

Events & Announcements

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

HARVEST HOOPLA: Family event for all ages. Celebrate the autumn season with an exciting harvest-themed night of fun with carnival games and crafts. Don't forget to wear your costume. FREE: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Charles Jordan Community Center, 900 N. Foss St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

TRUNK 'N' TREAT: This is a family-safe trick-or-treat alternative event hosted in front of the church. Bring your children to this safe place where they can collect candy and show off their costumes. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., Safe Harbor Church, 8100 E. Mill Plain Blvd.

TRICK-OR-TREAT ON NORTHEAST ALBERTA STREET: Presented by The Max Skin Spa. Alberta Street businesses with Trick or Treat Alberta posters on display will be providing treats to costumed kids as they trick-or-treat up and down Northeast Alberta Street. 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

TRINKETS AND TREATS IN BELMONT STREET: Runs 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. from Zupans at SE 33rd and Belmont to Belmont EcoLaundry at 47th and Belmont. Please only trick-or-treat at businesses with a pumpkin poster displayed in the window.

TECH NIGHT FUN FOR HALLOWEEN: Fun-filled and designed to get youth and their families out for safe and free entertainment. Tech Night Fun for Halloween that is complete with candy for the kids. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Microsoft, Pioneer Place, 330 SW Yamhill St.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

SORORS OF SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY: Please join us for an open meeting. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Happy Valley Library, 13793 SE Sieben Parkway, Happy Valley. For more information, please call (972) 215-8772.

Seattle

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE: 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

TEEN FLASHLIGHT CANDY HUNT: Ages 11 – 13! Gather your friends and join us in the hunt for candy in the gym or outside. Bring a flashlight. RSVP to make sure there are enough teens to participate in this free event. Bring one can of food. 8 p.m. – 9 p.m., Green Lake Community Center, 7201 E. Green Lake Dr. N. RSVP (206) 684-0780

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST: For ages 6 – 11 years old. Please bring a can of food for a donation for the local food bank. Carve a pumpkin and take it home and use on Halloween night. 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., Green Lake Community Center, 7201 E. Green Lake Dr. N.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

DOWNTOWN BREMERTON TRICK-OR-TREAT STREET: The 19th Annual Downtown Bremerton Trick-or-Treat Street. Enjoy fun family activities, including a fall carnival, hay rides, music and more. 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., Bremerton.



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Maple Leaf Parade of Costumes

More than 100 parents and children participated in the Seventh Annual Maple Leaf Parade of Costumes Oct. 25. Businesses and neighbors passed

out candy as the parade wound its way through the Maple Leaf neighborhood in Seattle.

Portland News Briefs

Mayor Hales Announces He Won't Seek Re-Election

Mayor Charlie Hales released a statement Monday afternoon saying he would not seek re-election next year.

"I ran for office to do something, not to be something. For me, serving the city we love has never been a political stepping stone," said the statement.

Hales' statement was sent from the e-mail address of his spokesperson, Dana Haynes, and began with a bulleted list touting Hales' accomplishments in office.

The list included: appropriating more money for affordable housing and to combat homelessness; making strides in police reform; taking local action for climate change; raising the minimum wage for city workers and contractors; erasing the budget gap and investing in transportation and youth programs.

The statement went on to say Hales did not feel he could run a campaign and serve the city effectively. Instead, Hales' statement said he intended to focus for the remainder of his term on planning for growth and addressing the rise in reports of gang violence.

Hales is the third consecutive Portland mayor to decline to seek election to a second term.

Oregon state treasurer Ted Wheeler declared his candidacy in September, and local media have called him the only viable candidate for the race. On Wednesday, the Mercury reported that homeless advocate Steve Entwistle and retired auto mechanic Lew Humble have also filed for candidacy.

- Christen McCurdy

Alberta Art Works Seeks Mural Proposal

Alberta Art Works (AAW) is currently working on a series of murals depicting the history of Alberta st. These six murals are being done in collaboration with The Black United Fund of Oregon, and are being painted in niches on the front of their building. All but one of these murals have been commissioned, but one still remains! AAW is currently seeking an artist to design and paint this piece.

The remaining panel is a combination of eras, spanning the '70s through the '90s. In this panel, AAW is looking to tell the story of the red-lined area, the prosperous jazz scene and the beginnings of revitalization. It was an era of violence and perseverance, triumphs and government oppressions. The story needs to be easily "read" and understood by those coming to see the mural. A detailed description of these periods can be found at albertaartworks.org/mural-projects.

Those wishing to submit a proposal should contact Brook@AlbertaArtWorks.org, or if you'd like to submit a sketch, follow the "mural submission form" link on the page listed above. The project is being sponsored by local businesses and members of the community. AAW is still looking for a few more sponsors at the Panel and Artist level, though donations are being accepted. Donations are tax deductible, and can be made via the website at albertaartworks.org/mural-projects. To see photos of this process and progress of this project, please visit [facebook.com/albertaartworks](https://www.facebook.com/albertaartworks).

Seattle News Briefs

Seattle Mayor Unveils Proposal to Build More Sidewalks

Last week Mayor Ed Murray and Councilmember Tim Burgess unveiled a proposal that increases sidewalk construction throughout Seattle by utilizing more cost-effective designs and materials. Additionally, the City is proposing to develop new public-private partnerships to incentivize sidewalk construction.

Using lower-cost materials, such as stamped and stained asphalt, sidewalk construction costs can be reduced dramatically. A traditional concrete sidewalk with curbs and storm sewers can cost \$300,000 per block-face or more.

Over the next nine years, the Seattle Department of Transportation is planning to construct 250 blocks of new sidewalks – both lower-cost and traditional – for the same price as 150 blocks of concrete sidewalks. The plan is contingent on new revenue.

SDOT will install new low-cost sidewalks at the following locations in 2016:

- North Seattle: At least seven blocks on 30th Ave. NE between NE 130th St. and NE 137th St.
- Southwest Seattle: Two blocks near Arbor Heights Elementary School
- Broadview Neighborhood: Partnering with Seattle Public Utilities on sidewalk improvements and storm water control elements
- Southeast Seattle: Two blocks (locations under evaluation)

The 2016 low-cost sidewalk improvements will cost \$1.5 million funded through the Sidewalk Development and Safe Routes to School programs.

As part of its Pedestrian Master Plan update and commitment to eliminate all traffic deaths through Vision Zero, SDOT has an online public survey seeking input on where to prioritize future construction of new sidewalks. The survey is open until the end of November.