

# Seattle and NW Washington

## SPOTLIGHTS

### Teamster Corrections Employees to Picket at Two WA Prisons

Teamster corrections employees will raise informational pickets at the Monroe Correctional Complex in Monroe and the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla from 12-4 p.m. Thursday to demand that the legislature pass a budget that funds their contract and preserves their right to collectively bargain.

Corrections employees are protesting a possible government shutdown and widespread layoffs at the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) if the legislature does not pass a budget by June 30. The DOC has estimated that up to approximately 2,800 correctional employees could be subject to temporary layoffs in the event of a government shutdown.

The DOC recently signed a contract with the private prison GEO group to transfer inmates out-of-state to alleviate overcrowding in Washington prisons. Correctional employees say that more revenue is needed so that the DOC can responsibly house offenders in Washington State.

### 49 Affordable Apartments for Homeless Youth & University Food Bank open Tuesday

The Low Income Housing Institute invites the public to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for University Commons and the University District Food Bank on Tuesday, June 16th at 3:30pm at 5019 Roosevelt Way NE.

University Commons is a mixed-use project in the University District that will open in summer 2016. The Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) purchased the property to provide affordable apartments for homeless young adults age 18-24 and low-wage workers who are entering the workforce.

New and expanded space for the University District Food Bank will be located on the first floor. A cafe will be built on the south side facing the University Branch Library. The housing includes 49 studio apartments on three upper floors. The second floor is designated for 15 homeless young adults with YouthCare and Ryther providing supportive services.

Runberg Architecture Group is the architect. The General Contractor is BNBuilders. The building will be built green and includes many energy efficient features. There will be a

no smoking policy. The building features community space, classroom, counseling space and decks. The Food Bank will use the roof for urban agriculture by growing vegetables and herbs.

### Free Teen Arts Space in Bellevue

Gage Academy of Art today announced the launch of the Gage Teen Art Studios at Bellevue Arts Museum next month. The new activity is a free weekly drop-in program that introduces new mediums and skills, and inspires creativity through the guidance of professional teaching artists.

On Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. at Bellevue Arts Museum, TAS is open to teen artists ages 13-18, and includes free art materials. Each month will present a new topic for artistic exploration, inspired by exhibitions at BAM. Teen artists will experience hands-on learning in a casual and supportive environment, and will enjoy access to museum exhibitions, as well as opportunities to exhibit their own work at the annual Best of Gage show, and other exhibitions at Gage and BAM throughout the year.

TAS@BAM is free and open to all students ages 13-18, and includes all art materials free of charge. Learn more at [GageAcademy.org/bam](http://GageAcademy.org/bam).

### Fashion Exhibition Showcases Apparel Design Students

Seattle Central College's School of Apparel Design & Development presents its 36th annual apparel design fashion exhibition on Tuesday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Seattle Central College's Atrium, on the first floor of the main Broadway Edison Building. Enter at 1716 Harvard Ave.

It's free of charge and open to the public

Each student in the program produces a collection in just 11 weeks, from the design of concepts to the construction of final garments. A gallery of individual vignettes will showcase lines of sportswear, resort clothing, couture styles, and outerwear and will highlight graduate design portfolios showing work from two years of study.

Each year, the highly-respected apparel design program enrolls 40 students in its two-year, associate of applied science degree program. Graduates go on to work in many aspects of the apparel design and fashion industry, including as designers, stylists, product engineers and more.

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## Beep Baseball



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Members of the Seattle South King County Sluggers, Seattle's first official baseball team for the blind take the field for their game against the Seattle Police Department June 6 at the Rainier Beach High School play field. Beep baseball allows visually impaired athletes to compete in the game of baseball by using 16-inch beeping balls and four foot tall buzzing bases.

## SEATTLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2015

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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](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

### Friday, June 12

**BELTOWN ART WALK KICK-OFF:** The Beltown Art Walk is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month! The art walk is a chance to visit different venues and check out the creations of local artists. 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Beltown Community Center, 415 Bell St.

### Saturday, June 13

**LAKE TO LAKE BIKE RIDE:** The Fourth Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride will provide riders of all levels and abilities with an opportunity to explore Bellevue by bicycle. Riders can choose between two different routes. The cost is \$15 per rider with pre-registration. \$20 per rider on day of event. Register at [www.myparksandrecreation.com](http://www.myparksandrecreation.com) Both rides start be-

tween 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. at Lake Hills Community Park, 1200 164<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE.

**NATIONAL MARINA DAY!** Free, family-friendly fun for boaters and future boaters! Enjoy live music, a beer garden and kid's activities while learning more about Shilshole Bay Marina. 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Shilshole Marina, 7001 Seaview Ave.

### Thursday, June 18

**"THE HEALING" BOOK READING AND SIGNING WITH SAEEDA HAFIZ:** Hear the story of a young African American woman who signs up for lessons in yoga and cooking after landing her first college job. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. FREE NAAM, 2300 S. Massachusetts St

### Friday, June 19

**ROCK AND ROLL PARTY:** Themed family swim includes games, activities, prizes and family fun. Children under 6 must accompanied by an adult with arms reach while in the pool. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Adults \$5.25, Youth/seniors \$3.25. Mounger Pool, 2535 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.

### Saturday, June 20

**BEE FESTIVAL – CELEBRATING THE MAGIC BETWEEN FLOWERS AND FOOD:** Pollinators, the magic between flowers and food. Join in with the Proctor Farmer's Market and Pierce County Beekeepers to celebrate pollinators and their important role in the ecosystem. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Proctor Farmer's Market, 2702 N. Proctor St. Tacoma.

**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION:** A fun, multicultural community celebration, free food, kids games, entertainment, speakers and much more. Fun for all ages. Evergreen Park, 1400 Park Ave., Bremerton.

### Saturday – Sunday, June 20 – 21

**BIRINGER FARM STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL:** Stroll down Biringer Farm Strawberry Lane to a barnyard of fun! Giant strawberry ride, strawberry inflatable, castle maze and so much more. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Both days. Biringer Farm, 21412 59<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Arlington, WA.