

Seattle and NW Washington

SPOTLIGHTS

Local Trans Justice Group Celebrates and Organizes the Trans Community at 3rd Annual Trans Pride

At 5 p.m. this Friday, June 26, Trans Pride Seattle 2015 marches through the streets of Capitol Hill.

The march starts at Seattle Central College and ends at Cal Anderson Park for a community celebration and resource fair. The 3rd annual Trans Pride Seattle, Gender Justice League builds on the momentum of Trans Pride 2014 and 2013, the second largest Trans Pride march and celebration in the country with more than 3,000 trans and allied participants in attendance.

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray and Dylan Orr, a former senior U.S. Labor Dept. official and first openly trans individual appointed in a presidential administration who was recently chosen as the new Director of Seattle's Office of Labor Standards will present a proclamation for Trans Pride and announce a policy proposal that will positively impact the LGBTQ community.

Trans Pride Seattle 2015 is a smoke-free, scent-free event and will include ASL interpretation and a reserved area for people with wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices. For more information, visit genderjusticeleague.org.

Agencies Offer Opportunity to Help Shape Both King County Metro's Transit Plans

County Metro Transit is looking ahead to make sure it can provide the right mix of services and connections to get people where they need to go as our communities grow.

At the same time, Sound Transit will be engaging with residents as it develops a system plan for a proposed ballot measure.

That's why the two agencies have teamed up for a series of joint open houses, which began June 16, to give King County residents a convenient one-stop opportunity to help shape both of these important long-range plans.

The next meetings will be held from:

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Union Station
401 S Jackson St., Seattle, June 25

5:30-7:30 p.m., King County Aquatic Center
650 SW Campus Dr., Federal Way, June 25

In addition to providing feedback during an upcoming open house, you can take our survey to help us better understand what service you value in your community.

Based on feedback received during these open-houses, Metro will develop a preferred concept available for public review this fall.

The public will have yet another opportunity to review Metro's proposed plan in early 2016 before being submitted to the King County Council for action in mid to late 2016.

Coalition Hosts Race and Climate Justice Event

Got Green?, United Tribes of All Nations Foundation, Central District Arts Forum, and Race & Climate Justice will sponsor a free event (with suggested donations going to the local NAACP for climate justice work) from 3 to 6 p.m. July 5 at Daybreak Star. Utilizing art, stories, and dance,

United Hood



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About a hundred people showed up for the United Hood March June 19 in Seattle to show their support for more police accountability and to remember those lost to violence.

we will begin to dissect the many ways people of color can begin to heal from the trauma when facing environmental racism and continue to build resiliency.

The event will feature talks and performances by Jacqueline Patterson, NAACP National Director of Environmental and Climate Justice, Cordillera Human Rights Alliance, Pinay Choir of Gabriela Seattle and several visual and performance artists.

The event is organized by Central District Forum for Arts & Ideas, Got Green?, Race and Climate Justice, United Indians of All Tribes Foundation. Sponsors include Whidbey Institute, NAACP, Bayan PNW.

Fair Work Center Launches to Advise on New Labor Laws

With new wage laws now in effect in Seattle, the nonprofit Fair Work Center has launched to help workers better understand their rights and the city's labor standards.

"Seattle is fortunate to have a suite of newly adopted labor laws, including one of the highest minimum wages in the country," says Director Nicole Vallesterro Keenan. "Fair Work Center has been established to help workers make sense of their rights to paid sick leave, wage theft protec-

tions, minimum wage and more."

Workers with questions about the phase-in of \$15/hour minimum wage, securing paid sick leave, or other issues can connect with Fair Work Center online at fairworkcenter.org; by email at help@fairworkcenter.org.

The center will provide services in Vietnamese, Spanish, Somali and English. The Fair Work Center offices are located at 5308 Martin Luther King Jr. Way South.

"It's understandable that workers will have questions about their rights under the city's laws," says Kellye Testy, Dean of the UW School of Law.

"The new UW program, in conjunction with Fair Work Center, will help them get the benefits they've earned."

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SEATTLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2015

Sunday, June 28

BIG DAY OF PLAY: Arts, dance, ethnic/cultural, festival/fairs, film, public forum, sports/recreation & theater. Come to all the fun! Noon - 4 p.m., Mt Baker Rowing and Sailing Center, 3800 Lake Washington Blvd. S.

Wednesday, July 1

RECYCLING HEROES WANTED: You don't need a cape to save the world from garbage grouchies! Be a recycling hero using simple steps and sorting skills. Come to this free fun filled event and learn so much more about recycling. 2 p.m. South Hill Library, 15420 Meridian E., Puyallup.

Friday, July 3

STARS AND STRIPES: Themed family swim includes games, activities, prizes and family fun! Children under 6 must be accompanied in the water by an adult within arm's reach. \$5.25 adults, \$3.75 youth/seniors. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Mounger Pool, 2535 32nd Ave. W.

Saturday, July 4

SEAFAIR SUMMER FOURTH: Join Seafair for a cel-

ebration of our nation's independence at the Seafair Summer Fourth! Come to Gas Works Park or South Lake Union Park for the ultimate freedom celebration. Both locations are free to the public and also feature reserved seating available for purchase. Come enjoy a day of fun that culminates in a fantastic fireworks show! Gas Works Park hours are noon - 11 p.m., 2101 N. Northlake Way, Seattle. South Lake Union Park hours are 3 p.m. - 11 p.m.

OAK HARBOR'S 2015 4TH OF JULY PARADE, FIREWORKS SHOW, CARNIVAL AND STREET FAIR! Celebrating Oak Harbor's centennial, this year's 4th of July fireworks display will be the largest Oak Harbor has ever had. The weekend also includes a street fair, carnival, parade, live music & family fun games. This is an all-day event. Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, 32630 State Route 20., Oak Harbor.

KENT FOURTH OF JULY SPLASH! Spend a day at Lake Meridian with the family. It's a full day of music, family entertainment, food and one of the largest fireworks display. Noon - 11 p.m. Lake Meridian, 14800 SE 172nd St., Kent.

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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, June 25

EYES TO DREAM! KEEPING IT REAL: SOCIAL JUSTICE & SOCIAL PRACTICE: Meet the local artist who collaborated with C. Davida Ingram to build on archive of resistance, including photos, oral historians and a site installation. Free with paid admission. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Northwest African-American Museum, 2300 S. Massachusetts St.

Saturday, June 27

AFRICAN-AMERICAN FILM SERIES: "42": Please join us for a screening of "42," part of the library's-African American Film Series celebrating Black actors, directors and films depicting the African American experience. 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Beacon Hill Library, 2821 Beacon Ave. S.