

Seattle University Launches City-Wide Public Safety Survey

Under contract from the Seattle Police Department, Seattle University faculty and students in the criminal justice program have launched a citywide "Seattle Public Safety Survey." The purpose of the survey is to solicit feedback on public safety and security concerns from people who live or work in Seattle. A report on the survey results will be provided to the Seattle Police Department to assist it with making neighborhoods safer and more secure.

The online survey is accessible at <http://publicsafetysurvey.org/> now through Nov. 30. It is available in multiple languages.

That evaluation and the implementation of the survey is being conducted by a research team that includes Criminal Justice Professor and Chair Jacqueline Helfgott, PhD, and Assistant Professor Will Parkin, PhD, five graduate students who are research assistants/analysts housed in each of the five SPD precincts and an undergraduate research assistant.

The graduate students work in the precincts as paid civilian research analysts who assist with the collection of information from the community through focus groups and attendance at community meetings.

Additionally, they assist SPD personnel in identifying how to best meet the needs of the community and serve as participant observers studying the implementation of the initiative within the police department and the city of Seattle.

The survey opens with voluntary questions to collect demographic information and poses about three-dozen questions about crime and the SPD's response to it.

The only required question is identifying the neighborhood you live in from a drop-down list. Survey respondents remain anonymous and no identifiable information is asked.

SU students will work with community groups and other Seattle agencies, as well as conduct direct outreach to underrepresented citizens who may not have access to computers and traditional social media outlets.

Seattle Youth Commission Currently Accepting Applications

The City of Seattle is now taking applications for the Seattle Youth Commission, a city commission of youth ages 13-19 that address issues of importance to youth.

Appointed by the Mayor and Seattle City Council, youth serving on this commission get a unique opportunity to work with elected officials, community leaders, and young people citywide to make positive changes in their communities through policy, organizing, and events.

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Friday.

Youth serving on the commission will be required to attend two meetings a month and help to plan a youth summit. The full commission meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Seattle City Hall.

The subcommittees occur on the 3rd or 4th Wednesdays of each month in the commissioners' neighborhoods. Lastly, a few commissioners will be able to sit on the steering committee of the new Participatory Budgeting youth pilot project.

Commissioners will serve from November 2015 through August 2016.

Black College Fair



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Africa Simms, a student at Mariner High School, and Micaiah Anderson, a student at Henry M. Jackson High School, talk to a recruiter from Howard University Oct. 18 at the UNCF Black College Fair 2015 at the Northwest African American Museum. High School students from around the area had an opportunity to talk with representatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), local colleges and universities, scholarship organizations, and other educational groups.

Free Seminar Discusses Making Public Events More Accessible

Holding a public meeting or event? Want to ensure that it is accessible for anyone who wants to attend? Join us for our free seminar, "Universal Design: Inclusive Outreach and Public Engagement," where you'll learn to identify barriers to community participation in meetings, events, and programs.

It will be held on November 5 from 6 – 7:45 p.m. at the Capitol Hill Library (425 Harvard Ave E). The facilitators will discuss and identify ways to increase accessibility and inclusion.

The participants will leave the seminar with tangible strategies to enhance the accessibility of their events.

For more information, call (206) 684-5667. To request interpretation, childcare, or other accommodation, please call by October 20. This seminar is hosted by the People's Academy for Community Engagement.

Special Trains Will Run for Sounders FC Fans Match Against Real Salt Lake

Soccer fans can hop aboard Sound Transit's popular Sounder event train for the Sounders FC match against Real Salt Lake at 4 p.m. Oct. 25.

The stadium-bound train from the south will depart Lake-

wood at 1:15 p.m.

The stadium-bound train from the north will depart Everett at 1:45 p.m.

Return trains depart King Street Station 35 minutes after the match.

A complete schedule of Sounder service to select Sounders FC matches this season is available at soundtransit.org/Schedules/Event-services/Sounders-FC.

Special Sounder service is in addition to regular Link light rail service to and from CenturyLink Field.

Link runs every 10 minutes on Sunday and serves 13 stations in downtown Seattle, SODO, Beacon Hill, Rainier Valley, Tukwila and SeaTac. Link's Stadium and International District stations are a short walk from CenturyLink Field.

Many ST Express and King County Metro Transit buses also drop off passengers near the stadium.

Link and ST Express bus schedules are available at soundtransit.org/Schedules. Metro bus schedules are available at <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/>.

Regular fares apply for all Sound Transit services. Getting an ORCA card is a great way to skip lines at ticket vending machines. Cards only cost \$5 for adults, plus whatever amount a rider chooses to load in the card's E-purse or the cost of a pass that is good for unlimited transit trips.

ORCA works on trains, buses and ferries throughout the region. More information is available at orcacard.com.

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

Friday, October 23

LOYAL HEIGHTS HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL: Join us for a fright fest of activities, games and challenges. Dress in your costume and remember to bring a goodie bag. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Loyal Heights Community Center, 2101 NW 77th St.

SEATTLE BLACK TECH EVENT: Calling all artists, retailers, tech guys and friends of the 23rd & Union Community! We will be having an info session explaining what the mission is for Black Dot Epicenter, our vision for the space. 6 p.m. Midtown Center, 1160 23rd Ave.

HALLOWEEN HOWL DANCE: This dance is for teens and adults living with intellectual disabilities. Come dressed in your favorite costume and dance and socialize with friends. Light snacks and dessert

will be served. Ages 16 and older. Cost is \$9 per resident, \$11 per non-resident. Pre-registration preferred. For more information and to register call 425-452-7686. 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Rd.

Saturday, October 24

SPOOKFEST CARNIVAL: Come celebrate Halloween with a good old fashioned carnival with games, arts and crafts, entertainment and food! At 2 p.m. the carnival features Xakary the Magician, as seen on America's Got Talent. All ages, fun for the entire family! \$1 per ticket, activity costs will vary between 1-4 tickets, with many free activities also. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. South Bellevue Community Center, 1409 SE Newport Way.

8TH ANNUAL CRAFT BAZAAR, BAKE SALE, QUILT & GIFT RAFFLE: You'll find over 30 different vendors at this craft fair selling their wonderful hand-crafted and one-of-a-kind items. 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Alliance Bible Church, 19320 SE 240th St., Kent.

Sunday, October 25

ST. ANDREW'S DAY CELEBRATION! St. Andrew's will celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew, patron Saint on Celtic Christianity and Holy Communion (all ages welcome). St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 7410 S.

12th St., Tacoma.

Tuesday, October 27

HALLOWEEN CRAFT: Join us to cut and paste, color and create your own Halloween crafts. All ages under 6 accompanied by an adult. 4 to 5 p.m. Dupont Library, 1540 Wilmington Dr., Dupont.

Thursday, October 29

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE: Join Miller Community Center in a long-time partnership with County Doctor for a gathering of families to share in the holiday experience. Activities include treats, games, bouncy houses, cookie decorating and much more. 10 a.m. – noon. Miller Community Center, 330 19th Ave.

Friday, October 30

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST: This is for children ages six to 11 years old. Please bring a can of food for a donation for the local food bank. Bring your creativity and carve a pumpkin into your favorite design. Take your pumpkin home and use on Halloween night. 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Green Lake Community Center, 7201 E. Green Lake Dr. N.