

## Events & Announcements



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### Garfield Jazz

Garfield High School junior Yasna Vismale plays a solo during the Garfield High School Jazz Jam Dec. 27 at The Royal Room in Columbia City. Both current Garfield Jazz musicians and alumni take the stage at the Royal Room the last Sunday of every month.

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At the end of the three-month promotion period, which expires on March 31, 2016, any qualifying accounts will receive the \$25 contribution. Matches are expected to be made during April 2016 and will be confirmed as a contribution to the account.

Families can learn more and open an account at [www.OregonCollegeSavings.com/BabyGrad](http://www.OregonCollegeSavings.com/BabyGrad) or call 866-772-8464.

## Seattle News Briefs

### Public Invited to Help King County Celebrate MLK's Legacy

King County and its employees invite the public to join the County in its annual celebration honoring the life of one of the driving forces behind that effort, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's theme focuses on the idea that Dr. King's greatest tool in building his "Beloved Kingdom" was the power of love. The celebration will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre, 911 Pine St.

It is a free event and the public is invited to come join King County employees in recognizing the life of America's foremost leader for Civil Rights and commemorate his vision of an America offering opportunity for all.

King County Superior Court Judge Wesley Saint Clair, the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, will present this celebration's keynote address. Other speakers at the celebration will include King County Executive Dow Constantine.

The celebration will include musical performances by celebrated folk singer Naomi Wachira.

The Paramount Theater is accessible. Sign language interpretation will be provided. Other reasonable accommodations will be provided upon advance request. For more information or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Paula Harris-White at (206)263-2444.

### City Now Accepting Proposals for Neighborhood Park and Street Fund

The city of Seattle is accepting proposals to the Neighborhood Park and Street Fund (NPSF) which supports improvements to neighborhood parks and streets proposed by the community. The deadline for applications is Feb. 8, 2016.

The NPSF can be used for projects valued up to \$90,000. Examples of park projects include minor playground improvements, trail upgrades, natural area renovations, park benches and tables, and accessibility improvements. Examples of street projects include sidewalk repair; crossing improvements

such as marked crosswalks, curb bulbs, and pedestrian countdown signals; and traffic calming, such as traffic circles and radar speed feedback signs. Awarded projects will be completed in 2017.

To learn more about the fund or to propose a project, visit [seattle.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhood-park-and-street-fund](http://seattle.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhood-park-and-street-fund). Any individual, neighborhood group, or business group is eligible and encouraged to apply.

For questions, contact your Neighborhood District Coordinator with Seattle Department of Neighborhoods or Wendy Watson at (206) 684-0719.

### Burn Bans Lifted for Snohomish, King Counties, Stage 1 in Pierce

Due to improved weather conditions, but with air pollution levels remaining an issue, the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is lifting the bans in Snohomish and King Counties, and lowering Greater Pierce County\* to a Stage 1 burn ban, effective 2 p.m. Jan. 3.

This ban is in effect until further notice.

The purpose of a burn ban is to reduce the amount of pollution that is creating unhealthy air usually due to excessive wood smoke. The Clean Air Agency will continue to closely monitor the situation.

### Neighborhood Matching Fund Announces 2016 Funding Opportunities

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods' popular Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) announces its funding opportunities for 2016.

All three of its funds – Small Sparks, Small and Simple Projects Fund, and the Large Projects Fund – support the efforts of community members as they work on projects to build stronger neighborhoods and communities.

More than 5000 projects have occurred across the city since this program began 28 years ago.

The Small Sparks Fund which provides awards of up to \$1,000 per project accepts applications year-round.

This is great funding opportunity for implementing small community projects as well as supporting activities such as Neighbor Appreciation Day, Night Out, Earth Day, and others.

The Small and Simple Projects Fund, which provides awards of up to \$25,000, has three opportunities to apply in 2016.

