

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Events List
(This list is a guide. Details may change.)

JULY 2018

- July 1** **Mercer Slough Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine
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. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 4** **Bellevue's Family 4th of July**, 2 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Celebrate our nation's birthday with friends and neighbors in Bellevue Downtown Park at the Eastside's largest 4th of July event. Enjoy live music, children's activities, a variety of foods at the Food Court, the new Inspiration Playground, all leading up to the spectacular fireworks show. Synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra, fireworks will begin at 10:05 p.m. Bring a flashlight for safety. Free event parking is available at The Bellevue Collection after 6 p.m. **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 6** **Summer Science Series: Water You Know**, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Park Ranger for this new summer pre-teen program to investigate the water of the Mercer Slough and learn more about what factors influence the quality. This inquiry-based program involves observation, critical thinking and hands-on learning with chemical water testing kits to be used at various locations within the nature park. Please come prepared to spend two hours outside and hike on uneven terrain. Bring a day pack with a water bottle, sunscreen, hat and bug spray. **Ages:** Best for children ages 10-13 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 7** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
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. **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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- July 8** **Living with Wildlife: Backyard Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek 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, kids but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 10** **Alt-Rock Retro Reboot Concert, presented by Rick Huddle** (Children’s Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents entertainer Rick Huddle – storyteller, dancer and musician. Reboot your brain as you listen to parodies and stories based on alternative rock from the 70s, 80s and 90s. This is a great opportunity to introduce your little ones to bands like They Might Be Giants, REM, Blondie and The Clash! **Ages:** Family event; all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 10** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Despicable Me 3”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
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. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>

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- July 14** **Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Meeting place: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
Join a Park Ranger to 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. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.
Distance: 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (2 miles with 240 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 15** **Bobcats and Bunnies**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that Bellevue is home to bobcats and cougars? Come discover how our stealthy neighbors help keep the ecosystem balanced by playing a game of “bobcats and bunnies”! This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 17** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Boss Baby”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
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Ages: All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- July 21** **Bobcats and Bunnies**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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- July 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 activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- July 21** **Family Discovery Series: Butterflies, Bees and Birds, Oh My!** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Did you know that hummingbirds flap their wings 80 times per second? And that butterflies and bees are perfect pollinators? Join a Park Ranger to discover more fun facts about some of nature's greatest gifts, enjoy some crafts and explore the trail. **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.
- July 22** **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 24** **The Bing Bang Boom Show, presented by Duo Finelli, Luz Gaxiola and Molly Shannon** (Children's Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Robinswood Barn in Robinswood Park, 2432 148th Ave SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a fabulous performance by three great entertainers. When Molly and Luz join forces to put on a spectacular circus show with dance and music, there will be plenty of mishaps, but also a lot of fun! Discover how they find funny solutions to their problems through curiosity, playfulness and working together. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.

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- July 24** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Lego Ninjago Movie”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
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. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- July 27** **Nature Movie: “Shallow Seas,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This episode of *Planet Earth* is devoted to the shallow seas that fringe the world’s continents. Although they constitute 8% of the oceans, they contain the most marine life. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 31** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Goodbye Christopher Robin”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
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AUGUST 2018

