" (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),

Oct 25, 26 and Nov 2 at 7 p.m.;

Oct 27, Nov 2 and 3 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street

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Oct 26 Halloween on the Hill, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way Come join your family and friends for some Halloween fun! South Bellevue Community Center will host this annual event that consists of a full day of Halloween-inspired events on Saturday, Oct. 26. There is something for everyone, including our Carnival on the Hill, The Great SBCC Pumpkin Race, Dessert Theatre on the Hill, and Haunted Movie on the hill! **Ages:** Family events. **Cost:** Varies according to specific event. **Pre-registration:** Required for Pumpkin Races (Activity codes are PUMPKINRACE-1 for the morning race and PUMPKINRACE-2 for the afternoon race), and Dessert Theatre on the Hill (course 1903727) **To register:** <u>https://register.bellevuewa.gov</u> **Info:** <u>sbcc@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-4240.

Oct 27 October is for Orcas, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

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Nov 1 Lewis Creek Story Time: "Very Hairy Bear"

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! Where do our bears go when it gets chilly out? Join us as we read some fun stories about our local fuzzy neighbors. 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.

Nov 2 Grateful for Goats and Happy for Horses, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
There's a lot to be thankful for at Kelsey Creek Farm! Children will ride a pony, take our goats on a walk, and give treats to the animals for a job well done. Then we'll come inside the barn for a craft and a story. Come dressed for the weather. Adult/child teams only. Ages: 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$35/resident and \$42/non-resident. Pre-registration: Required. Info and to register: KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1903128.

Nov 2 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.

- Nov 3 Mercer Slough Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 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 can continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. Ages: All ages welcome; family event. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required; please RSVP. Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- Nov 3 Let's Plant a Tree! 2:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
 Learn why tree leaves change color and why some trees don't. We'll try some experiments on tree leaves, go for a short walk through the forest at Lewis Creek Park, and then each participant will plant a willow tree! Please wear waterproof shoes. This is an indoor/outdoor program. Ages: Best for children ages 5-10 years old with accompanying adult(s). 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.
- Nov 4 Story Time at Kelsey Creek Farm, 10:30 a.m. 11 a.m.

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Nov 7 Wisdom Café Themed Conversations – The Gifts of Memory,

11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Downtown Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE

"Your presence is your gift" speaks to the intangibles we each bring to our lives. What are your gifts of presence? What holiday traditions are most important to you? We'll share stories about how to bring ourselves and those close to us more fully to this season of celebration. Converse, connect, and reflect! Come share your wisdom! These cafés provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others in discussion of universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea and treats provided! Offered by the Northwest Center for Creative Aging and the King County Library System. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Preregistration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 1935625. **Info:** <u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or <u>https://bellevuewa.gov/mainclub</u>

Nov 8-17	"The Monkey King" (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),
	Nov 8, 9, and 16 at 7 p.m.;
	Nov 10, 16, and 17 at 2 p.m.
	Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10 th Street
	A rambunctious young boy wants to be a god! In this adaptation of a portion of
	the classic Chinese legend, the Monkey King (Sun Wukong) has supernatural
	abilities. When his kingdom is overrun by demons, he sets out to be the first
	monkey ever to become an immortal. Ages: All ages welcome. Cost: \$15. All
	seats are reserved. Info and to buy tickets: 425-452-7155.

 Nov 9 Let's Plant a Tree! 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE Learn why tree leaves change color and why some trees don't. We'll try some experiments on tree leaves, go for a short walk through the forest at Lewis Creek Park, and then each participant will plant a willow tree! Please wear waterproof shoes. This is an indoor/outdoor program. Ages: Best for children ages 5-10 years old with accompanying adult(s). 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.

Nov 10 Salmon Sense, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE Each year, salmon migrate inland throughout our region... but have you ever wondered why they make this perilous journey or how they find their way? Join us at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center as we dissect an adult salmon and discuss this incredible journey. Afterwards, we'll head outside to learn about stream habitat. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 9-14 years old with accompanying adult(s). **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.

Nov 11 Holiday Farm Tour, Two sessions, choose one:

10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. OR 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE Come visit our resident farm animals! Meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens, and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. You will get to pet many of our animals and even feed some of them! 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, courses 1931401 (10-10:45 a.m.) and 1931402 (11-11:45 a.m.).

