

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Survey Gathers Input on Public Safety

Today Mayor Mike McGinn announced a new tool to gather input on public safety from Seattle residents. An online survey, drafted by a team of graduate students at the Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington, will help determine residents' primary public safety concerns in their own neighborhoods and on public transportation. Previous public safety surveys conducted by the City focused on citywide perceptions.

With this survey, the City hopes to have a snapshot of perceptions of the police and public safety at a neighborhood-by-neighborhood level. The survey also gives residents an opportunity to anonymously offer their opinions on the police and public safety in Seattle — a new option for this kind of survey.

The new survey asks residents their opinion of public safety conditions in Seattle's urban villages, if there are any urban villages they avoid, and why. The survey also asks for opinions on the Seattle Police Department, focusing on community relations and behavior. These questions are similar to questions the City posed in its biannual survey over the past ten years.

Please access the survey

here: www.seattle.gov/publicsafetysurvey

'Small Frye: Storytelling in the Galleries'

The Seattle Public Library and the Frye Art Museum invite children and their parents or caregivers to "Small Frye: Storytelling in the Galleries" from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Fridays, April 1, May 6 and June 3 at the Frye Art Museum, 704 Terry Ave.

The story times are free and open to the public. The story times are designed for children ages three and older. Registration is not required.

Each half-hour Small Frye storytelling session is lead by children's librarians from The Seattle Public Library. The story times are designed to foster creative thinking by utilizing movement and play. After story time, explore the galleries or visit the Frye Café for kid-friendly snacks.

For more information call the Central Library Children's Desk at 206-386-4675 or Ask a Librarian.

Nominations Open for 2011 Mayor's Arts Awards

Awards celebrate contribution of arts and culture to Seattle

The Office of Arts &

Cultural Affairs is accepting nominations for the 2011 Mayor's Arts Awards. The awards recognize the accomplishments of artists, arts and cultural organizations and community members committed to enriching their communities through the arts.

The Seattle Arts Commission will review public nominations and recommend recipients to the mayor for final selection. The awards, which are non-monetary, are presented annually. This is the ninth year of the awards.

As the goal of the awards is to reflect the diversity of artistic achievement throughout the city, there are no preset award categories. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Seattle Arts Commission and the Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs. Nominators are encouraged to mark the milestone by putting forward people or organizations that have made a significant impact in the arts in Seattle during the last four decades.

McGinn will honor recipients of the 2011 Mayor's Arts Awards at a public ceremony on at Seattle Center, 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 1. He will also open the Bumbershoot Visual Arts Exhibits for a free public preview that day.

The nomination deadline is 5 p.m., Thursday, May 5. The nomination form is available online at www.seattle.gov/arts. For a

Poetry Grand Slam



The Youth Speaks Seattle Slam Series showcases some of the best in original youth spoken-word poetry. This Grand Slam, hosted by Geologic of the Blue Scholars, is the culmination of the all-city Youth Slam Series, with teen poets competing to secure a spot on the 2010 Seattle Youth Poetry Slam Team. Pictured are all 13 participants in the Youth Speaks Poetry Grand Slam Finals Saturday March 26, at Townhall, waiting to hear the judges decision on which five were selected for the the 2011 Seattle Youth Poetry Slam Team. The team will travel to the Bay Area in July to represent Seattle at the Brave New Voices International Youth Poetry Slam, featuring young poets from more than 70 different cities. Raven Taylor, Noa Rena Burdick, Moni Tep, Henry Luke, and Devin McDonald made the team.

print version of the form, contact Tamara Gill, (206) 733-9591 or tamara.gill@seattle.gov.

The Seattle Public Library Hosts 'Bikes For Books' Program

Children are invited to read books for a chance to

win a bike. The Lake City Branch of The Seattle Public Library will host a "Bikes for Books" reading program from Tuesday, Feb. 1 to Thursday, March 31. A celebration and prize drawing will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 2, at the Lake City Branch, 12501 28th Ave.

Winners will be chosen at the drawing and must be present to win.

Refreshments will be served. Free parking is available at the branch.

"Bikes for Books" at the Lake City Branch is open to children in first, second and third grades. Participants are allowed to enter their names for the drawing once for every five books they read between Feb. 1 and March 31. Each entry will require a short oral book report to a librarian.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Friday April 1

FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT FREE. The First Friday night of every month is free at Kidsquest Children's Museum. Come explore, play and learn with us. 5 – 8 p.m. Kidsquest Children's Museum, 4091 Factoria Mall SE. Bellevue

Friday thru Sunday April 1 thru 3

SEATTLE CHERRY BLOSSOM & JAPANESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2011! Celebrate arts and culture of Japan. 10 a.m. Center House 305 Harrison St.

Saturday April 2

FREE KIDS CONCERT AT MCCAW HALL: For the 12th year in a row the Seattle Men's Chorus and Seattle Women's Chorus will present a free concert for Seattle-area children and their family. 2 p.m. Village Theatre's Kidstage. 321 Mercer St. Call or go online to request free tickets 206-388-1400 or <http://www.flyinghouse.org.smc/childrens/>

Sunday April 3

STARTING AGAIN! STORIES OF REFUGEE YOUTH! The lives and challenges of immigrants and refugee's is the focus of Starting Again, which chronicles the lives of refugee youth in Washington State. There is limited seating. Please contact Katie@phinneycenter.org 3 – 5 p.m. 6532 Phinney Ave. N. Phinney Neighborhood Center.

Monday April 4

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING! Drop in for a free blood pressure screening with Naturopathic Physician, Scott Moser on Monday's in April from 7:30 – 9 a.m. Thrive Natural Family Medicine, 5020 Meridian Ave. N. Ste 104

Thursday April 7

RETOOLING FOR A GREEN FUTURE: UW open house & panel: Listen to panelists discuss the growing impact the environment and sustainability have on the way we work and live. This event is free and a great place to network. 6 – 8 p.m. North Plaza at UW Tower 4333 Brooklyn Ave. NE.

Saturday April 9

SOUTH KING COUNTY WEDDING SHOW! Highline Community College's second annual wedding show features everything the happy couple needs to plan their special day! 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 2400 South 240th St. Seattle. This event is free and open to the public.