

Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

City Opens Farmers Market Voucher Applications for Low-Income Seniors

The Seattle Human Services Department has opened applications for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, an innovative initiative that provides low-income seniors with \$40 vouchers that can be exchanged for fresh produce at participating farmers markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs throughout King County.

King County residents, age 60 or older (age 55 or older if American Indian/Alaska Native) with incomes at or below 185 percent of Federal Poverty Level are eligible to apply. To qualify, an older adult living alone must earn a monthly income at or below \$1,815. A household of two must earn less than \$2,456 per month.

Completed applications must be postmarked on or before May 15, 2015. Due to limited funding, qualified applicants will be selected through a random process. All applicants will receive mail notification of the status of their application on or before July 1, 2015.

Applications are available online or by calling any of the organizations listed below:

African American Elders Program: 206-328-6840

Asian Counseling & Referral Service: 206-695-7510

Chinese Information & Service Center: 206-624-5633 ext 4178

Latino Information & Assistance: 206-764-4700

Neighborhood House: 206-571-5080

Russian Information & Assistance (Irina at JFS): 206-861-8787

Seattle Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens: 206-684-0500

Senior Information & Assistance (206-448-3110 or 1-888-4ELDERS)

A searchable list of local markets that may accept the vouchers can be found on the Washington State Farmers Market Association at www.wafarmersmarkets.com.

Free Child Car Seat Check-Up Events in King County

Child safety seats can save lives, but they need to be used properly to be effective. Parents and caregivers can get support in fitting their children securely in car seats at five free child car seat check-up events in upcoming months, beginning Friday, April 24, 2015. Public Health - Seattle & King County is hosting the events.

Friday, May 8, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Renton Community Center located at 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy, Renton

Parents and caregivers will have their child safety seat checked by a certified child safety seat technician for safe installation and educational materials will be on hand. Soon-to-be parents and caregivers are welcome as well.

These events are ones of many ongoing child safety seat check-up events in the Puget Sound area. Check the Washington Safety Restraint Coalition website for locations and schedules.

'We Day'



Laila Ali, four-time world boxing champ and daughter of Muhammad Ali, spoke before 15,000 young people April 24 at Key Arena during We Day, the event that celebrates youth activism and service. Tickets to We Day are earned by students through the year-long We Act program, where schools take on one global and one local action and then report back to Free the Children to get tickets to the event. We Day Seattle included appearances by members of the Seattle Sounders, the Seahawks, Apollo Ono and performances by Lennon and Maisey, The Head and the Heart, Mustafa the Poet and many others.

Bicycle Sundays Start May 3 Along Lake Washington Blvd.

May is Bike Month, and we're celebrating by kicking off the 50th anniversary series of Bicycle Sundays on May 3.

During Bicycle Sundays, a portion of Lake Washington Boulevard will be closed to motorized vehicles from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Seattle Parks and Recreation invites everyone in the community to bike, jog or stroll along the boulevard between the Seward Park entrance and Mount Baker Park's beach during these times.

The 2015 event dates are: May 3, 17, 31; June 21, 28; July 5, 12; Aug. 9, 16, 30; Sept. 13, 20.

The Cascade Bicycle Club will sell helmets in Seward Park for \$15 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and offer professional helmet fittings on June 21 and 28, July 5, Aug. 9, 16 and 30. King County law requires all cyclists to wear helmets. Wearing a properly fitted helmet reduces the risk of severe head injury by 85 percent.

Bicycle Sundays are sponsored by Seattle Parks and Recreation, Cascade Bicycle Club and Seattle Department of Transportation with the support of the Seattle Police

Department.

For more information, including bicycle trail etiquette and traffic codes, go to www.seattle.gov/parks/bicyclesunday/. Mt. Baker Beach, Mt. Baker Rowing and Sailing Center and Seward Park remain open to all users.

2015 Missed Votes Report for Legislators Released

WashingtonVotes.org has released its annual Missed Votes Report, detailing missed roll call votes on bills for every legislator during the 2015 Regular Legislative Session that adjourned on Friday, April 24.

WashingtonVotes.org, the state's premier legislative information website, has provided access to objective descriptions of WashingtonVotes News bills, amendments and votes of the Washington legislature since 2002.

WashingtonVotes.org's real-time Missed Votes Report database is also at www.washingtonvotes.org/MissedVotes.aspx.

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THE SKANNER.com

If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to [The Skanner](mailto:info@theskanner.com) at info@theskanner.com

Thursday April 30

SAFARI THEME SWIM. Come join the sun at the Safari Swim. We have a penny hunt planned with some prize giveaways. \$3.75 for kids and seniors, \$5.25 for adults. 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Rainier Beach Community Center and Pool, 8825 Rainier Ave. S.

AFRICAN AMERICAN FILM SERIES AT THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY. The film series will run from April 25 through June 7, and will take place at

multiple locations. "In the Heat of the Night." Unrated. Free. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Level 1.

Saturday May 2

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY. Once again comic book shops across the nation will be celebrating the world of comics and graphic novels by participating in Free Comic Book Day. Come get your free comic book during business hours while supplies last. Noon - 8 p.m. Destiny City Comics, 218 Saint Helens Ave. Tacoma.

WE NEED MORE DIVERSE BOOKS FAIR! The We Need More Diverse Books Fair will highlight NW authors and illustrators whose books include characters of color. Come for short storytelling sessions from each author and a chance to preview and purchase their books. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Northwest African American Museum, 230 S. Massachusetts St.

Sunday May 3

BICYCLE SUNDAYS START MAY 3 ALONG LAKE

WASHINGTON BLVD. May is Bike Month and we're celebrating our 50th anniversary. During Bicycle Sundays a portion of Lake Washington Boulevard will be closed to motorized vehicles from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

MEEKER MANSION FAMILY DAY. Includes pioneer games, storytelling, dress up and much more. Cost is \$10 per family. Meeker Mansion, 312 Spring St. Puyallup.

ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION. The festival promises non-stop entertainment for all ages. Guests can savor the return of the Annual Hum Bow eating contest and much more. Noon - 5 p.m. Seattle Center Armory, 305 Harrison St.

Saturday May 9

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION AT COUNTRY VILLAGE IN BOTHELL. Bring mom out to the village. Visit all the shops and enter in each one to receive your chances of winning a gift. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Country Village, 23718 7th Ave. SE. Bothell.