- Nov 16 Living with Wildlife Cunning Crows, 2 p.m. 3 p.m. Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE Crows are one of Bellevue's most commonly-seen wildlife residents. They have more advanced cognitive abilities than many mammals, an amazing memory, and are very social. Find out why crows gather in enormous numbers, and what the fuss is all about. Learn what crows know, and discover how we can get along together. This is an indoor program. 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.
- Nov 17 Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park, 10:30 a.m. noon Meeting place: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Dr 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.
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Nov 21 Wisdom Café Themed Conversations – Gratitude, More than Counting Blessings, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Downtown Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE

All of the world's spiritual traditions emphasize gratitude as a central practice. How does gratitude manifest in your life? Converse, connect, and reflect! Come share your wisdom! These cafés provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others in discussion of universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea and treats provided! Offered by the Northwest Center for Creative Aging and the King County Library System. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Preregistration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 1935622. **Info:** <u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or <u>https://bellevuewa.gov/mainclub</u>

 Nov 22 Story and a Stroll: "Owl Moon" 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE Enjoy this heartwarming story of father and daughter out for a winter evening walk. While the trees are still and the night is quiet, the father knows there are creatures of the night. Do you know how to call the owls? Ages: Best for 3-5 years old. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required; please RSVP. Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

 Nov 22 Movies at Mercer Slough: "Seasonal Forests," 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE This episode of Planet Earth explores our seasonal coniferous and deciduous woodland habitats and the animals that depend on them. Narrated by David Attenborough. 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.

 Nov 22 Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 6 p.m. – 7:30 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 the park home, and join a Park 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. This is an indoor/outdoor program. Ages: Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required. To register: <u>https://register.bellevuewa.gov</u> for course 1903220. Info: 425-452-4195.

Nov 22-Dec 1 "Madagascar, Jr." (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),

Nov 22, 23, 29, and 30 at 7 p.m.;

Nov 24, 30, and Dec 1 at 2 p.m.

Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street

Take a walk on the wild side! Join four friends when they find themselves shipwrecked in Madagascar. This lively musical is appropriate for all audience members. There's plenty of song and dance for the whole family. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

Nov 23 Visions of Sugar Plums, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

Join us for a sweet beginning to the holiday season by making a gingerbread-type house, singing songs, dancing and eating yummies for your tummies. Dress in your party clothes for happy holiday wholesome fun! All materials provided. This is a caregiver/child class - one caregiver/one child. **Ages:** Ages 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$21/residents/ and \$26/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 1902816. **Info:** <u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-4106.

- Nov 23 Ranger Program: Nocturnal in November, 2 p.m. 3 p.m. Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE Several types of owls can be found living throughout many of Bellevue's parks. These silent predators of the night are considered a keystone species within the ecosystem. Join us for a fun-filled hour learning about these owls. Dissect an owl pellet to discover who was for lunch. Put your creativity to use with a craft activity that's yours to keep. Ages: Best for 5-10 years old. Cost: Free! Pre- registration: Required; please RSVP. Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
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- Nov 30 Dec 31 Garden d'Lights, 4:30 p.m. 9 p.m., every evening including holidays *Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street* Garden d'Lights features over half a million sparkling lights formed into the whimsical shapes of plants, flowers, birds, animals and cascading waterfalls, set amid the natural beautify of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Cost: \$5/person; children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the event. Parking: \$5 for on-site parking; free parking at Wilburton Hill Park. To buy tickets ahead of time (beginning October 15) and for driving, parking and general information: http://www.gardendlights.org/

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Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street

Take a walk on the wild side! Join four friends when they find themselves shipwrecked in Madagascar. This lively musical is appropriate for all audience members. There's plenty of song and dance for the whole family. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

 Nov 30 – Dec 31 Garden d'Lights, 4:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., every evening including holidays *Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street* Garden d'Lights features over half a million sparkling lights formed into the whimsical shapes of plants, flowers, birds, animals and cascading waterfalls, set amid the natural beautify of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Cost: \$5/person; children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the event. Parking: \$5 for on-site parking; free parking at Wilburton Hill Park. To buy tickets ahead of time (beginning October 15) and for driving, parking and general information: http://www.gardendlights.org/

Dec 4-7 Hilltop Holiday Craft Show,

Dec 4-6, 10 a.m. -8 p.m.

Dec 7, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street

Life your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 60 selected Northwest crafters. This show features one-of-a-kind products, including: holiday ornaments, decorations, pottery, jewelry, wood and knit items, and more. **Cost:** Admission and parking are free; craft items vary in price. **Info:** <u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-4106. Crafter application and information:

Bellevuehilltop@gmail.com or http://www.bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com

Dec 5 Wisdom Café Themed Conversations – Staying Connected, Strategy for a Full Life, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Downtown Bellevue Main Club, 209 100th Avenue NE As we age, our relationships and responsibilities change. How do we stay connected with our children, our communities, and the environment? What does it mean to stay connected with our minds, our bodies, and our spiritual lives? We all have wisdom we can share about this important topic. Converse, connect, and reflect! Come share your wisdom! These cafés provide an opportunity to converse and connect with others in discussion of universal topics such as gratitude, legacy, happiness, and what gives life meaning. Come for one session or more in a facilitated small group conversation. Connect with others, build community, and share wisdom. Coffee, tea and treats provided! Offered by the Northwest Center for Creative Aging and the King County Library System. **Ages:** Adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course 1935623. **Info:** <u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or <u>https://bellevuewa.gov/mainclub</u>

Dec 6 Lewis Creek Story Time: "Water Dance"

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! Water can behave in strange ways in winter – from forming icicles to becoming hot cocoa's steam. We'll read to discover how it's all a part of the water cycle. 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.

Dec 6-15 "The Twelve Days of Christmas" (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),

Dec 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 7 p.m.;

Dec 8, 14, and 15 at 2 p.m.

