

Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

"The Incredibles" at Bellevue Outdoor Family Games and Movie Night

The public is invited to celebrate superheroes at a free screening of "The Incredibles" at the Once a Hero, Always a Hero-Outdoor Family Movie Night at Highland Community Park, 14224 Bel-Red Road, Friday, Aug. 22, at 6 p.m. The event, sponsored by Bellevue YMCA and Highland Community Center, will provide opportunities to meet Bellevue fire and police heroes, and participate in pre-movie activities, including sack races, game shows, mini golf, arts and crafts, face painting and other activities for superheroes of all ages and abilities.

Bring blankets and chairs, enjoy the activities and then settle in around 8:30 p.m. to watch the movie on a 16-foot screen. Admission is free, and free popcorn will be provided by Regal Bella Bottega.

RSVP at the YMCA Welcome Center by calling contact Bellevue YMCA at 425-746-9900 or Highland Community Center at 425-452-7686.

Fall 'Back to School' Kid Activity Grants

Seattle's Neighborhood Matching Fund available to support back-to-school activities

Program awards up to \$1000 for neighborhood-initiated projects

Is your school or neighborhood planning an activity to celebrate the fall "back-to-school" season? If so, your group may qualify for support from Seattle Department of Neighborhoods Neighborhood Matching Fund program. Its Small Sparks Fund provides matching dollars of up to \$1000 for neighborhood-initiated projects that promote community engagement.

Activities could include a back-to-school barbecue, autumn festival, or recruitment for parent organizations, but the ideas are endless. The application is online at seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/webapplication.htm, and the deadline to apply is at least six weeks before your activity. To learn more about the Small Sparks Fund call 206-733-9916 or visit our website at seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/small-sparks.htm.

Final Life Jacket Sale at Evans Pool Saturday, Aug. 16

Seattle Parks and Recreation will sell low-cost life jackets from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16 at Evans Pool, 7201 E. Green Lake Dr. N. This is the last sale of the season.

Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death among children ages 1 - 14 years old. Wearing life jackets saves lives. Washington State law requires children ages 12 and younger to wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket or life vest on vessels shorter than 19 feet, and there must be a life jacket on board for each person older than 12.

The cost for life jackets, sizes infant to youth large, is \$20. Teens to adult size XXXL is \$30. The life jackets are comfortable, high quality vests in fashionable colors. All sales are final. Seattle Parks cannot offer refunds or returns.

Customers younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Fitters will be on-site to help people choose the correct size. The person for whom the jacket is being purchased must be present for proper fitting.

Don't miss this opportunity to purchase a stylish, Coast Guard approved jacket! For more information, please email Diane Jones, diane.jones@seattle.gov.

Seattle: Sign Up Your Child for Kindergarten Today

It's time for children who turn five before Aug. 31, 2014 to sign up for kindergarten for the next school year. Several districts have collaborated to produce checklists for families to use to get an idea of what skills and activities are typical in our Kindergarten classrooms. These checklists are available in the following languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Cambodian, Arabic, Marshallese, Somali, Oromo, Tigrigna and Amharic.

Parents and families should contact their local school district for kindergarten registration information.

Auburn School District - Phone: 253-931-4900

Federal Way Public Schools - Phone: 253-945-2001

Free Shakespeare in the Park



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GreenStage offers its last few free performances for Shakespeare in the Park, with "Othello," "Love's Labour's Lost," and the Backyard Bard versions of "The Comedy of Errors" and "All's Well That Ends Well." The Shakespeare in the Park season ends on Saturday with a triple feature of "All's Well," "Othello" and "Love's Labor's Lost." All shows are free and offered at Volunteer and Jefferson Parks. Above, Johnny Patchamatta and Libby Barnard play the doomed couple Othello and Desdemona, while Martyn G. Krouse, right, is the evil Iago. Find out more at www.greenstage.org/performance-schedule.

