

# Seattle and NW Washington

## S P O T L I G H T S

### Last-Minute Health Enrollment Assistance in King County

Public Health – Seattle & King County is coordinating more than two dozen enrollment events this week, which will be staffed by local organizations with certified “In-Person Assisters” for the Washington Healthplanfinder.

King County Executive Dow Constantine and Public Health staff will be on hand March 31 at an all-day “Beat the Deadline” Help Center, from 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Chinook Building, 401 Fifth Ave., Seattle.

March 31 is a federal and state deadline for purchasing an individual health insurance plan for 2014. Those who remain uninsured after this date may face a penalty on their 2014 taxes. Opportunities to acquire insurance after that date will be limited. (Exceptions: low-income individuals eligible for Medicaid may enroll year-round, and anyone experiencing a qualifying event, such as getting married or losing a job, may enroll).

To enroll, people should first try the Washington Healthplanfinder website, and the state’s help-line, at 855-923-4633. Those who need more help or don’t have internet access should find in-person assistance.

Public Health’s “Beat the Deadline” Help Center, operates, at the downtown Seattle headquarters. (Chinook Building, 401 - 5th Ave., Seattle)

Get help and find all King County enrollment events:  
[www.kingcounty.gov/coverage](http://www.kingcounty.gov/coverage)

### Special Sounder Trains Will Run For Mariners Games

Seattle Mariners fans can take Sound Transit’s popular game day Sounder trains to select games this season, starting with the game against the Oakland Athletics on Sunday, April 13 at 1:10 p.m.

Trains from the south will leave Lakewood at 10:45 a.m. Trains from the north will leave Everett at 11:15 a.m. Return trains will leave King Street Station 35 minutes after the last out.

Sounder trains will serve 11 other Mariners games through August. A complete schedule of game day service for Mariners and Sounders FC events is available

at [soundtransit.org/Schedules/Event-services](http://soundtransit.org/Schedules/Event-services).

Many ST Express buses also drop off passengers near the stadium. Link and ST Express bus schedules are available at [soundtransit.org/Schedules](http://soundtransit.org/Schedules).

Regular fares apply for all Sound Transit services. ORCA and all standing transit passes will be accepted. Getting an ORCA card is a great way to skip lines at ticket vending machines. Cards only cost \$5 for adults, plus whatever amount a rider chooses to load in the card’s E-Purse or the cost of a pass that is good for unlimited transit trips. ORCA works on trains, buses and ferries throughout the region. More information is available at [orcacard.com](http://orcacard.com).

### Superintendent José Banda Hosting Town Hall Meetings on March 27 and 31

Seattle Public Schools is hosting five community meetings to share information on the District’s five-year Strategic Plan, with tailored comments, topics and data from each of the five educational regions. These meetings are designed to engage families, students, staff and community members in ideas to ensure academic success for every one of our students. There will also be time for participants to ask questions of the Superintendent and District leadership.

The final two community meetings will be held:

— Thursday, March 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m., for the Northwest region, at Ballard High School, 1418 NW 65th

— Monday, March 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m., for the West Seattle region at Roxhill Elementary, 9430 30th Ave. SW

Interpreters in Spanish, Somali, Chinese, Vietnamese and Tagalog will be available at each meeting. In addition, supervised children’s activities and light refreshments will be provided.

Each meeting includes a joint presentation by Superintendent José Banda and the Executive Director of Schools for that region. Families, staff and community members will be invited to participate in small group discussions about the Strategic Plan on how to ensure the District meets its goal of ensuring every student graduates prepared for college, career and life.

## Jamboree



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Gadisa Margarsa, a senior at Nathan Hale High school, took second place in the triple jump at the Nathan Hale Track and Field Jamboree on Thursday March 19. Athletes from 5 high schools including Ballard, Ingraham, Roosevelt, University Prep and Nathan Hale competed in this event.

To learn more about the District’s Strategic Plan go to [www.seattleschools.org](http://www.seattleschools.org).

### Cast-Offs Reborn as Upcycled Designs

The term “sustainability” pops up everywhere these days as people become more concerned with conserving resources and recycling.

Using cast off items in creative ways is a challenge championed by four innovators who will talk about their work during an evening of networking sponsored by the School of Apparel Design & Development.

Ammi Borenstein, director of product for

Outdoor Research, will moderate a panel discussion. Panel members include Cheryl Campbell, managing director of the Eileen Fisher Community Foundation, Marita Dingu, artist, and Eli Reich, owner of Alchemy Goods.

The networking, wine and appetizer event is on April 10, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Seattle Central College’s School of Apparel Design & Development, 1716 Harvard Ave. The event is open to the public. Register and purchase \$15 tickets on the web at [www.seattlecentral.edu/programs/apparel](http://www.seattlecentral.edu/programs/apparel).

## C O M M U N I T Y C A L E N D A R

# SEATTLE 2014



If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at [info@theskanner.com](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

#### Thursday March 27

**MARCH MADNESS PARTY.** Free food & drinks, door prizes, gift baskets giveaway, and free tour gifts. This is an all day event party from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. All are welcome. New Castle Heated Storage, 7115 132nd Place SE. Renton, WA 98059

#### Friday – Saturday March 28 – 29

**TEENS INVITED TO SING-ALONG MOVIE SCREENING AT THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY:** Teens are invited to sing-along screenings of popular and classic

films. **FREE – Friday 4 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.** Viewing and singing to the movie Perfect Pitch. **Saturday – 12:30 p.m.** Wizard of Oz and then at 3 p.m. Singin in the Rain. Seattle Central Library.

#### Saturday March 29

**A FAMILY CELEBRATION-POWERED BY VROOM.** Families are invited to Tukwila’s Foster High School for a fantastic free event. Free food, music, arts and crafts and much more. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Foster High School, 4242 S. 144th St. Tukwila, WA

**FREE SCOUT NIGHT DEMO DERBY & FIREWORKS.** All Scouts get in free in wearing their uniform! See Mr. Dizzy, the star from the new History Channel American Daredevils. Two demo derbies and a huge firework display. 6 – 10 p.m. Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave. SE. Monroe, WA 98272

#### Sunday March 30

**FREE HOME SELLER EDUCATION WORKSHOP.** Learn how to successfully sell your home in today’s Real Estate Market. Space is limited. Register early to

reserve your spot. 1:30 – 4 p.m. King County Library – Sammamish, 825 228th Ave. S Sammamish, WA 98075

#### Wednesday April 2

**NATIONAL WALKING DAY.** The first Wednesday in April has become National Walking Day. Union Bank will host a lunchtime walk in downtown Seattle. The public is invited to join the one-mile walk which starts at noon. Union Bank Plaza – 5th & University. Seattle, WA 98104

#### Saturday April 5

**AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION SEATTLE EXPO 2014.** Community event. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Washington State Convention Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle, WA 98101  
**CHOOSING THE RIGHT HOME COMPOSTING SYSTEM.** Let experts from Seattle Tilth get you started on a home system to compost food and yard waste. 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. Beacon Hill Branch Library, 2021 Beacon Ave. S.