

Events & Announcements



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Community Dialogue

Garry Owens talks during the small group discussion part of Families of Color Seattle Community Dialogue Number Three, "Anti-Bias Education and Schools," Dec. 5 at Garfield Community Center. The event was the third part of a Community Dialogue

Series on Race and Family. The dialogue included discussions about education inequity, racism in standardized testing and opting out, and how to choose the best school.

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State Awards \$50.1 Million for Affordable Housing Projects

The Washington State Department of Commerce today awarded \$47.5 million in loans and grants from the state Housing Trust Fund and \$2.6 million from the federal HOME program for 36 affordable housing projects in 26 counties across the state.

These projects will provide a total of 1,249 units of affordable housing for low-income people, including people with chronic mental illnesses, homeless families with children, people with disabilities, veterans, homeless youth, farmworkers, seniors, and first time homebuyers.

An additional 120 seasonal farmworker beds will be provided to support Washington's robust agricultural industry, and the farmworkers who make it possible.

Approximately eight out of 10 of the units will serve households at 50 percent of area median income or lower. All units must remain affordable to the target populations for 40 years.

The state's capital budget investment will leverage an estimated \$234 million from other sources – approximately \$4.50 for every \$1 from the Housing Trust Fund. Matching funds come from Low Income Housing Tax Credits, private investors, and other public sources.

The Housing Trust Fund supports community efforts to ensure the availability of safe, decent, and affordable housing by providing loans and grants for construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation of low-income multi-family and single-family housing. Since 1989, the Housing Trust Fund has increased or improved the stock of affordable housing in Washington by more than 44,000 units and has invested \$1 billion toward new and improved housing, leveraging more than \$3 billion in private and public sector support.

Details on individual projects and awards are available at www.commerce.wa.gov/Documents/2015-Award-List.pdf.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Earns MLK Community Service Award

The City of Tacoma Events and Recognitions Committee will honor the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's Iota Mu Lambda chapter with the 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award during the 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on Monday, Jan. 18.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. in the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center (1500 Broadway).

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award strives not only to recognize and encourage excellence in community service activities carried out by an individual, organization or group, but also seeks to encourage similar efforts by others who may want to serve in the community.

It is presented each year during the City's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration before a crowd of 2,000 - 3,000 attendees.

For more information about the 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, visit cityoftacoma.org/mlk, email MLK@cityoftacoma.org or call (253) 573-2523.

Tacoma Opens Opportunity for Community Development Funds

The City of Tacoma's Community and Economic Development Department has released a Notice of Funding Availability for 2016 - 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

CDBG funding is available under the following categories of service activities:

- Housing Assistance: Residential Repair, Rehabilitation and Preservation Assistance to Single-Family Homeowner Occupied Households
- Economic Development: Assistance to Microenterprises
- Public Improvements/ Public Facilities

An application for funding, as well as a funding information packet, are available online at cityoftacoma.org/conplanunder the "Funding Opportunities" section.

Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 and can be submitted to the TacomaFIRST 311 Customer Support Center (Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market St., Room 243) or the Community and Economic Development Department (Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market St., Room 900). All applications must be time and date stamped.

Applicants for funding in the public improvements/public facilities category must submit a supplemental form in addition to an application.

Those with questions, and those who are applying for funding in the public improvements/public facilities category and need a supplemental form, can contact Jacinda Howard at jhoward@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 591-5221 or Cathy Morton at cmorton@cityoftacoma.org or (253) 591-5763.

Bullitt Foundation Announces Environmental Fellowship

The Bullitt Foundation will start accepting applications for the Bullitt Environmental Fellowship Jan. 1, 2016. Each year, one outstanding graduate student from a university located in the Pacific Northwest or British Columbia is selected for this prestigious award of \$100,000, distributed over two years. The

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room, 3704 N. Interstate Ave.

IT'S TIME FOR FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT: Enjoy screen printing and create your own T - Shirt. The events are fun filled and designed to get youth and their families out for a safe and free entertainment. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Ryonet Corporation, 12303 NE 56th St., Vancouver.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

NAIL OUT FOR TEENS - SNOWFLAKES: This is a first come, first served event. Celebrate winter on your finger nails with this classy nod to the season. Artist Joy will walk you through the process of creating elegant snowflakes on your nails. No experience needed. 4 p.m. -4:30 p.m., Kenton Library, 8226 N. Denver Ave.

Seattle

MON. - WED., NOV. 30 - DEC. 23

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE: See www.themountaineers.org or contact The Mountaineers for more details. Book sale hours will be , T, W, TH, F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Magnuson Park, 7700 Sandpoint Way NE.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

TUMWATER CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL: Event will include a raffle, holiday crafts, performances by area school choirs and of course, the lighting of the tree. Join us for this special holiday event. Free for all ages to enjoy. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Tumwater Fire Hall, 311 Isreal Rd SW, Olympia.

SANTA PAWS AT PORT ORCHARD FORD: Get your pet's picture taken with Santa at this free event. All are welcome, no fur is required. While the event is free, we do ask that everyone consider bringing a donation of pet food, treats or toys to help support Kitsap Humane Society, Port Orchard Airport, 12300 Sidney Rd., Port Orchard.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY: Visit the lighthouse keeper's cottage bedecked with holiday ornaments and nibble on delicious refreshments. Sing carols around the antique pump organ. Pose for a free photo with Santa Claus and his Mrs. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Brown's Point Lighthouse Park, 201 Tulalip St. NE, Tacoma.

COMMUNITY CAROLING, COCOA AND COAT DRIVE: Join the Junction Association and West Seattle Kiwanis at the Farmers Market for a taste of the holidays and several activities to enjoy, and share the warmth with those in need. We will collect coats, blankets and warm items. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., West Seattle Junction, 4700 California Ave. SW.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

TURN OF THE TIDES FESTIVAL: On the shortest day and the longest night join in on the fun. This family-friendly event will include educational booths from partner organizations, local Olympia-based artists, fun activities, arts and crafts and so much more. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., South Sound Estuarium, 309 State Ave. NE, Olympia.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & HOLIDAY ICE SKATING: Bring the kids for some holiday cheer, pancake breakfast and the chance to whisper to the jolly old fellow himself. \$8. 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Sprinkler Recreation Center, 14824 C. Street S., Tacoma.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, DEC. 19 - 20

RENEGADE CRAFT FAIR: Attendees will enjoy a weekend of buying handmade, participating in hands-on workshops, and eating tasty treats from local vendors. We've got something for everyone at this fair. Leashed pets are also welcome. The Renegade Craft Fair is free to attend. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Magnuson Park, Hanger 30, 6310 NE 74th St.

Fellowship was established in 2007 to honor Priscilla Bullitt Collins, the late chair of the Bullitt Foundation.

Candidates must have a strong academic record, a demonstrated capacity for leadership, the promise of emerging as an environmental leader, and a faculty member nomination. Students of color, those who come from a disadvantaged background, or who have overcome significant hardship are highly encouraged to apply for this award. More information, FAQ's, and application instructions can be found at <http://www.bullitt.org/programs/environmental-fellowship/>.