

Seattle and NW Washington

SPOTLIGHTS

Seattle Tattoo Expo



San Francisco tattoo artist Henry Lewis works on the arm of Ed Pettis during the 14th annual Tattoo Expo at Seattle Center. The annual event gives tattoo enthusiasts an opportunity to see artists from around the country ply their trade, attend seminars on tattoo techniques and enjoy contests for best tattoos in a variety of categories.

PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Summit Public Schools to Open Public Charter School

West Seattle area students and families will now have another public school choice for middle and high school, after the Washington State Charter School Commission today unanimously approved a new charter for Summit Public Schools.

The West Seattle school will open to an inaugural sixth grade class and ninth grade class in August 2016, eventually rolling up to a full 6-12 grade school over the next four years.

All Summit Public Schools are publicly funded and free to attend. Each Summit Public School's mission is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to not only attend, but succeed in, a four-year college or university. The West Seattle school is Summit Public Schools' third location in the Puget Sound. School starts next week for students at Summit Sierra, a 9-12 high school in Seattle's Chinatown-International District, and for Summit Olympus, a 9-12 high school in Tacoma.

Summit has already secured a building for the new West Seattle school through Pacific Charter School Development, which acquired the property at the Southwest corner of 35th

and Roxbury. And longtime Summit educator Greg Ponikvar plans to launch the new school and will serve as the principal. He is moving to the community this summer.

Council Dedicates Property Sale Proceeds Toward Affordable Rentals

Council unanimously adopted legislation today which dedicates the proceeds of a surplus City property sale toward developing low-income rental housing. Council member Nick Licata revised the bill to specify that half of the proceeds must serve households with incomes under 30 percent of Area Median Income (AMI), and the other half must serve households with incomes under 60 percent of AMI.

The property, located in the Miller Park neighborhood at 339 22nd Avenue East, consists of two parcels, which will be sold through an open and competitive bidding process. The City's Department of Finance and Administrative Services estimates the property will generate \$775,000. Before allocating the proceeds, approximately \$38,000 of the funds must first go toward repaying a grant used to install a sprinkler system on the property in 2009.

The Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA) Advisory Committee final report included a recommendation that the City prioritize surplus properties for affordable housing, or if not suitable for development, to dedicate the proceeds to affordable housing (page 19). The legislation adopted today aligns with that recommendation.

The site was most recently operated by the Goodwill Development Association, which ended operations in 2012. The property has been vacant ever since.

City Invests in Pacific Tower

Mayor Murray and the Office of Economic Development announced today the award of critical tax credits to finance the rehabilitation of the Pacific Tower Health and Innovation Center. As part of its economic development strategy, the City invests New Markets Tax Credits (NMTCs) through the Seattle Investment Fund LLC to support community-based, economic development projects that help create jobs and provide a range of community benefits. The City's investment in the Pacific Tower project results in financing that includes an allocation of \$10 million of NMTCs and \$460,000 in operations funding.

SEATTLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2015



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

Sunday, August 20

ART IN THE PARK: Unique and fun handcrafts by local artists and craftspeople. Free event for all to come and browse and shop. 10 a.m. South Lake Union, 860 Terry Ave. N.

Saturday, August 22

HILLTOP STREET FAIR: Enjoy live music, dance, spoken word, talent show, car show, food, drinks, free health & dental screenings and so much more. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Hilltop Street Fairgrounds, MLK. JR. Way, Tacoma.

TASTE OF MAIN STREET: Main Street between Bellevue

Way and 100th Ave. NE - a fixed price passport with samplings of fine cuisine, dessert and wine from participating restaurants. Main Street shops offer special sales, wine tasting, gourmet snacks, giveaways and events. Noon - 5 p.m. Main Street, Bellevue.

2ND ANNUAL YOUTHMENTKIDZ BACKPACK GIVE-AWAY: This is YOUTHMENTKIDZ second annual backpack giveaway for kids in the community. Last year we were able to help over 200 kids with backpacks, supplies and a free lunch from the BBQ Pit! 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Garfield Community Center, 2323 E. Cherry St.

Sunday, August 23

FAMILY FUN DAYS: Music, face painting, chalk art, giant games, imagination playground and much more. Free for everyone to come and enjoy. 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Westlake Park, 402 Pine St.

Thursday, August 27

DANCING TIL DUSK: Big Band swing, Salsa, Zydeco,

Blues and much more. Free live music to dance too! Starting with a beginner lesson at 6 p.m. Then continue dancing until 9:30 p.m. Bell Street Park, 2251 3rd Ave.

Saturday, August 29

KIDS CLOTHING/TOY SWAP AT KINGS BOOKS: Items include clothes, toys, books, gear (carrier seats, mats, high chairs, etc.) Ages 0-6. You may bring items to swap or drop off. Swap starts at noon. Kings Books, 218 St. Helens Ave., Tacoma.

WIZARDS FESTIVAL AT COUNTRY VILLAGE: There will be magical fun all day long! Wizard shows, wizard guests, fantasy authors and magical vendors. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Country Village Shops, 23718 Bothell Everett Highway, Bothell.

GO GREEN GAMES! The one-day event will be all about the environment, having fun and learning cool ways kids can help protect it. Bounce houses, garbage truck demonstrations, games, music, food, drink and much more. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Meridian Habitat Park, 14422 Meridian E., Puyallup.

We honor the many accomplishments of African Americans

It is our primary goal as a labor union to better the lives of all people working in the building trades through ad-



vocacy, civil demonstration, and the long-held belief that workers deserve a "family wage" - fair pay for an honest day's work.

A family wage, and the benefits that go with it, not only strengthens families, but also allows our communities to become stronger, more cohesive, and more responsive to their citizens' needs.

Our family wage agenda reflects our commitment to people working in the building trades, and to workers everywhere. In this small way, we are doing our part to help people achieve the American Dream. This dream that workers can hold dear regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, creed, or religious beliefs.

The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters



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