

Seattle and NW Washington

SPOTLIGHTS

Standalone

Jacob Henthorn and Jonte Ausler perform in "Jazz Prayer," a short play by Sandra Boas Dupree, about her father legendary Seattle musician Kenny Boas. "Jazz Prayer" and "Holden On to Family Roots" (about Seattle jazz great Oscar William Holden) were part of *Unsung Heroes of Seattle Jazz, A Live Installation*. Both plays were performed on July 25 at the Theatre Off Jackson, before *Emboldened, The Rise and Fall of King Bolden The First* written by Reginald Andre Jackson. *Emboldened* continues at the Theatre Off Jackson through August 3.



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Public to Celebrate the Anniversaries of Social Security, Medicare, and-Medicaid in Downtown Seattle

Social Security Works Washington, a coalition of community and labor groups, will host an event, "Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid: Celebrating Decades of Success" on August 8 starting at 1 p.m. at Westlake Park in Seattle. Community leaders and elected officials will speak to the importance of Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. The event will mark the 50th anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid and the 80th anniversary of Social Security.

Everett, Seattle, Tacoma Activate Water Shortage Response Plans

Historic low river levels — combined with record-setting hot and dry weather that have significantly increased the demand for water — have led Everett, Seattle and Tacoma to implement the first stage of their water shortage response plans.

The three cities are all activating their response plans as a precautionary measure and have joined together to ensure that the entire region is ready for a potential water shortage. The first stage in each city's response plan is "advisory." It's issued when utilities believe a potential water supply problem may exist. During this time Everett, Seattle and Tacoma are asking customers to carefully manage their water use and make sure they are not wasting water.

Important examples include:

Watering early or late: Water before 8 a.m. or after 7 p.m., which reduces evaporation.

Watering deeply, but infrequently: It's better to have one or two deep waterings, rather than several shallow waterings.

Fixing leaks: Fix obvious indoor and outdoor leaks such as at faucets, hose bibs and sprinkler spray heads. Check for less obvious leaks such as silent toilet leaks. Put several drops of food coloring in your toilet tank; after 10 minutes if you have color in the toilet bowl, you have a flapper leak.

Washing vehicles wisely: Wash your vehicle(s) at locations that recycle their water.

Using a broom, not a hose: Use a broom, rather than a hose, to clean sidewalks, driveways and patios.

Washing full loads: Wait until your clothes washer and dishwasher are full before starting.

Find more water saving tips at www.savingwater.org, www.everettwa.gov/conservationtips and www.tacomawater.com/smart.

All three cities are making operational changes and activating supplementary water supplies — all in an effort to stretch their water supplies as far as possible.

For more information about Everett's water supply situation visit Everett's website at www.everettwa.gov/droughtresponse.

A weekly report on Seattle's water supply is available on the Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) website. Learn more about SPU at: www.seattle.gov/util.

A weekly report on Tacoma's water supply is available at MyTPU.org/watersupply.

Get a map of the three cities' distribution areas.

City of Seattle Awards \$467,000 for Neighborhood Projects

The City of Seattle is awarding \$467,562 in matching funds to support neighborhood-initiated projects across Seattle. Twenty-eight community groups received awards from the Neighborhood Matching Fund for a variety of events, cultural festivals and projects.

These awards are part of the Small and Simple Projects Fund, one of three funds offered by Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

It provides cash awards of up to \$25,000 in matching funds to community organizations committed to fostering and building a better community.

The 2015 June awards range from \$4,000 to \$25,000, and

the organizations pledge to match the City's \$467,562 investment with \$600,132 of locally raised money, donated materials and volunteer labor.

In addition to the Small and Simple Projects Fund, the Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) has two other programs: the Large Projects Fund which provides matching funds of up to \$100,000 and the Small Sparks Fund which provides funds of up to \$1,000. Since 1988 more than 5,000 projects have been completed by neighborhoods and communities with the help of NMF, and its investment in neighborhoods can be seen across the city. For more information about all of the funds visit seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/.

The Small and Simple Projects Fund opens again for applications in September with a deadline of October 5. To learn more visit seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/smallandsimple.htm.

SEATTLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2015

Thursday, July 30

LOYAL HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Bring a picnic to the park and enjoy live music. There will be a bounce house for the kids and organizers will be selling ice cream for \$2. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Loyal Heights Playfield, 2101 NW 77th St.

Friday, July 31

SALSA IN THE STREET: Learn basic foot patterns and turns of this Afro-American and Latin style of dance. 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. Bell Street Park, 2251 3rd Ave.

Saturday, August 1

ANNUAL LACEY COPS, CARS N' KIDS COMMUNITY EVENT: Visit with officers and detectives, tour the police station, play CSI, checkout cop cars and much more. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Lacey Police Department, 420 College St. SE, Lacey.

Sunday, August 2

FREE BLUES AND COOL JAZZ! Listen to the raw sounds of electric blues or sway to some lively jazz in an urban oasis on top of I-5 freeway. 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., Freeway Park, 700 Seneca St.

MEEKER MANSION FAMILY DAY: This family day include pioneer games, storytelling, arts and crafts and you can dress up and take a tour of the mansion. \$10 per family. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Meeker Mansion, 312 Spring St., Puyallup.

WATERFRONT WHIMSEA FAMILY FUN DAY! Grab the family and get ready for the return of a downtown Seattle favorite. Family-friendly entertainment, fun and games. 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Waterfront Park, 1301 Alaskan Way.

Tuesday, August 4

NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT: Meet your neighbors have some fun, and talk about ways to keep our wonderful neighborhood safe. BBQ, games, speakers, performances and much more. 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Rainier Community Center, 4600 38th Ave. S.

Thursday, August 6

TANSACKED ATTIC SALE: Come find your treasures. Housewares, toys, books, clothes, shoes, collectibles and much more. This is a major fundraiser for the North Shore Senior Center, 10201 E. Riverside Dr., Bothell.

Friday – Sunday, August 7 – 9

SALMONFEST SEATTLE: Live entertainment, children's activities and the chance to buy works by local and regional artists. Hours are noon – 7 p.m. Friday and the event starts off with a salmon bake. Saturday hours are noon to 5 p.m. and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Salmonfest will take place along the promenade on 28th Ave NE near the Lake City Library and community center.

Saturday, August 8

TASTE OF HOOD CANAL: Highlights of this year's event include a larger than expected custom and classic car show, live music all day, food booths, informational displays and much more. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Clifton Lane, Belfair.