Highline Public Schools - Phone: 206-631-3153 and 206-427-2905

Kent School District - Phone: 253.373.7235

Renton School District - Phone: 425-204-2300

Seattle Public Schools - Phone: 206.252-0760

Tukwila School District - Phone: 206-901-8000

Option For Washington Consumers Having Difficulty with Health Coverage

Any consumer experiencing payment issues with their health care coverage through Washington Healthplanfinder has the option to pay their health insurer directly.

Issues with Washington Healthplanfinder have prevented payments from being correctly applied to customer accounts or distributed to insurance companies. It may also continue to result in customer notices from Washington Healthplanfinder requesting payment or insurance companies being unaware of completed payments.

Consumers who are currently experiencing payment problems may take the following steps:

First, contact the Washington Healthplanfinder Customer Support Center at 1-855-923-4633 to ensure they are aware of your issues.

Clearly communicate any medical emergencies or urgent prescription needs to the Customer Support Representative.

If you have called in previously, please provide your issue "ticket number" to the representative.

Next, you may submit your monthly premium directly to your health insurer.

If you enrolled in a Qualified Health Plan after April 1, 2014, you'll need to submit supporting documentation to prove you're eligible for a special enrollment period. Both enrollment information and monthly payments for these customers will not be sent to the insurance company until this information is received and reviewed by Exchange staff.

If you're having trouble using your coverage, contact the Insurance Commissioner's Office at 1-800-562-6900.

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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 August 14

KNEE HIGH NATURALIST. Take a morning stroll from the Center along Rattlesnake Lake with naturalist to discover rocks, birds, plants and things. Up to two kids may be registered per adult. 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. Cedar River Watershed Education Center, Cedar Falls Rd. SE. North Bend.

Saturday August 16

WINDERMERE SUMMER SPLASH COMES TO GREEN LAKE. Come experience the first ever Windermere Summer Splash. Featuring Junior Rowing Competition and Corporate Cup Regatta, the event will celebrate summer fun and healthy activities for families. Food vendors, children's

activities, entertainment and much more. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Southwest corner of the park near Green Lake Small Craft Center.

Central area community festival: This one-day event will showcase the positive features of the "Central Area Community." 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Garfield Community Center, 2323 E. Cherry St.

Sunday August 17

AFROLATINO FESTIVAL SERVICE. This is a free public event located on the waterfront south of the swimming beach. Amplified music, dancing, food vendors, crafts and much more. Noon - 7 p.m. On the Waterfront.

15TH ANNUAL CLASSY CAR SHOW. It is the best place to scope out new and classic cars. There will be music, Food vendors and a lot of fun. The event is free and held in Downtown Sumner. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Main Street in Historic Sumner.

PIONEER SQUARE FIRE FESTIVAL. This event is family friendly! Not only can kids watch the Combat Challenge and look at the antique fire trucks, they can also participate in the event by taking the Kid's Firefighter Challenge. This is an all-day event. Occidental Square Park/ Nord Alley, 201 Occidental Ave. S.

Thursday August 21

RALLY TO FREE NESTORA SALGADO. A protest on the one-year anniversary of Salgado's arrest to demand U.S. officials act to secure her freedom from a Mexican prison. 4 p.m. at the Federal Building Plaza, 915 2nd Ave.

Friday - Sunday August 22 - 24

CHEHALIS GARLIC FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW. This event is going to be a significant time that will focus on various crafts products and services along with different food items. This is a 3-day event SW Washington County Fairgrounds, 2555 N. National Ave. Chehalis.

Saturday August 23

GRANGE SUPPLY ANNOUNCES CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY. Enjoy a chance to win prizes, special promotions, lots of activities for the entire family. Tons of activities and sales. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Issaquah Grange Supply, 145 NE Gliman Rd. Issaquah.

Sunday August 24

4TH ANNUAL CELEBRATE LITTLE SAIGON. An outdoor summer festival celebrating Vietnamese American food, arts, culture and community. Held in Seattle's Little Saigon. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Jackson St.