

Seattle and NW Washington

SPOTLIGHTS

Vote for Your Favorite Seattle Parks' Project, Earn It \$20,000

Through an initiative called "Parks Build Community," one of three local parks and recreation projects will receive a \$20,000 grant – and Seattleites get to choose which one.

This Earth Month, the National Recreation and Park Association, Disney | ABC Television Group and ESPN are collaborating to invigorate park and recreation programs and facilities across the U.S. including projects right here in Seattle through Parks Build Community — an initiative that gives back to the places that shape so much of our lives.

From April 1 to April 30 Seattle Parks and Recreation is asking residents to vote on which project they'd like to see receive \$20,000 in grant funding.

The project choices are:

Central Seattle Food Garden Expansion: This project would expand and beautify the Central Seattle Food Garden by upgrading the garden infrastructure and adding new multimedia educational signage in Seattle's Central Area neighborhood.

Meadowbrook Teen Life Center Upgrade: Meadowbrook Teen Life Center, located in northeast Seattle, hosts about 100 teens daily for recreation activities. This project would upgrade the facility with flooring for exercise classes, newer kitchen equipment and a fresh coat of paint.

Rainier Vista Youth Environmental Leadership Institute Program: This project would support a six-week summer job program to teach young people on-the-job skills while working on projects involving urban farming, urban forest restoration and community leadership development in the Rainier Vista neighborhood.

Vote by going to www.NRPA.org/BeInspired.

Free Help with Tax Forms at the Rainier Beach Library

The Seattle Public Library and AARP have consolidated the free tax preparation service available in southeast Seattle. Tax help is no longer offered at the NewHolly Branch, but remains available at the Rainier Beach Branch.

Drop-in tax help at the Rainier Beach Branch, 9125 Rainier Ave. S., 206-386-1906 is offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays through April 11.

Due to federal budget cuts, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is unable to provide the Library with certain tax forms and instruction booklets. Most IRS forms are available online at www.irs.gov. Black-and-white prints of the forms may be printed from Library computers for 15 cents per page. To request forms by mail, order online at

IRS.gov/orderforms or call 1-800-829-3676.

Tax help at the Rainier Beach Branch is provided by AARP.

For more information, call the Rainier Beach Branch at 206-386-1906, visit spl.org/taxhelp, or www.spl.org.

Artist Talk: '3-D Printing and Publishing'

Seattle-based artist ReMike will discuss the relationships between visual art, 3-D printing technology and self-publishing from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 1, Microsoft Auditorium.

ReMike will present an interactive talk on how the art world, disruptive technology and self-publishing relate to each other. The discussion will include current-day art and 3-D printing topics, from singer Katy Perry's "Left Shark"

to artist Damien Hirst's 12 million dollar stuffed shark installation.

Visual elements of the presentation will include a slideshow of ReMike's work, selections from other 3-D printing visual artists, samples of 3-D prints and a live 3-D printing demonstration. Attendees will learn how to harness DIY technology, and a Q&A session will follow the presentation.

ReMike, also known as Mike Leavitt, is a visual artist who uses both classic sculpture and 3-D technologies to focus on the cultural space between art and product. He is represented by Jonathan Levine Gallery in New York and has exhibited worldwide, from the United Kingdom to Singapore.

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

Reading Rockets!



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

The Leschi Elementary Reading Rockets celebrate after tying with the Orca Elementary Lord of the Books to win the Seattle City Final of the 20th Annual Global Reading Challenge, March 24 at the Seattle Central Library. The Challenge started with 54 public elementary schools reading 10 books provided to each school by the Seattle Public Library. The kids competed in preliminary challenges until nine schools were left, including Leschi and Orca, who also tied in the semi-finals.

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 April 3

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT. Gather your friends & family for our Family Bingo Night at Chamber's Creek Regional Park in University Place. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each game. Cost is \$5. 6:30 – 9 p.m. Environmental Services Building, 9850 64th St. W. University.

Friday – Sunday April 3 – 19

APRIL BRINGS PLAY TO THE SEATTLE CENTER IN MANY SHAPES, SIZES AND SOUNDS. April is play month at Seattle Center with a fun and lively line-up of child friendly activities that will take families through traditional Spring Break period and beyond. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Seattle Center Armory, 305 Harrison St.

Saturday April 4

TUMWATER'S 19TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG DASH. Over 20,000 colorful eggs will be nestled in the large

grassy area (behind the stadium) at Tumwater High School. Youngsters ages 0 – 10 can collect eggs filled with candy, toys and prize coupons. Bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. This is a free event. 11 a.m. – noon. Tumwater Fire Hall, 311 Israel Rd. SW Olympia.

EASTER EGG HUNT. We are inviting the city of Tacoma to join us for a fantastic time of hanging out, having fun and snatching up large amounts of Easter Eggs. 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Wright Park, 316 S. G. St. Tacoma.

EASTER FEST. Come to the largest Easter Egg Hunt in Federal Way. Hunt for over 14,000 candy filled eggs and there will be ten prize winning Easter Baskets. Also enjoy carnival games and much more. 10 a.m. – noon. Federal Way Church of the Nazarene, 1525 SW Dash Point Rd. Federal Way, WA 98023

Sunday April 5

EASTER BRUNCH AND EGG HUNT. Canyon Ridge Church in Tacoma will have a FREE Easter Brunch and egg hunt for children ages 0 -12 years old, an awesome children's ministry and a message about faith on Easter Sunday. 9:15 a.m. – noon. Canyon Ridge Church, 8415 Waller Rd. E. Tacoma.

Monday April 6

TEEN VOLUNTEER GROUP. Applications are required: High school students can earn service

learning credits while working on projects as a group. This is for high school students ages 14 – 19. You are invited to join the team volunteer group at Douglass – Truth Branch Library. This event is all day long. 2300 E. Yessler Way.

Thursday April 9

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION PLANT EXCHANGE! Come and share plants, tools, yard art and knowledge. Just bring reusable or recyclable containers to carry away your treasures. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Miller Community Center, 330 196th Ave. E.

Saturday April 11

FREE ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT. It is free to drop off you old and unwanted electronics. We will be accepting all electronic and metals at no cost. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Carson Elementary School, 8615 184th St. E. Puyallup.

SPRING CRAFT & GARDEN SHOW: Local crafters and gardeners will have Mother's Day & Spring Gift ideas. Candles, soaps, tasty edible treats and much more. Free. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Totem Middle School, 7th St. and State Ave. Marysville.

Sunday April 12

EARTH DAY PARTY! Celebrate your home planet with the animals that share it. Discover actions you can take at the zoo, at home and in your neighborhood. This is included with your zoo or aquarium admission. 10 a.m. Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, 5400 Pearl St. Tacoma.