

Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Harvest Fest



Families participate in the costume parade during the 3rd Annual West Seattle Harvest Festival, Oct. 26, on California Way. The event included the farmers market, the parade and trick or treating.

Langston Hughes Institute Transition Meeting

Two public meetings scheduled to collect feedback as the Langston Hughes Institute transitions to non-profit status.

The meetings are Wednesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m., both at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, Grand Rehearsal Hall, 104 17th Ave. S.

These meetings are the first two opportunities for community members to share ideas and offer feedback as the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute (LHPAI) transitions from a city-run program to a non-profit organization. A community survey is forthcoming. The public meetings are part of a larger effort that includes a dozen focus groups, crafted to engage nearly 200 people including artists, collaborators, partners, arts leaders, parents and families, teens, current and former staff, local businesses, media and community leaders.

No reservations are necessary to attend. Adult supervision and activities will be provided for children ages 4 - 12.

Find out more at seattle.gov/arts

King County 8th Graders Essay Contest on Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The King County Civil Rights Commission invites all 8th grade students throughout the county to participate in the Commission's 16th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Writing Contest and present their ideas on Dr. King's legacy of peace and justice.

All essays must be postmarked by Friday, Nov. 7, 2014

and mailed to: King County Civil Rights Commission, 401 Fifth Ave., Suite 135, Seattle, WA 98104. For more information and full list of rules, contact Paula Harris-White, Department of Executive Services Equity and Social Justice Manager, at 206-263-2444.

The Essay Contest is open to all 8th grade students in King County. Three essays will receive prizes. First, second, and third prize winners will win trophies and a commemorative Dr. King pin.

Participants must submit an essay that focuses on the theme of the County's 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, set to take place on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015 in downtown Seattle. This year's theme is: "So long as I do not firmly and irrevocably possess the right to vote I do not possess myself. I cannot make up my mind — it is made up for me. I cannot live as a democratic citizen, observing the laws I have helped to enact — I can only submit to the edict of others."

For more information go to www.kingcounty.gov/exec/news.

Entrepreneurship Program for Veterans Expands to Edmonds

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Seattle District Office is hosting "Boots to Business: Reboot" — a free entrepreneurship training program for veterans and their spouses — in Edmonds Nov. 4 and 5. The training is being offered in conjunction with SBA's National Veterans Small Business Week Nov. 3-7.

The Reboot training will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the Edmonds Plaza Room.

The two-day program is instructor-led by subject matter

experts from SBA resource partners. Participants learn business fundamentals and work through an initial feasibility analysis of their business concepts.

Seating for the free training is limited. Those interested can register on the events page of www.sba.gov/wa.

Mad Science at the Seattle Public Library

It's time for sizzling, sliming, oozing and mysterious mad science! The Seattle Public Library will host an Explore Your World science series for children ages 5 and up. Children will explore making fun chemical reactions. The events are offered at several Library locations in November.

Library events are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Parking is available at the Library locations. See below for the program schedule.

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Southwest Branch, 9010 35th Ave. S.W., 206-684-7455

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 at the High Point Branch, 3411 S.W. Raymond St., 206-684-7454

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 at the South Park Branch, 8604 Eighth Ave. S. at South Cloverdale Street, 206-615-1688

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

State Parks Offers 'Free Day' Nov. 11

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission announces the final free day of 2014 is Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day. Visitors will not be required to display the Discover Pass to visit a state park.

The "free days" are in keeping with legislation that created the Discover Pass, a \$30 annual or \$10 one-day permit required on state-managed recreation lands managed by Washington State Parks, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Natural Resources. The Discover Pass legislation provided that State Parks could designate up to 12 "free days" when the pass would not be required to visit state parks. The Discover Pass is still required to access WDFW and DNR lands on State Parks free days.

The Discover Pass provides daytime access to parks. Overnight visitors are charged fees for camping and other overnight accommodations, and their daytime access to the park where they are camping is included in the overnight fee. The Discover Pass does not replace the Sno-Park permit requirement for visitors using Sno-Park winter recreation sites.

'Invisible Young' Film Screening & Panel Discussion

Watch an award-winning documentary film about four young adults, all of whom lived on the Seattle streets as teenagers. After the film, stay for a panel discussion featuring director Steve Keller along with homeless and formerly-homeless youth. For teens and adults.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 at the University Branch, 5009 Roosevelt Way N.E., 206-684-4063.

For more information, call the Library at 206-386-4636, visit Sharing Our Stories or www.spl.org.

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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 October 30

PIKE UP! PARADE & FLAG RAISING. Join us at noon for a community wide event to raise the roof on the new Pike Place Marketplace. Everyone is welcome to take part in the Pike Up Parade. Party Place at Pike Street Market.

Friday October 31

SAFE TRICK-OR-TREATING AT TACOMA MALL. Kids can beat the weather and grab some extra goodies and participate in a fun Halloween-themed photo opportunity from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Macy's Court, 4502 S. Steele St. Tacoma.

BEACON HILL CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL. Fun for the whole family with carnival games, candy, costumes (no scary ones please) crafts, toys and much more. 7 – 10 p.m. Seattle Chinese Alliance Church, 2803 S. Orcus St.

Saturday November 1

CELEBRATE THE GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW EVERGREEN SNO-PARK. As part of the celebration members of the Washington State Snowmobile Association, and the snowmobiling community invite the public to a chili feed and drawings \$5. 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. All Seasoned Dr. off Woods and Steele Rd. Approximately six miles SW of Cle Elum.

Saturday – Sunday November 1 – 2

SEATTLE CENTER FESTAL. Dia de Muertos – A Mexican Celebration to Remember Our Departed: This "Day of the Dead" festival showcases the art spirituality and roots of Latino Culture through live performances, foods, face painting and much more. 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday Free. Seattle Center.

Saturday November 8

SEATTLE CENTER FESTAL: HMONG NEW YEAR CELEBRATION. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Seattle Center Armory, explores and celebrates the end of the Harvest and the beginning of a New Year.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR. The Holiday Bazaar is a long standing tradition for the SeaTac Senior Program. Featuring over 70 vendors, raffles, gift baskets, arts and crafts and so much more. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. SeaTac Community Center, 13735 24th Ave. S.