Deadlines for applications are February 1, June 6, and September 12 by 5 p.m. For those interested in applying in February, NMF staff is hosting workshops about the guidelines and application process. The dates are as follows:

- Monday, Jan. 11; 6 – 8 p.m. at El Centro de la Raza, 2524 16th Ave S in Room 310
- Thursday, Jan. 14; 6 – 8 p.m. at Phinney Neighborhood Center, 6532 Phinney Ave N in Room 6

## Community Calendar 2016

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### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

**MLK SERVICE DAY AT ERROL HEIGHTS:** Join Portland Parks & Recreation, Friends of Errol Heights in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. We will be planting native plants which supports a diversity of insects and wildlife. Dress for rain or shine. Tools provided. 9 a.m. – Noon. Errol Heights Natural Area, SE 45th & Tenino Dr.

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### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

**TEEN SPACE:** Play games, hang out, eat snacks and make new friends. This event is for ages 12 to 19. Bring a friend, we will bring the snacks. 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Douglas-Truth Library, 2300 E. Yesler Way.

**NORTHWEST SEAPORT CHANTEY SING:** Sea Chanteys and other sea songs celebrate our connections to the sea, ships, skippers, and sailors. Sea chanteys are fun and easy to sing and are for all ages. Folk songstress Chris Roe will lead the sing-a-long at the Center for Wooden Boats at Lake Union Park. FREE. 8 p.m. – 10 p.m., Center for Wooden Boats, 1010 Valley St.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

**A SPLASH OF RED: THE LIFE AND ART OF HORACE PIPPIN: FAMILY FUN DAY:** Horace Pippin was an African American painter born in Pennsylvania in 1888. As a child, he loved to draw pictures for his sisters, his classmates, his co-workers. Even during World War I, he filled his notebooks with drawings from the trenches until he was shot. Witness Pippin's incredible true story of triumph when not even an injured arm could keep him from his art. Admission \$5 to \$7 Per person. Northwest African American Museum, 230 S. Massachusetts St.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

**PUBLIC INVITED TO HELP KING COUNTY CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:** The historic Paramount Theater will be the backdrop for the celebration. It's a free event and the public is invited to come and join. Noon – 1 p.m., Paramount Theater, 911 Pine St.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

**FAMILY NATURE WALK AT OAK TREE PARK:** Discover the amazing plants and animals that live in these parks and how they adapt in the different seasons. 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., Oak Tree Park, 74th St. S. and Cedar St. S., Tacoma.

**REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:** Festivities include a MLK Day tribute featuring vibrant entertainers, guest speakers and much more 1 p.m. – 2 p.m., Bellevue Public Library, Room 1, 224 E. Main St., Bellevue. Then on Jan. 18 there will be a health and wellness fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bellevue Crossroads Shopping Center.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. REDEEMING THE PROPHETIC VISION 2016 INTERFAITH SERVICE:** Varied faith traditions will be represented! The event will feature a keynote speaker. Throughout the event, local performances will be featured and much more. 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., Urban Grace: The Downtown Church: 902 Market St., Tacoma.

To RSVP, call (206) 733-9916 or go online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NMFWorkshop2016>. Additional workshops will be offered prior to each Small and Simple Projects Fund application deadline.

The Large Projects Fund (LPF), which awards up to \$100,000 per project, is open to applications once a year.

The 2016 deadline is May 2 by 5 p.m. For those interested in applying, mandatory workshops will be offered beginning early next year.

The NMF program has staff to advise community groups on ways to develop successful applications and projects. Community members are strongly encouraged to contact a Neighborhood Matching Fund Project Manager before applying at (206) 233-0093 or [NMFund@seattle.gov](mailto:NMFund@seattle.gov).

To learn more about the Neighborhood Matching Fund and its support to community-initiated projects, visit [seattle.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhood-matching-fund](http://seattle.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhood-matching-fund). The website provides details on the criteria and requirements for each fund, along with instructions for the online application process.