

Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Elections Department Offers Tips for Stuck Envelopes

Voters who get their ballots in early not only help the Elections Department process faster, they also help identify any unusual issues during an election. About 260 voters contacted Elections during the first week of voting to alert the department that some ballot return envelopes were already sealed shut.

Voters should carefully open the envelope or, if needed, slit the envelope open on the top. Then use a small amount of tape to reseal the envelope. If the envelope is damaged, voters may download and print a replacement envelope. Voters may also call Elections at 206-296-VOTE (8683) with questions or concerns.

A handful of voters have also complained about the taste of the sealant on the envelopes. To avoid tasting the sealant, the Elections Department advised voters to use a moist sponge instead of licking the envelope, or use a small amount of tape if needed.

Ballots must be postmarked by Aug. 5 or returned to a ballot drop box location or Accessible Voting Center by 8 p.m. on election day.

Urban Wilderness Job Training

Urban Wilderness Works is recruiting young people ages 18-24 for the Wilderness Works leadership and job skills training, which will take place in the lovely woods surrounding Lake Ross from Aug. 25 – Sept. 10.

The organization supplies the food, tents, backpacks and clothing.

Attend the information session and sign-up for an interview, next sessions are July 30 and Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

The vision of Urban Wilderness Project/Works is to empower and mobilize individuals in their communities to remove the psychological, social, racial, gender, disabilities, and sexual orientation barriers associated with current land and water use attitudes, practices, and policies.

This is a leadership training program. You will gain work skills, employment references and upon completion receive a \$250 education stipend. Those who complete the program become eligible for work with Urban Wilderness and to receive additional training. Earn 60 service-learning hours required for graduation from high school.

The trip includes 10 days of trail work, backpacking, day hiking and arts workshop. The adventure culminates with a public performance/celebration of the poems, stories and visual arts that you create in the backcountry arts workshop back in Seattle.

No experience is required, youth under age 18 will be considered. Call 206-579-5848 to sign up for the information sessions.

Art Project Grants Available

SmART Ventures seeks to fund 6-10 art projects address-

NAACP Act-So Winners



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Seattle students Ericka Pegues and India Mitchell brought home a gold and bronze medal from the National NAACP Convention in Las Vegas, Nev. this month. The students competed in the annual Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) national competition—a program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. A total of eight students attended the ACT-SO national competition this year to represent the Seattle King County NAACP. This year's team included: Jhana Williams—senior at Renton High, India Mitchell—recent graduate of Holy Names who is attending Seattle Central in fall, Taame Rahwa Beyene—recent graduate of Edmonds Woodway who will be attending Georgia State Poetry in the fall, Olyvia Salter—senior at Taft Academy, Ericka Pegues—senior at Taft Academy, Mahala Provost—sophomore at West Seattle High School, Isaiah Barnett—junior at Seattle Academy, and Monica TL Lewis—co-chair of the ACT-SO team.

ing safety and non-violence in our community

As part of the City of Seattle's equity work in addressing public safety, the Office of Arts & Culture is seeking to fund 6 to 10 projects through its smART Ventures program that use the arts to address safety and non-violence within our communities during the months of August through November 2014.

Individuals, arts organizations and community groups will be eligible to apply for \$500 of funding. Youth are especially encouraged to apply. Applications for this unique opportunity should be submitted between July 8 through Aug. 31. Call program manager Jenny Crooks, 206.684.7084 before starting your application.

Library

"Thrilling Tales: A Story Time for Grown-ups" will feature Seafair-themed oceangoing tales of nautical adventure and suspense every Monday in July at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Microsoft Auditorium.

Stories will include: 12:05 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. Monday, July 28, "Letters from the Samantha" by Mark Helprin and "One for the Islands" by Patricia Highsmith.

Thrilling Tales are gripping short stories for a grown-up audience that are expertly read aloud. Brown bag lunches and knitting are welcome. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. Stories start at 12:05 p.m. and are finished no later than 12:50 p.m.

For more information, call the Central Library at 206-386-4636 or www.spl.org

Seafair Stories at the Seattle Public

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

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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

Thursday July 31

SEAFAIR TORCHLIGHT PARADE. This magnificent parade will include giant helium balloons, precision drill teams, horses, comical clowns and much more. Parade starts at 7:30 p.m. 2200 6th Ave.

FIREFIGHTER STORY TIME. Seattle firefighters will read books about fire safety and display some of their equipment. Central Library.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND SUMMER CONCERT. Bring a picnic basket to the park and enjoy the music. There will be a bounce house for the kids and we will be serving ice cream for \$2.00. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Loyal Heights Community Center, 2101 NW

77th St.

Friday August 1

BRING IT ON OUTDOOR CINEMA AT CAL ANDERSEN PARK. Come enjoy the summer with free outdoor movies. The night is young! And so are we! Hot popcorn, cold drinks, candy, and other concessions for sale on site. 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. Cal Andersen Park, 1635 Eleventh Ave.

Friday – Sunday August 1 – 3

UMOJA FESTIVAL PARADE AND MARKETPLACE. The festival and parade which is coordinated by volunteers, is a three-day festival which includes musical entertainment of all varieties, children's group performances and much more. 11 a.m. -8 p.m. Judkins Park, meet at NW & 23rd Ave. S. and S. Dearborn St.

Saturday – Sunday August 2 – 3

THE ORIGINAL BROWNS POINT SALMON BAKE: A Northwest tradition since 1946. Fun for the whole family. Enjoy salmon baked over an open alder wood fire. Also serving hot dogs, shakes, chowder, hamburgers and more. Noon – 8 p.m. both days. Browns Point Lighthouse Park, 201 Tulalip St. NE Tacoma

Tuesday August 5

27TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT

OUT. Join your neighbors for a night of excitement and crime prevention education. We will serve hot dogs, snacks and beverages. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Bitter Lake Community Center, 13035 Linder Ave. N.

Thursday August 7

KID OLYMPICS. Your little Loyal Heights Olympian will try their hand at obstacle courses, running, jumping through hoops and tossing balls. A healthy snack and prizes and jump toys will be provided at the end of the games. \$5 per child. 10:30 a.m. – Noon. Loyal Heights Community Center, 2101 NW 77th St.

Friday August 8

NORTHWEST SEAPORT CHANTEY SING. Sea chanteys and other sea songs celebrate our connections to the sea, ships, skippers and sailors. Fun for all ages. FREE 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. South Lake Union Park, 845 Terry Ave. S.

Saturday August 9

HOME BUYERS SEMINAR IN SOUTH SEATTLE. Join us for a free home buyer education seminar. Our students will learn all about the home buying process, and much more. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Skyway Library, 7614 126th St. S.