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This delightful tale has all the joy of a holiday treasure. A prince longs for a new world within his kingdom and finds a town fallen to bad times. It is brought back to life with true love and Christmas joy. This is a great holiday adventure for the whole family. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

 Dec 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.

Dec 7 Holiday Barn Lighting, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE Join us for a special holiday barn lighting celebration at Kelsey Creek Farm. Bring the whole family to meet a resident farm animal, enjoy hot cocoa, complete a holiday-themed craft, and visit with Santa. Top off the evening of holiday cheer with the barn lighting and traditional holiday carols. Bring a flashlight to help make your way back to the parking lot as it will be dark at the end of the event. Join us in making this holiday season memorable as we light up the farm and enjoy this wonderful season of giving. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <u>KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-7688.

Dec 8 Mercer Slough Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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 can continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required; please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** <u>MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-2565.

Dec 8 Whoooo's Hooting? 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE How does a barn owl find its pretty in total darkness? How does a great horned owl clasp its talons with 28 pounds of force? Join us as we learn all about our favorite silently flying friends, try out our hoots, and dig deeper into an owl's diet by dissecting owl pellets! This is an indoor/outdoor program. Ages: Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Pre-registration: RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. Info and to RSVP: 425-452-4195.

Dec 13 Night Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 4:30 p.m. – 6 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 the park home, and join a Park 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. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <u>https://register.bellevuewa.gov</u> for course 1903221. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

 Dec 14 Mix, Measure and Chop Holiday Fun! 10 a.m.. – 11:45 a.m. Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
 Caregiver and child will mix, measure and cook a delicious and tasty mini-meal together. All materials provided. This is a caregiver/child class; one caregiver/one child. Ages: Ages 2 to 5 years old. Cost: \$25/residents/ and \$28/non-residents. Pre-registration: Required. To register: 425-452-4106, course 1903145. Info: NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.

 Dec 15 Living with Wildlife – Deer in the Headlights, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE Black-tailed deer are a welcomed friend in many of Bellevue's neighborhoods. Join us to learn about how to attract deer, deer biology, how to address potential conflicts (including how to protect your fruit trees), what to do if you find a fawn, and more! This is an indoor program. Ages: Best for adults, but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Preregistration: Not required. Info: 425-452-4195.

- Dec 15 Christmas Ship Festival, 7:30 p.m. 9 p.m.; ship arrives off-shore at 8:15 p.m. Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's performance. Beach fire provided! Ages: All ages welcome; family event. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info: <u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-4106.
- Dec 20Story and a Stroll: "Who Lives in the Snow" 11 a.m. 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Although the surface of the snow looks quiet and serene, life below is drastically
different. Visit the mysterious world of winter in and under the snow. Ages:
Best for 3-5 years old. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required; please RSVP.
Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Dec 21Ranger Program: Breakfast for Birds, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
The Mercer Slough provides critical habitat for both residential and migratory
birds year-round. Limited resources for these birds during the winter months can
make survival challenging. Join us to find out more about our winter birds and
what you can do in your own backyard to help them survive tough times. Ages:
Best for 5-10 years old. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Required; please RSVP.
Info and to RSVP: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Dec 21 Whoooo's Hooting? 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE How does a barn owl find its pretty in total darkness? How does a great horned owl clasp its talons with 28 pounds of force? Join us as we learn all about our favorite silently flying friends, try out our hoots, and dig deeper into an owl's diet by dissecting owl pellets! This is an indoor/outdoor program. Ages: Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Pre-registration: RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. Info and to RSVP: 425-452-4195.

Dec 21 Christmas Ship Festival, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.; ship arrives off-shore at 7:40 p.m. *Meydenbauer Bay Park, 419 98th Ave NE* Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's performance. Beach fire provided! Ages: All ages welcome; family event. Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info: <u>NWAC@bellevuewa.gov</u> or 425-452-4106.

 Dec 27 Movies at Mercer Slough: "From Pole to Pole," 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE The first episode of Planet Earth illustrates a journey around the globe revealing the effects of gradual climate change and seasonal transitions. Narrated by David Attenborough. 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.

Dec 28 Holly's Not So Jolly, 10:30 a.m. - noon Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE Pull on some gardening gloves and join the battle against invasive English holly plants. We'll learn how to identify this beautiful (but pesky) plant and how it harms our forests. Afterwards, we'll go out to pull some of these invasive plants and learn how to turn them into a fun craft! This is an indoor/outdoor program. Ages: Best for ages 5-10 years with accompanying adult(s). Cost: Free! Preregistration: RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. Info and to RSVP: 425-452-4195.

Dec 29 A Winter Wander, 10:30 a.m. - noon Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE Head outside this winter to reflect on the passage of time in nature. We'll ponder seasonality, forest changes, and the bygone residents of the area. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. Distance: Approximately one mile. Level of difficulty: Easy (50 feet elevation change). Ages: All ages are welcome; we encourage families to join us! Cost: Free! Pre-registration: Not required. Info: 425-452-4195.