

Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Seattle Police Receive \$600,000 Federal Grant for Body Cameras

This week, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) awarded the Seattle Police Department (SPD) a \$600,000 grant to implement an expanded body-worn camera program.

"Today's announcement by the Justice Department is a huge boost to the Seattle Police Department's efforts to improve community policing and strengthen accountability," said Mayor Ed Murray. "We know body cameras reduce the number of complaints against officers and reduce the use of force by police. I am proud of Seattle's continued leadership as a national model for police reform."

Earlier this year, SPD conducted its own six-month pilot of body-worn camera equipment and made some of the recorded footage available to the public on a YouTube channel. Seattle police also participated in the White House Police Data Initiative as part of an overall effort to enhance transparency and accountability in law enforcement.

In the coming months, the department will further develop the policies and protocols for the cameras with a broad range of community stakeholders, including Seattle Police Officers Guild, the Department of Justice, the federal monitor, the Community Police Commission and others.

In today's round of grant announcements, DOJ awarded \$23.2 million to 73 local and tribal agencies in 32 states to expand the use of body-worn cameras and explore their impact. The grants, which require a 50/50 in-kind or cash match, can be used to purchase equipment and require that applicants establish a strong implementation plan and a robust training policy before purchasing cameras. The long term costs associated with storing this information will be the financial responsibility of each local agency.

For additional information from the Department of Justice, visit: <http://www.bja.gov/bwc/pdfs/BWCPIP-Award-Fact-Sheet.pdf>.

Alaska Oregon Washington State Area Conference NAACP Announces 2015-2017 Officers

The Alaska Oregon Washington State Area Conference of the NAACP formally swore in new officers on Sept. 19 for the 2015-2017 term.

The officers were sworn in after the banquet dinner held at the Red Lion Hotel in Spokane, Washington. The following officers won election by a vote of delegates held earlier Saturday afternoon.

- Gerald Hankerson will serve as President
- Dr. Janice Greene will serve as Vice President I
- Dr. Sheley Secrest will serve as Vice President II
- Cynthia Hobbs will serve as Secretary
- Darlene Andrus will serve as Assistant Secretary
- Denita Patton will serve as Treasurer
- Dale Andrus will serve as Assistant Secretary

The Youth Council also held their elections on Saturday afternoon and the following officers were elected.

- Jasmine Garner will serve as President
- Ricky Blackley will service as Vice President

Council Adopts Bills Advancing Tenant Protection, Affordable Housing

The Seattle City Council adopted two bills this week that aim to protect tenants and seek to preserve affordable hous-

Sickle Cell Walk



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

A group of friends sets off on the 10th Annual Sickle Cell Walk/Bike/Run Sept. 19 at Seward Park in Seattle. The event benefitted the Sickle Cell Summer Camp Program and will also fund scholarships, internships and advocacy related to sickle cell anemia.

ing in Seattle. The first bill increases the length of time required for certain eviction notices to 90 days (CB 118403). The second gives public agencies increased opportunity to purchase and retain existing affordable housing by requiring 60 days advance notice to those agencies of a pending market sale (CB 118404).

Both bills were sponsored by Council President Tim Burgess, and were initially explored by former Councilmember Sally J. Clark prior to her departure from Council. More information about the bills is available at <http://council.seattle.gov/2015/05/20/councilmember-burgess-advances-tenant-protection-proposal-affordable-housing-preservation-proposal/>.

Council Approves \$1.5 for Neighborhood Projects

Mayor Ed Murray and Seattle City Council today approved more than \$1.5 million in matching funds to support neighborhood projects across the City. Nineteen community organizations will receive awards from Seattle Department of Neighborhoods' Neighborhood Matching Fund program for a variety of projects involving physical improvements, events, and cultural activities.

Funded through the Large Projects Fund, the awards range from \$43,785 to \$100,000, and the awardees have pledged to match the city's \$1,505,515 contribution with in-kind resources and donations valued at \$2,961,190. Projects range from the construction of a neighborhood center at Pike Place Market to a cultural event series in Delridge.

Every application to the Large Projects Fund goes through an extensive evaluation process by two teams: the Citywide Review Team (CRT), a group representing each of the 13 neighborhood districts, plus four at-large community members; and the District Council Review Teams, comprised of members from the District Councils. These volunteers re-

view the applications, interview applicants, and make the recommendations for funding.

There are two other funds in the Neighborhood Matching Fund program, the Small Sparks Fund (awards up to \$1000) and Small and Simple Projects Fund (awards up to \$25,000). To learn more about the Fund, visit www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhood-matching-fund.

Boltbus Expands Service in Pacific Northwest

Last week BoltBus announced it will expand service in the Pacific Northwest. The service now offers direct service between Seattle and Albany, and continue to Eugene, providing customers with more travel options in the region. Prior to today, the Albany and Eugene markets were just served by Portland.

In addition to launching direct service between Seattle and Albany/Eugene, the company has also increased frequency to Albany/Eugene from Portland, Ore. from five days a week to seven days a week. The daily schedules allow college students and residents to have more flexibility when traveling, and more convenient schedules to choose from.

To travel on BoltBus from Seattle or Portland to Albany/Eugene, customers can conveniently board at the following locations:

- Seattle: 5th Ave. South @ S. King St.
- Portland: SW Salmon St. (between 5th and 6th Ave.)
- Albany: Albany Transit Center at 112 SW 10th Ave.
- Eugene: 5th Street Market at 290 E. 5th Ave.

On BoltBus, customers experience free Wi-Fi, power outlets, leather seats and extra legroom. With Bolt Rewards, riders who take eight trips on BoltBus are eligible for a free one-way ticket trip. For more information, visit BoltBus.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

Thursday, September 24

FREE FAMILY DAY AT THE WING: Free arts and crafts activities for all ages are held in the community hall from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. General admission to the Wing Luke-Asian Museum is free every first and third Thursday of the month. Extended hours 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. 719 S. King St.

Friday – Sunday, September 25 – 27

BITE OF BROADWAY: The Bite of Broadway, commonly called "BOB," is an annual Seattle-based

community event that draws thousands from around the area. BOB offers a weekend filled with mouth-watering food, live music and entertainment, and much more. 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Christ of King School, 405 N. 117th St.

Saturday, September 26

SCARECROW MINI FEST: Our Scarecrow Mini Fest features live music, scavenger hunt in the community garden, orchard garden games, kid's activities and much more. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Magnuson Park, The Brig, 6344 NE 74th St.

STATE PARKS ANNOUNCE "FREE DAY": In recognition of National Public Launch Day! Day use visitors will not need a Discover Pass to visit State Parks all in Washington State Parks.

Tuesday, September 29

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION WITH SEATTLE PARKS' NEW

SUPERINTENDENT: Join us at the Miller Community Center for this discussion regarding the future of Seattle's parks and the new superintendent. This is a special opportunity to hear and be heard, help us serve the community in the best way possible! 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Miller Community Center, 330 19th Ave. E.

Saturday, October 3

DOGTOBERFEST AT KANDLE PARK: Soundview Veterinary Hospital hosts a community celebration each year in October called Dogtoberfest. There are vendors, live music, food & refreshments, and an off-leash area for dogs. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Kandle Park, 2323 N. Shirley St., Tacoma.

CARNIVAL AT THE ISLAND SCHOOL: The 32nd annual at The Island School is open to the public and fun for all ages. Come join us for carnival games, delicious food, and a used book sale. Noon – 4 p.m. The Island School, 8553 NE Day Rd., Bainbridge Island.