

Events & Announcements



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Africatown

The fourth annual State of Africatown was held Jan. 14 at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute and featured presentations on the accomplishments of the last year as well as vision, opportunities and challenges facing the African American and African Diaspora community in 2017.

Community Calendar 2017

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

HIGHPOINT BRANCH LIBRARY RE-OPENING CELEBRATION: Join us in celebrating the grand re-opening of the Highpoint Branch Library. Meet the city librarian, enjoy refreshments and tour the beautiful new facility. 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., Highpoint Branch Library, 3411 SW Raymond St.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

FREE FIRST THURSDAY AT FLYING HERITAGE COLLECTION: There's always something going on at the Flying Heritage Collection. If you've been looking for an affordable opportunity to bring the whole family to visit. Don't miss a chance to visit for free. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Flying Heritage Collection, 3407 109th St. SW, Everett.

ADULT EDUCATION TRAINING: Get help with English language skills, job readiness, GED preparation and high school equivalency. Drop in anytime to work with a tutor. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Rainier Beach Library, 9125 Rainier Ave. S.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

FREE FRIDAY NIGHT: DENTAL HEALTH MONTH: Join us for Free Friday Night Dental Health Month. All families access the museum free from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Join us for free dental screenings and fun dental-themed art and science activities. Hands on Children's Museum, 414 Jefferson St. NE, Olympia, WA 98501

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dental hygienist and dentists. Services will include cleanings, sealants, x-rays, sealants, doctor's exams, fluoride, and select emergency treatments for children ages 18 and under. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Dental Hygiene Business Office at (360) 992-2158.

This is the eleventh year that Clark's Dental Hygiene has offered a free children's dental health day. In addition to this event, the college's Dental Hygiene students provide low-cost dental hygiene care to the community as part of their clinic practice.

Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way in Vancouver. Driving directions and parking maps are available at www.clark.edu/maps. If you need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event, contact Clark College's Disability Support Services Office at (360) 992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP), or visit Penguin Union Building room 013 as soon as possible.

Seattle News Briefs

State Community Economic Revitalization Board Invests \$850,000 in Public Infrastructure

The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) approved \$850,000 in loans and grants for public infrastructure development and economic feasibility studies targeting business growth and job creation in the cities of Othello and Airway Heights, the Makah Tribe, and the Port of Sunnyside.

Adams County - \$50,000 grant to the City of Othello for a feasibility study to implement the first phase of the city's water supply plan, which includes constructing a new well, pump station and reservoir. CERB funds are matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

Clallam County - \$50,000 grant to the Makah Tribe for the Cape Flattery Fishermen's Co-op Expansion project. A feasibility study will develop a strategy to upgrade the processing plant potential to increase value-added production, new sales and job creation. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

Spokane County - \$50,000 grant to the city of Airway Heights for a feasibility study to develop a master plan for the Airway Heights Industrial Center. The project will produce a "highest and best use" analysis, an economic feasibility assessment, identification of priority development sites, a "planned action ordinance" to facilitate development of those sites and a targeted infrastructure funding and development strategy for the area. CERB funds were matched by \$16,667 in local resources.

Yakima County - \$400,000 loan and a \$300,000 grant to the Port of Sunnyside for the Varietal Beer Company construction project. This committed private partner project consists of modifying an existing 5,500-square-foot cement block building for use as a brewery, taproom and bottling facility. Varietal Beer Company will invest \$405,000 in a 10-barrel brewing system, creating 23 permanent jobs. CERB funds were matched by \$300,000 in local resources.

The release of CERB funds to these projects is contingent upon each applicant completing specific pre-contract requirements, such as finalizing other funding sources and obtaining necessary permits.

Since 1982, CERB has committed nearly \$163 million to local jurisdictions across the state, an investment generating more than 35,000 jobs, and private capital investments of a \$5.6 billion (\$34 to \$1) return on CERB investment.

As Washington's strategic economic development resource, CERB is focused on creating private sector jobs in partnership with local governments by financing infrastructure improvements. These im-

provements encourage new business development and expansion. In addition to funding construction projects, CERB provides limited funding for studies that evaluate high-priority economic development projects. Learn more about CERB at www.commerce.wa.gov/cerb.

Neighborhood Matching Fund Announces New Funding Opportunities

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods' popular Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) offers new funding opportunities for community members in 2017. The program features added flexibility, a simpler application, and faster review and award processing. Its two funds - the Small Sparks Fund and the new Community Partnership Fund - continue to support community projects that build stronger neighborhoods and communities such as park improvements, public art, community gardens, cultural festivals, community organizing and so much more. For 2017, the NMF Program has more than \$3 million dollars to award to community projects!

The Community Partnership Fund combines two former funds into one. It provides funding up to \$100,000 with three opportunities to apply. Applicants will also receive decisions on their funding requests within eight weeks. The deadlines for the Community Partnership Fund are March 27, June 26, and September 25 by 5 p.m.

The Small Sparks Fund provides funding up to \$5,000 per project (increased from \$1,000), and the fund continues to accept applications on a rolling basis. This fund is perfect for small community projects or activities such as Neighbor Day, Night Out, Earth Day, Parking Day, Spring Clean and others.

In addition, recurring community events can now be funded every other year instead of only once. To learn more, the Neighborhood Matching Fund team is hosting workshops across the city about the program guidelines, requirements and application process. The workshop dates are:

- Wednesday, January 25 - 2100 building - The Art Room (2100 24th Avenue South, 98144)
- Thursday, February 2 - Phinney Neighborhood Center - Room 6 (6532 Phinney Avenue N, 98103)
- Tuesday, February 7 Neighborhood House - Room 207B (6400 Sylvan Way SW, 98126)
- Wednesday, February 15 - Bailey Gatzert Elementary (1301 East Yesler Way, 98122)
- Wednesday, March 1 - University Heights - Room 209 (5031 University Way NE, 98105)

To RSVP call (206) 733-9916 or go online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SNJJDYDH. Workshops will be offered throughout the year.



COURTESY OF FESTIVAL OF AFRICAN FILMS

Still from 'Akounak Tedalat Taha Tazoughai' / 'Rain the Color Blue with a Little Red in It'

PCC Cascade to Host African Film Festival

PCC Cascade and the Hollywood Theatre will host the 27th Annual Cascade Festival of African Films every weekend throughout the month of February. Featured films include "Akounak Tedalat Taha Tazoughai / Rain the Color Blue With a Little Red in It," a "Purple Rain" homage by Portland director Christopher Kirkley and Nigerian musician Mdou Moctar, "Red Leaves," a documentary on Israel's Ethiopian community and "As I Open My Eyes," the story of a young Tunisian woman's struggle to become a musician.

All screenings are free to the public and are first come, first served. For more information, including a full schedule of screenings, visit <https://www.africanfilmfestival.org/>.