

Events & Announcements



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Jimi Hendrix Park

Jimi Hendrix Park Foundation and Friends of Jimi Hendrix Park committee members Deborah Clothier and Stephanie Johnson-Tolliver, Jimi Hendrix Park Foundation Director Janie L. Hendrix, Carver Gayton and Seattle Mayor Ed Murray joined other dignitaries June 17 to cut the ribbon at the Grand Opening Ceremony of Jimi Hendrix Park.

Seattle News Briefs

Seattle King County NAACP Releases Statement on Lyles Shooting

On June 18, Seattle police officers shot and killed a young Black woman, Charleena Lyles, in her home. The Seattle King County NAACP released the following statement in response:

“Sunday’s tragedy should never have happened. A young Black woman called the police for help. She reported an attempted break-in and somehow wound up dead; murdered at the hands of Seattle Police Department (SPD). Charleena Lyles was pregnant, and had three children who were in the apartment when she was shot and killed. The police also knew that she suffered from mental health issues; citing that as their reason to send two officers. The NAACP de-

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mands that Seattle City Council and the Mayor hold a public hearing where Charleena’s family and our community can question SPD Chief O’Toole directly about this incident.

“The Seattle King County NAACP does not want to see any more excuses or justifications for such a callous use of force. SPD’s current consent decree agreement with the Department of Justice means nothing if it can’t prevent the death of someone like Charleena Lyles. We also know that this is not an isolated incident. Her death can only be understood in the context of a much larger pattern of institutional and structural racism in our country. SPD has a long history of excessive use of force, especially when it comes to people of color. While people sit by and debate the nuances of police reform, the death toll in our community continues to rise. As we fight to ensure that Charleena’s family receives the justice that they deserve, the officers that shot her are on paid, administrative leave. Something is terribly wrong with our justice system when someone loses their life and the people accountable are put on paid vacation.

“The Seattle King County NAACP is tired of watching Black and Brown people victimized at the hands of our police. We’re tired of releasing statement after statement demanding justice and accountability, only to have the officers found not guilty. The state of police relations in our city and across the country is abysmal. We have a serious problem on our hands, and no amount of training, or protocol is going to fix it. It’s time to actually start holding officers account-

able when they kill innocent victims; sending a clear and strong message that force of that kind won’t be tolerated. What unfolded on Sunday was an aggressive showing of force against a young, Black woman, who was known to have mental health problems. The police should have been prepared to handle the situation accordingly, and find ways to de-escalate the conversation and ensure that everyone stayed safe.

“At the root of all of these interactions, is the dehumanization of people of color. The headlines immediately following Charleena’s death mentioned she was armed and had mental health issues. But Charleena was much more than that. She was a human being; a mother, a sister, and a dedicated member of the community. She was scared. But even if she wasn’t any of those things, she was still a young woman who deserved to have her humanity recognized by the police that showed up at her door and ultimately killed her.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to Charleena Lyles’ family; from her children who were forced to witness her death, to everyone that knew and loved her.”

City of Seattle, King County Release Joint Request for Proposals for Legal Defense Fund

This week, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray and King County Executive Dow Constantine, along with the King County and Seattle City Councils, announced a joint request for proposals (RFP) to provide legal services, guidance and referrals to legal services for immigrants and refugees from a \$1.55 million fund. Local organizations providing these services can apply for the funding, which will assist people living in the area in need of representation for issues related to their immigration status. Both the City and the County passed legislation authorizing these funds earlier this year as President Donald Trump threatened immigrant and refugee communities through rhetoric and unconstitutional executive orders.

Two RFPs are being administered by the Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs and the King County Office of Equity and Social Justice for:

- Community navigation services (i.e. guidance and referral) for legal representation for residents of King County who are in detention, facing deportation, or in danger of losing their status; and
- Legal representation for residents of King County who are in detention, facing deportation, or in danger of losing their status.

In addition to legal defense, King County is supporting immigrant and refugee organizations with \$450,000 to increase the protections of vulnerable residents in the county; via a Resilience Fund, the Seattle Foundation and other philanthropic partners have added to this funding for community organizations.

Both RFPs are due by July 12.

Community Calendar 2017

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

ALBINA HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START OPEN HOUSE: A community event for families in North, Northeast and Southeast Portland with young children. Prenatal moms and children birth to age fgive may apply for services onsite. Join us for fun, crafts, snacks, community resources and prizes. To apply for services, please bring proof of last year’s income and proof of children’s age. 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Richard Brown Center, 805 NE Ivy St.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

“NATIONALITY MATTERS SYMPOSIUM”: Moorish Science Temple of American presents “Nationality Matters Symposium” on the effects of citizenship and statelessness (specifically to people of African descent). Keynote speaker: Minister Emmanuel Braswell Bey. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Charles Jordan Community Center, 9009 N. Foss Ave. Suggested donation \$10. For more information go to msta.portland.oregon@gmail.com.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 23

AUBURN’S KIDS DAY: The perfect day for any child. Live entertainment, inflatable rides, mini golf, arts and crafts and much more. Free for all to come and have fun. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Les Gove Park, 910 9th St. SE, Auburn.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

REPAIR FAIR: Do you have something lying around your home that could be useful again if only you knew how to repair it? Join us at the free Repair Fair. Volunteers experienced in repair will be on hand to try to fix items brought in by the public. Bring in any small household items and the pieces that are broken or need to be repaired with them. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Newport Way Library, 14250 SE Newport Way, Bellevue.

BLACK ARTS LOVE SUMMER MIXER AND MARKETPLACE: Join us for a free and fun Community event celebrating African American arts and culture. Event will feature over 25 artists and businesses, live performances, DJ, Paint party for kids, interactive activities, good food and community fun. Noon – 5 p.m., Franklin High School, 3013 S. Mount Baker Blvd.

PACIFIC THEATER DAY: Join the Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum for Pacific Theater Day, an exciting day of flying and vehicle demonstrations from the war, involving machines that operated during this historic time. Doors open at 9 a.m. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum, 3407 109th St. SW., Everett.

KITSAP PENINSULA NATURAL WATER TRAILS FESTIVAL: Join us in celebration of the Kitsap Water Trails. Family friendly, entertainment, food and fun. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Silverdale Waterfront Park, 3337 NW Byron St., Silverdale.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

TUESDAYS IN THE GARDEN: Enjoy “hands- on” work with staff gardeners and other like-minded volunteers. Tools and gloves are provided. Afterwards, enjoy a hot beverage and conversation. Bring lunch if you would like. 10 a.m. – noon., Kubota Gardens, 9817 55th Ave. S.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

DOWNTOWN PARK GRAND OPENING: Join us to celebrate the completion of the 35 year vision for the park and a new universally – accessible playground. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 3:30 p.m. with live music, entertainment and food trucks throughout the afternoon. 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., 10201 NE 4th St., Bellevue.

THURSDAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 29 JULY 1

VINTAGE SALE: The Vintage Sale will feature quality collector, antique, and home décor items. Proceeds will benefit the non-profit Bellevue Botanical Garden Society. Free admission, cost of items will vary. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., All days! Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St., Bellevue.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

KIDS’ SAFETY DAY: Fun safety related kid’s activities and a great opportunity to see fire trucks and police vehicles up close. Visit with fire fighters, police officers and special guests. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Museum of Flight, 9404 E. Marginal Way S.

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