

# Seattle and NW Washington

## SPOTLIGHTS

### Mayor Invites Public to Sign Condolence Book to Charleston

Mayor Ed Murray invites the people of Seattle to sign a condolence book to the people of Charleston in honor of the nine victims killed at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Murray urges Seattle residents to send messages of support to the victims' families and all of Charleston.

Through its Race and Social Justice Initiative, the City of Seattle continues a commitment to acknowledge its own history of racial inequity, end institutional racism within City government, and work with the community and with other governments to achieve racial equity.

Until July 10, the condolence book will be available in the lobby of Seattle City Hall. Public are invited to sign between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### African-American Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Group to Start Meeting in September

Caring for someone with memory loss? Do you need information and support? Alzheimer's Association African-American family caregiver support groups provide a consistent and caring place for people to learn, share and gain emotional support from others who are also on a unique journey of providing care to a person with memory loss. Meetings for African American caregivers are starting in September and will be held the third Wednesday of the month, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Central Area Senior Center, 500 30th Ave South. For information, call Carol Seay at (206) 784.0579.

### WA State Awards KEXP's New Home \$1.866M in Funding

Earlier this month, Washington Governor Jay Inslee signed the 2015-2017 Capital Budget, which included \$1.866 million in state funding for KEXP's New Home, awarded through the Building for the Arts funding program. This is one of the largest single sources of funding for KEXP's New Home, a public broadcast and performing arts facility now under construction at Seattle Center.

KEXP's New Home was ranked as the second highest priority project for the state through the competitive Building for the Arts review process. Other organizations funded through the 2015-2017 biennium Building for the Arts awards include Spokane Children's Theatre, San Juan Islands Museum of Art, Kirkland Arts Center and KidsQuest Children's Museum.

With this announcement, KEXP has raised more than \$11 million of a planned \$15 million capital campaign. With \$4 million left to raise to accomplish a full vision for the facility, the organization has encouraged donors and supporters to continue to support the campaign as it enters its final phase. Already more than 5,700 donors have made gifts to the capital campaign.

Construction began in February, and the station plans to begin broadcasting from the new facility in December of 2015, with a grand opening planned for spring 2016.

## Honoring our Queens

Toyia Taylor crowns Jasmine Hart, Miss Umoja Fest Africatown Queen during "Honoring our Queens", A Celebration of Extraordinary Women in Our Community," June 30 at Artspace Hiawatha Lofts.



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KEXP's New Home at Seattle Center will include new broadcast facilities, a live performance recording space with room for up to 75 audience members to enjoy over 400 annual performances free of charge, an indoor-outdoor gathering space with a cafe and a stage, and room for the growing arts organization to expand. Learn more about KEXP's New Home at <http://newhome.kexp.org>.

The Building for the Arts capital grant program was created in 1991 to support Washington State arts and cultural organizations with facility improvements and expansion. Since its inception, the BFA has supported over 200 projects across the state with nearly \$90 million in funding.

### Firefighter Combat Challenge This Saturday and Sunday

The Bellevue Fire Department, in conjunction with Sunbelt Rentals and On Target Sports, is hosting Washington's 2015 Firefighter Combat Challenge, in which teams of firefighters from fire departments around the region, including Alaska and British Columbia (Seattle and Mercer Island are among local companies to be there), compete to be the first to complete a series of strenuous exercises, including climbing a five-story tower, dragging and hoisting fire hose and forcible entry. The competition will take place from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, The Market Place @ Factoria, 4055 Factoria Square Mall SE, Northwest parking area.

The Combat Challenge, as seen on ESPN Sports and recently on the "Biggest Loser," simulates essential skills of firefighting. Scott Safety brings the obstacle course to locations around the country.

Children can compete in a Kids Firefighter Challenge with a scaled-down version of the obstacle course.

### Groupon Bite of Seattle to Take Place July 17-19

The Groupon Bite of Seattle® is the Northwest's premier food and beverage showcase and one of the country's largest summer festivals. It will take place from July 17 through July 19. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

The Bite features 60+ restaurants and vendors, local wine and craft beer and cider tasting areas, 5 outdoor entertainment stages, a free movie night featuring Ghostbusters at 8:30pm, Friday, July 17, at Beer Gardens featuring both local craft beer and all new local spirits signature cocktails, Seattle celebrity chefs performing live demonstrations and mystery ingredient cookoffs on the Bite Cooks! stage, a Family Fun Zone, a first of its kind social media scavenger hunt that sends event goers around the festival to win prizes, and much more. This event is free to attend and takes place at Seattle Center at 305 Harrison Street. For more information, visit [www.biteofseattle.com](http://www.biteofseattle.com).

## SEATTLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2015

### THE SKANNER.com

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)

#### Thursday, July 9

**CHOW DOWN (TOWN) FOOD TRUCK ROUND UP RETURNS:** The popular Chow Down (Town) returns to Ashwood Park, 10895 NE 12th Street, Bellevue. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy free entertainment, lots of food truck vendors to choose from. 3:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**CURRAN APPLE ORCHARD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:** Army National Guard 133d Army Band: Join us for your favorite popular and contemporary tunes, along with some favorite military offerings. Cost is free. 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Curran Apple Orchard Park, 3920 Grandview Dr. W. University Place.

#### Friday – Saturday, July 10 – 11

**DERBY DAYS!** Redmond Derby Days is a summer festival rooted in the spirit of competition that celebrates the uniqueness of Redmond through

parades, races, contests, food and much more. Friday 4 p.m. - 11 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. – 11 p.m. Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th St., Redmond.

#### Friday, July 10

**Belltown Art Walk kickoff!** The art walk is a chance to visit different venues and check out the creations of local artists. Starting at Belltown Community Center. Get your map and explore the neighborhood. 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Belltown Community Center, 415 Bell St.

#### Saturday, July 11

**ANNUAL SOUTH SOUND BBQ FESTIVAL:** Lacey Chamber of Commerce welcomes the public to the annual South Sound BBQ. There will be food, music and lots of entertainment. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Huntamer Park, 618 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey.

**LAKEWOOD SUMMERFEST:** Visitors can watch runners complete the final leg of the annual Triathlon, then enjoy a variety of events and activities throughout the day. Two stages of live entertainment, a soccer tournament and so much more. 11 a.m., Fort Steilacoom Park, 8714 87th Ave. SW, Lakewood.

#### Sunday, July 12

**BICYCLE SUNDAY ALONG LAKE WASHINGTON BLVD.**

A portion of Lake Washington Blvd. will be closed to motorized vehicles from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Please wear your bicycle helmets and bring your water bottles.

#### Thursday, July 16

**HEALTHY HABITS FROM HEAD TO TOE:** This is a fun story playtime with activities about being healthy all over. This is geared to families with preschool age children. Cost is free. 10:30 a.m., Dupont Library, 1540 Wilmington Drive, Dupont.

#### Friday – Sunday, July 17 – 19

**2015 KING COUNTY FAIR:** Enumclaw's 153rd Annual King County Fair will see a return to the traditional fair format that many residents remember. Two free stages of live entertainment, carnival rides and games and a variety of favorite fair food. Admission is \$7.00. Enumclaw Expo Center, 46224 284th Ave. SE, Enumclaw.

#### Saturday, July 18

**3RD ANNUAL CAR SHOW 4 KIDS:** Come see your favorite car, truck, or motorcycle. All makes and models will be on display. Door prizes, raffles, music and bake sale. This is a fundraiser car show to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Coastal Farm & Ranch Parking Lot, 1425 Outlet Collection Dr., Auburn.