

Seattle and NW Washington

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Seattle Youth Commission Video Informs Youth about Possible Bus Cuts

The Seattle Youth Commission is a group of 25 Seattleites aged 13-19 who are appointed by the Mayor and City Council to connect youth to their elected officials. On April 7, they released a Youtube video to inform youth around Seattle of possible Metro bus cuts. The video, edited by Chief Sealth student Sam Orlin and narrated by Roosevelt student Sean Fox, emphasizes the heavy impact Metro has on students, and the school-related routes that are being cut, reduced, or rerouted. The video also informs students about ways in which they can help stop the cuts, by asking for a "Yes" vote on Proposition 1, and encouraging students to contact their State Legislators, in regard to a statewide transportation bill.

This is not the first time that the Seattle Youth Commission has gotten involved in transportation related issues. In 2012, the Commission urged the King County Council to accept changes to Metro's service that would benefit students traveling to and from school. The Commission has also worked with King County Metro to align bus times with school start and end times in the Ballard neighborhood.

For more information about the Seattle Youth Commission, visit www.seattle.gov/seattle-youth-commission

Revenue Says It's Time to 'Claim Your Cash!'

Chances are, you are one of more than three million people who have unclaimed money and assets held in trust by the Washington State Department of Revenue (Revenue). The question is: what are you waiting for?

Revenue says there is no better time to check <http://www.claimyourcash.org> to see if you or a family member has a share of the nearly \$1 billion in property waiting to be claimed.

Revenue administers the unclaimed property program on behalf of the state of Washington. All the assets are held until the rightful owner files a claim. Revenue does not charge a fee for this service.

Unclaimed property typically includes uncashed paychecks, utility deposits, bank accounts, stocks and bonds, refunds, life insurance proceeds and safe deposit box contents. Usually, these assets have gone untouched by the owner for three or more years, and the holding company is required to report them to the state where the owner last resided.

All 50 states operate unclaimed property programs to reunite owners with their assets. To find links to each state's program, visit www.unclaimed.org.

King County Councilmember Veterans' Job Fair and Town Hall Meeting

On Tuesday, April 22, King County Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer will host a veterans' Job Fair and Town Hall meeting in Federal Way. The Job Fair will help match veterans with local employers from the aerospace, law enforcement, and manufacturing industries. The Town Hall meeting is aimed at educating participants on the variety of services that county, state, and nonprofit agencies offer to veterans.

ACT-SO



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Grant Jordan, an Issaquah High School student, explains his design for an addition to his school to judges Freddie Dickinson and Laurie Allison Wilson and to the Seattle NAACP President Gerald Hankerson during the final's of the NAACP ACT-SO competition April 12 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. Students in grades 9 through 12 can compete in categories like science, humanities, performing arts, visual arts (which includes architecture) and business for a chance to win scholarships at the ACT-SO national competition.

The event will last from 1 – 4 p.m. The first hour will be devoted to a discussion of veterans' services, and the job fair will follow. Both segments of the event will be held at the Federal Way Community Center at 876 South 333rd Street in Federal Way. Attendees can pre-register for the event by visiting www.veteransjobfair.eventbrite.com.

Martin Luther King School Dream Foundation 2014 Scholarship Winners

Seven former students of the original Martin Luther King Elementary School have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships for post secondary education.

Garfield High School: Mariah Beverly, Jaybrie Brown, Jaelyn Givens and Dajeane Washington; Rainier Beach: Nadine Middlebrooks; Hazen High School: Adonis Shareef; University Prep: Syade Shields.

These students will be honored at a banquet on Monday, May 19, to be held at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Avenue in Seattle.

Reggie Jones, pro football player, Super Bowl champion and motivational speaker will be keynoting the event, offering words of encouragement and inspiration.

For additional information, or if you are interested in attending the banquet, call Jan Lind-Sherman, Dream Foundation chair, at 425-478-8174 or e-mail her at lindsher@aol.com.

The Seattle Public Library Hosts 'Sound Cycling' Biking Info Fairs

The Seattle Public Library is hosting two Sound Cycling biking info fairs in April. Enjoy fun biking activities, connect with local biking and commuting organizations, and learn about bike maintenance and future Sound Cycling programs.

Library programs and events are free and open to the public.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at the NewHolly Branch, 7058 32nd Ave. S., 206-386-1905

- Bicycle Rodeo for Kids, 10 a.m. to noon: Learn bicycle safety while riding bikes through obstacle courses. Bikes, helmets and instruction will be provided by BikeWorks.

— Cycling Information, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Organizations will provide information on the local biking community, including RideSavvy, Cascade Bicycle Club, City of Seattle, Washington Bikes, and more.

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27 at the Ballard Branch, 5614 22nd Ave. N.W., 206-684-4089

— Bike Blender: Bring your favorite ingredients from the farmers market and try a delicious smoothie made with your own pedal power.

— Cycling Information: Organizations will provide information on the local biking community, including RideSavvy, Cascade Bicycle Club, City of Seattle, Washington Bikes, and more.

For more information, call the Library at 206-386-4636 or Ask a Librarian.

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Thursday April 17

EDIBLE GARDEN SERIES CONTINUES. Guess the Vegetables! See, smell and touch vegetables from around the world while you play Vegetable Jeopardy and make vegetable art. For kids ages

6 to 10 years old 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave. Level 1. FREE.

Friday April 18

FIELD DAY AT RAINIER COMMUNITY CENTER. Come celebrate Youth Appreciation Week. Several fun activities and food. 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Rainier Community Center, 4600 35th Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98118.

Saturday April 19

EASTER EGG DYEING! HELP BREAK THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD. This event will be so much fun! It's free! But you must register to make it official. Each participant receives a gift. Please register at www.spirit1053.com/GuinnessWorldRecordEggDyeing, 11 a.m. Redmond Town Center, 7525 166th Ave. NE Redmond, WA 98052.

Tuesday April 22

EARTH DAY SERVICE PROJECT FOR YOUTH AT RAINIER BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER. Join Rainier Beach Community Center in giving back. All youth ages 12 – 17 are encouraged to attend. This project may qualify for school service learning hours. For times please call 206-386-1925.

Saturday April 26 thru Sunday May 4

LANGSTON HUGHES AFRICAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL. Expect documentaries, youth made films, LGBTQ mini-fest, explorations and more. For exact dates and times please call 206-684-4758 or visit www.langstoninstitute.org.