- August 1** **Theatre on the Green: “The Day Zero Left Dodge,”** 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Enjoy the summer evening outdoors while being entertained by a live theatre experience presenting a unique mathematical Western musical for children. Children’s art and bubbles activity will be available from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Theatre presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. This classic theatre is presented by Last Leaf Productions. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 2** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Coco,”** 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue Parks & Community Services has partnered with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring you four Thursday night movies in Crossroads Park. Join your friends and family for a night of free admission, free pre-movie activities, and free popcorn. Family activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Movies begin at dusk (around 9 p.m.) and are shown under the stars on a huge, 40-foot inflatable screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Voices of the Wild”**
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! Ride along with a kayaker as he discovers that every animal around him has its own story. 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.
- August 3-19** **“The Jungle Book” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Play),**
August 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 at 7 p.m.; August 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Rudyard Kipling’s famous tale of Mowgli and his relationship with the animals who raise him from a small child. Set in India, this is a great show for all families. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** \$12. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- August 5** **Mercer Slough Ranger Walk**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
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- August 5** **Forest Fire Tag**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to learn about forest fires this month. We'll play some fun games to explore the science behind wildland fires, how trees protect themselves from fire, and even how some forests need fire to keep the ecosystem healthy. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for kids ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 7** **The Battle of the Bands, presented by The Brian Waite Band** (Children's Program), 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Amphitheater, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents the energized Brian Waite Band. Visit the "musical land of Rockmania" and sing, dance and laugh as you journey to this magical and musical place! The natives of Fastopolis, Beatborough and Lowburg like to argue but quickly learn that working together and playing in harmony makes for a better and happier country. **Ages:** Family event; all ages are 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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- August 7** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Paddington 2”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
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Ages: All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 8** **Theatre on the Green: “The Emperor and the Nightingale,”**
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Enjoy this live children’s musical theatre experience while you relax outdoors with your family. Children’s art and bubbles activity will be available from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Theatre presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. This classic theatre is presented by Last Leaf Productions. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event.
Cost: Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 9** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Wonder,”** 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
Bellevue Parks & Community Services has partnered with Crossroads Shopping Center to bring you four Thursday night movies in Crossroads Park. Join your friends and family for a night of free admission, free pre-movie activities, and free popcorn. Family activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Movies begin at dusk (around 9 p.m.) and are shown under the stars on a huge, 40-foot inflatable screen with a state-of-the-art projection and sound system. Movies will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Ages:** All ages; family event. Movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free!
Pre-registration: Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/crossroads-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 11** **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.
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- August 12** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
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. **Distance:** 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (2 miles with 700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 14** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “The Greatest Showman”**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
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- August 15** **Theatre on the Green: “Twelfth Night,”** 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Enjoy this live Shakespeare comedy while you relax outdoors with your family. Children’s art and bubbles activity will be available from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Theatre presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. This classic theatre is presented by Last Leaf Productions. **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! Donations will be accepted by Last Leaf Productions. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106.
- August 16** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: “Cars 3,”** 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Crossroads Community Park, 16000 NE 10th Street
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- August 17 Aloha Picnic and Dance**, 5 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road
This event is facilitated for individuals living with intellectual disabilities. Highland presents warm breezes and tropical beach wishes at this annual summer picnic and aloha dance. Celebrate your summer with friends, as there will be grass skirts a-plenty, on this warm summer evening. The picnic starts at 5 p.m., with the dance to follow at 7 p.m. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Contact Mary Boyle at Mboyle@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4118. **Info:** 425-452-7686.
- August 18 Fuchsia Show and Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
See fuchsia blossoms of all shapes and colors, and purchase hardy fuchsias for your home garden. This event is hosted by the Eastside Fuchsia Society. Open to the public. **Cost:** Free admission and parking; costs vary for plants. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:**
<http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/societies.htm>
- August 18 Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
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- August 18 Family Discovery Series: Dragonflies – Ferocious Sky Hunters**,
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Dragonflies are beautiful and intriguing to watch, but did you know they are also ferocious predators? They can judge the speed and trajectory of their prey with such precision that they adjust their flight accordingly and ambush unsuspecting insects in mid-air. Join a Park Ranger for a fun-filled hour to learn more about these aerial hunters. **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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- August 23** **Crossroads Movies in the Park: "Beauty and the Beast,"** 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
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- August 24** **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 Northwestern 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 and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for youth and adult participants. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>, course 1802340. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- August 25** **Forest Fire Tag**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Park Ranger to learn about forest fires this month. We'll play some fun games to explore the science behind wildland fires, how trees protect themselves from fire, and even how some forests need fire to keep the ecosystem healthy. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for kids ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- August 25-26** **Garden Event: Arts in the Garden**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Enjoy this opportunity to see art in a natural setting, meet the artists, and get inspired to bring art into your own home and garden. Discover about 40 artists and a wide variety of sculpture and garden art available for purchase among the flowerbeds and woodlands of the Bellevue Botanical Garden. Purchase art for your home and garden, while enjoying music, food and libations. **Cost:** Free admission and parking; prices vary for artwork for sale. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.artsinthegardenbellevue.org/>
- August 28** **Downtown Movies in the Park: "Ghostbusters"**
Pre-movie activities begin at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
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. **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- August 31** **Nature Movie: "Ocean Deep,"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This final installment of *Planet Earth* concentrates on the least-explored area of the planet – the deep ocean. The last sequence depicts the largest animal on Earth, the blue whale. At one time 300,000 blue whales once roamed the world's oceans. Now fewer than 3% remain. **Ages:** Best for ages 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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- Sept 1** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. - noon**
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.
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 2** **Mercer Slough Family-Friendly Ranger Hike, 2 p.m. – 3 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.
- Sept 2** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology. We'll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 3** **Holiday Farm Tour: Labor Day, 11 a.m. – noon or 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 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. **Ages:** Kids ages 2 years and older, with an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$12/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1835371 for the 11 a.m. tour, and course #1835372 for the 1:30 p.m. tour).

