

**Events & Announcements**

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**We are the Red Line**

At 12:12 p.m. on Dec. 12, two hundred Seattlites braved constant rain to make noise and show their support for a just and living planet. "We are the Red Line" actions were held in cities all over

the world in response to the climate talks in Paris. Demonstrators in Seattle also demanded a halt to the building of fossil-fuel infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest.

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boro and Forest Grove. Volunteers who are fluent in Spanish are also needed.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. No previous experience is required. Some of the areas of volunteer service are: respite care, bereavement, children's grief support, oncology and program support.

For more information or to request an application packet, please call Jean Lyons, Providence Hospice Volunteer Services, at (503) 215-4857.

**Seattle News Briefs****Fifth annual Seattle Stand Down Connects At-Risk Veterans with Vital Support**

On Thursday, Dec. 17 and Friday, Dec. 18, Seattle Central College will host the Seattle Stand Down, an event that connects as many as 400 at-risk veterans in our community with vital support and services like housing, healthcare and job assistance.

The event will run from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18 at Seattle Central College's Mitchell Activity Center, 1718 Broadway, in the Capitol Hill neighborhood.

Free parking will be available in the garage at the corner of E. Pine Street and Harvard Avenue.

**City of Tacoma Opens Cold Weather Young Adult Shelter**

The City of Tacoma, in partnership with Pierce County Community Youth Services opened a Cold Weather Young Adult Shelter Monday.

The shelter will operate seven days a week from 6:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. through March 31, 2016 at the Beacon Senior Center to provide young adult men and women who are experiencing homelessness a safer alternative to urban camping.

To open the temporary shelter, the City has set aside \$150,000 for the shelter with the intent to provide up to 50 beds per night, Chandler-Hardy said.

The City is investing an additional \$84,600 in cold weather homeless services, which will allow both the Salvation Army and the Tacoma Rescue Mission to expand shelter services to families with children and adult women and men from Dec. 1 through March 31 with the intent to not turn away anyone seeking shelter.

The young adult shelter, which will operate after the Beacon Senior Center closes and before it opens, will provide participants with meals prepared and delivered by the Tacoma Rescue Mission as well as

provide access to resources, case managers and social services.

The City, Pierce County Community Connections, and Community Youth Services, are hoping to have a permanent youth and young adult day center and young adult emergency overnight shelter location identified before March 31 to be able to provide a seamless transition of services when the temporary cold weather shelter closes.

The City and Pierce County are in the site selection process for the permanent facility.

For more information about the cold weather young adult shelter call Pierce County Community Youth Services at (253) 256-3087.

**Flood Event a Reminder to Stay Prepared Despite El Nino Forecast**

The warm, dry predictions from the fall have been washed away by the reality of heavy rains and swollen rivers. The region is in the midst of its fourth flood event in just six weeks and the Chair of the King County Flood Control District says the wet weather is a reminder of being prepared to protect your family and property from the rising waters.

With today's opening, the King County Flood Warning Center has opened for more than 100 hours to monitor rivers and provide flood information.

Since October, the center has been activated on Oct. 30, Nov. 13, and Nov. 17. On Nov. 17, the South Fork Skykomish River rose to the highest levels recorded since 2006.

"This fourth flooding event in so short a period of time is a serious reminder about the value of being aware of any chance of flooding in your area," said Flood District Chair Reagan Dunn. "Regardless of the forecast, it always pays to be prepared to protect your family and property."

For information on preparing, responding and recovering from a flood, go to [www.kingcounty.gov](http://www.kingcounty.gov).

The Flood Warning Center is open 24-hours a day during a flood event and residents can speak with King County staff with their flooding concerns and questions by calling (206) 296-8200 or 1-800-945-9263.

**Federal Meal Assistance Funds Available for Care Centers, Shelters**

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI) Child Nutrition Services section encourages eligible nonresidential licensed child-care centers, family day-care homes, emergency shelters, at-risk centers and some adult day care centers in Washington to participate in the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The CACFP reimburses some costs associated with serving meals to children and qualified adults. In Washington State, the CACFP has been administered by OSPI's Child Nutrition Services since 1989.

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era and capture your own special moment. Live music. Please meet at Key Bank. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., West Seattle Junction, 4700 California Ave. SW.

**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. The Renegade Craft Fair is free to attend. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Leashed pets are also welcome at this fair. Magnuson Park, Hanger 30, 6310 NE 74th St.

**SLEIGH RIDES WITH SANTA:** Experience Santa from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Horse Drawn Sleigh-Bell Trolley Rides from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. All community caroling, free kids Christmas decorating and a Bon Fire & s'more bar. Bellewood Acres, 6140 Guide Meridian, Lynden.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: TOY STORY:** Join us at the library as we watch a movie for the whole family. Snacks will be provided. Free! 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Highpoint Branch Library, 3411 SW Raymond St.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**FREE FAMILY DAY AT WING MUSEUM SPONSORED BY TARGET:** Free art and craft activities for all ages will be held in the museum's community hall from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience, 7194 King St.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE & CHILDREN'S PAGEANT:** All are welcome. Sing carols, remember the meaning of Christmas, and share in Christmas communion. St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 7410 S. 12th St., Tacoma Service starts at 4 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF US AT THE SKANNER NEWSPAPER!!**

The following care centers and institutions may participate in the CACFP:

- Nonresidential licensed public or private nonprofit child-care centers or family day-care homes.
- For-profit child-care institutions in which at least 25 percent of children served are low income based on the center's licensed capacity or enrolled capacity, whichever is less.
- Child-care centers that serve at-risk children.
- Nonprofit emergency shelters that provide temporary residential facilities to children.
- Qualifying public or nonprofit adult centers, or for-profit adult centers that receive compensation under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for at least 25 percent of their enrolled adults.

The federal food program reimburses meals at established rates based on the family income of the children and adults served.

Meals served to eligible homeless and at-risk children are reimbursed at the free rate. The federal funds help institutions offset some of the costs of providing well-balanced, nutritious meals and snacks to enrolled participants.

Meals will be made available to enrolled participants at no separate charge.

The following monthly income eligibility guidelines determine reimbursement rates:

| HOUSEHOLD FAMILY SIZE | FREE LUNCH | REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 1                     | \$1,276    | \$1,815             |
| 2                     | 1,726      | 2,456               |
| 3                     | 2,177      | 3,098               |
| 4                     | 2,628      | 3,739               |
| 5                     | 3,078      | 4,380               |
| 6                     | 3,529      | 5,022               |
| 7                     | 3,980      | 5,663               |
| 8                     | 4,430      | 6,304               |
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Institutions may apply for the program by contacting Adele Roberts, Child Nutrition Services, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, Washington 98504-7200.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.