

Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Performing Arts Program Supports LGBTQ Youth of Color On Dec. 17

Seattle Parks and Recreation in partnership with the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute invite the

community to the "Bearing Witness" showcase featuring performances by LGBTQ youth of color and their friends, on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m., (doors open at 6:45 p.m.). Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute is located at 104 17th Ave. S at E Yesler Way in Seattle. Attendance

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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

Friday December 19

COMMUNITY KWANZAA CELEBRATION. A celebration in which seven artists each have seven minutes to present one of the seven African principles that make up the seven days of Kwanzaa. \$7.00 general admission, free for children under 12. 7 p.m. Langston Hughes Performing Arts, 104 17th Ave. S.

ATTACK ON EMERALD CITY: Seattle's premier Superhero theater festival id finally here only \$5 at the door. 10 – 1:30 p.m. Must be 21 years of age. The Ballard Underground, 2220 NW Market St. Seattle, WA 98107

Saturday December 20

6TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY OF CARING. Toy Giveaway! Hundreds of families will fill the church as parents search for the perfect gifts for their children. Doors open at 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1634 McKinney Ave. (19th Ave.)

WINTER WONDERLAND AND HAYRIDES & HOLIDAY CRAFTS. Nothing says the holidays like truck-drawn hay wagon rides around Seward Park. Guided hayrides leave from the front of the center hourly 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Dress for the weather. Then take a break from your outdoor adventures to warm up inside the center and make some holiday crafts. Seward Park Audubon Center, 5902 Lake Washington Blvd. S.

Sunday December 21

TURN OF THE TIDES FESTIVAL. The 2nd Annual Turn of the Tides Festival, a solstice celebration will be held at the South Sound Estuarium. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. 309 State Ave. NE. Olympia.

ENJOY A FREE MOVIE AT THE NORTHGATE LIBRARY. Catch a free screening of the movie "Guardians of the Galaxy" (PG-13). Space is limited to 60 people and the films are all ticketed events. Free tickets will be available at the circulation desk 30 minutes before movie starts. 1 – 4 p.m. 10548 Fifth Ave. NE.

Monday December 22

TEEN SPACE! Need a space to be creative and have fun? Come to Teen Space to play games, hangout, eat snacks and make new friends. 2 – 4 p.m. Delridge Branch Library, 5423 Delridge Way S. Wednesday December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S PAGEANT. All are welcome. Sing carols, remember the meaning of Christmas, and share Christmas Communion. 4 p.m. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 7410 S. 12th St. Tacoma.

Sunday December 28

WINTER BREAK CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA. Drop in to make fun crafts with themes around winter and the new year. Noon – 4 p.m. Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave. Level 1.

Seattle Stand Down



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Volunteer Lorenzo Kettere helps hand out supplies at the 4th Annual Seattle Stand Down, Dec. 11-12 at Seattle Central College, Mitchell Activity Center. The event provides a "one stop" shop for vets to get a variety of services including medical and dental care, eye exams, haircuts, hygiene supplies and clothes and help with resumes and job placement.

is free, and the show is about 90 minutes in length.

The showcase serves as a finale to the 2014 Bearing Witness sessions, a program for queer youth of color, friends and allies up to age 22 to express themselves through dance, music, spoken word, and other performing arts to name, explore, express, and celebrate who they are as lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ) individuals, as people of color, and as youth.

Youth involved with the Bearing Witness program participated in weekly sessions at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, where they received free mentoring from a team of performing arts professionals.

Visit www.langstoninstitute.org to learn more.

Get Ready to Splish, Splash and Dash to Your Local Pool

Seattle Parks and Recreation announces discounted drop-in swims at its public pools. Beginning in 2015, individuals that qualify based on income and family size can attend a swim session at a discounted rate.

Drop-in swimming programs offer basic exposure to the water, development of swim skills and personal health. Currently, many discounts are offered based on age, special population needs, prepaid sessions and frequency of use. With recent City Council approval, in 2015 Seattle Parks will also begin to offer discounts for drop-in sessions to those who qualify. Eligibility will be based on family size and income. For qualifying individuals, drop-in discount pricing will be \$2 for recreational

swims such as family swim, public swim or lap swim and \$3 for fitness swims such as Water Exercise, Masters, or Swimstrong.

You can be a super hero too! Help a child learn to swim by making a donation to the Learn to Swim Seattle Parks Scholarship fund. Donate online: <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/1442483>

For more information on pool schedules, location and pricing, please visit: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/aquatics/currentschedule.htm>

Enjoy Free Films at the Seattle Public Library

Catch a free screening of popular movies, including "Guardians of the Galaxy" and "22 Jump Street" through mid-January at The Seattle Public Library, Northgate Branch, 10548 Fifth Ave. N.E.

Northgate Branch patrons voted on which films they wanted shown.

1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec.

21 - "Guardians of the Galaxy" (PG-13)

1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec.

28 - "22 Jump Street" (R)

1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan.

11 - "The Hundred-Foot Journey" (PG)

Library events and programs are free and open to the public. Free parking is available. Space is limited to 60 people and the films are all ticketed events. Free tickets will be available at the circulation desk 30 minutes before the movie starts.

For more information, call the Northgate Branch at 206-386-1980, or visit www.spl.org/movies.

Plan Ahead to Recycle Your Christmas Tree

WSU Lewis County Master Gardener and Master Recycler Composter volunteers have announced the schedule for Christmas tree recycling this year so you can get it on your calendar.

Undecorated Christmas

trees and wreaths will be accepted from Dec. 26 through Jan. 11, 2015, in the parking lot outside the gate at the Lewis County Central Transfer Station, 1411 S. Tower Ave., in Centralia. Volunteers are on hand from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays to accept the trees.

The Christmas trees are chipped up for use in compost bins, trails and other yard and garden projects. All decorations and tinsel must be removed from the trees and wreaths. No flocked or artificial trees or wreaths will be accepted.

Trees or wreaths that do not comply may be disposed of at the transfer station, where regular charges will apply. There is a \$10 minimum fee for refuse loads weighing 200 pounds or less.

Holiday lights can be recycled during the event at the Central Transfer Station 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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