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- Sept 7** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Salamander Room”**
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! Have you found a salamander hidden in the forest or wondered about what our mysterious amphibian friends are up to? There are thirteen species of salamander that call Washington home, and they come in all sizes and colors. This story time, we’ll read two stories all about some of our favorite amphibians! 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 8** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology. We’ll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 15** **Painting with Chickens, 10 a.m. – noon**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 410 130th Place SE
Create a painting with a chicken! Children will work with a chicken to create a fun, colorful piece of artwork, combining your child’s creativity with the footprints of one of our resident chickens. Children will also get to pet the chicken artists and feed them some yummy treats. All activities will be inside, but children should dress warmly because the barn is not heated. The nontoxic children’s finger paint is washable, but have your child wear clothes that you don’t mind getting dirty. **Ages:** 5-9 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1835361.
- Sept 15** **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 activities and interpretation presented by volunteers and staff from the Eastside Heritage Center. Visitors are invited to participate in hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life: agriculture, dairy, household tasks, log cabins, games and Eastside history. Fraser Cabin Heritage Programs are presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Eastside Heritage Center – www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.

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- Sept 19** **Flu Shot Clinic and Community Resources Fair**, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., rain or shine
Stevenson Elementary School, 14220 NE 8th Street
Bring the whole family to visit the new Stevenson Elementary building! Join vendors, organizations, and community services providers at a fun event for everyone. Limited free flu shots will be available to low-income individuals and families. Bellevue organizations will share their informational materials at their tables. **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Cecilia Martinez-Vasquez at cmartinezv@bellevuewa.gov or 425-456-6000.
- Sept 22** **Fall Farm Fun: Sheep, Chickens**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park Animal Barn Foyer, 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. Come dressed for the weather. This event is for adult/child teams only. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$25/resident and \$30/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1803644.
- Sept 22** **Family Discovery Series: Nature's Recyclers**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Who is cleaning up the forest floor? Fungus, bacteria and invertebrates are nature's busy recyclers working endlessly to break down organic material. Not only do they break down decaying matter, but they also turn it into rich, nutrient-filled soil necessary for healthy forests. Join a Park Ranger to enjoy a story, hand-on activities, and a chance to meet some wiggly recyclers. **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** **The Washington State Sea Turtle Race**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Did you know that leatherback sea turtles forage for jellyfish just off the coast of Washington State? Join us to learn about their biology. We'll play a fun sea turtle migration game outside. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Sept 27** **Pasta Dinner Class**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Farm House Upper Room, 410 130th Place SE
Enjoy the farm in the evening as you learn how to make pasta with tools you probably have in your kitchen. We will use fresh herbs from the garden for the sauce to complement the pasta. Class includes recipes and hearty samples. No previous cooking experience is necessary. **Ages:** Adults only, 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$40/resident and \$48/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1803563.

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Sept 28 **Nature Movie: “Life in the Undergrowth,”** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join David Attenborough on his groundbreaking exploration into a spectacular miniature universe not normally seen but teeming all around us. Open your eyes to the bizarre, ferocious and surprisingly beautiful world of invertebrates. These creatures may be miniscule, but they live life on a truly grand scale. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome - best for ages 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

Sept 28 **Evening Nature Walk,** 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Bellevue Park Ranger for a (grown-ups only) hike where we’ll explore some of the park’s nocturnal species, as well as strategies for seeing these shy animals at night. Please bring a flashlight or headlamp, dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Distance:** 1 mile. **Difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Adults only. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>, course #1803884. **Info:** 425-452-4195.