

**Events & Announcements**

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**Seattle Homeless Count**

More than 1,000 volunteers hit the streets between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. Jan. 29 for the annual One Night Count of Seattle's homeless. A record 4,505 people were counted living on the streets. In November 2015, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray and King County Executive Dow Constantine declared a state of emergency because of the homelessness crisis.

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a broad range of artistic styles from abstract to realism produced by accomplished and emerging artists.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception Feb. 11, 2016 from 4 - 5:30pm in the Edith Green-Wendell Wyatt federal building gallery located at 1220 SW 3rd Ave in Portland.

For additional information please refer to the Onyx website ([www.onyxart.org](http://www.onyxart.org)) or call (206) 905-4617.

**First A.M.E Zion Church Presents Gospel Music Celebration Feb. 20**

First A.M.E Zion Church, 4304 N Vancouver Ave. Portland, OR 97217, Pastor George William Whitfield, ministers and members present A Black History Month Gospel Music Celebration.

First A.M.E Zion Church is rich with history and traditions. As the oldest African American Church in Oregon we believe it is vital that we establish one event in our community that celebrates the culture and roots of the church and the African American Community.

This is the first time for this event at First A.M.E. Zion Church. We will celebrate the afternoon with music through the ages from the Negro spirituals to today's contemporary gospel, featuring choirs and praise teams from local area churches.

This is a free event open to all.

For more information, please contact Maria Council BHM-Gospel Celebration Chairperson at [Mariaxxxvi@aol.com](mailto:Mariaxxxvi@aol.com) or (503) 516-5765.

**Seattle News Briefs****NAACP to Host Monthly Social Hours at Minority-Owned Businesses**

In 2016, the Seattle King County NAACP will launch monthly Social Hours to support local small businesses and bring together the community. The monthly gatherings will be held at different restaurants owned by people of color throughout Seattle and will be free to attend.

After the recession, all other businesses have shown recovery and growth, but black-owned businesses have remained stagnant at best. According to census data, Black-owned firms only make up 3.3 percent of the total number of firms in King County.

The Social Hours will also be an opportunity to learn more about the work of the Seattle King County NAACP and to build relationships. As the program continues to grow, the hope is that each gathering will provide a significant economic boost to the featured restaurant.

Members of the Seattle King County NAACP will

have the opportunity to share ideas about potential restaurants to feature in the future. To receive updates about upcoming Social Hours, join the NAACP's Meetup group.

**Artists Wanted for Mural Artist Roster in Tacoma**

The City of Tacoma is now accepting applications from experienced artists or artist teams, working in any artistic style, to lead or assist with the design and implementation of outdoor painted murals in Tacoma in 2016 - 2018.

Artists selected through this call to artists will be added to the 2016-18 Mural Artist Roster and may be selected for one of several projects, including murals with the Tacoma Murals Project and other mural opportunities.

Community groups approved for a mural in their neighborhood through the Tacoma Murals Project will select an artist for their site from the 2016-18 Mural Artist Roster, with a limit of one mural per artist. Approximately five mural sites will be selected in 2016. Murals at these sites will be painted in spring and summer 2016.

From time to time, the City of Tacoma may have additional opportunities to design and implement outdoor painted murals.

The location, scale, timeline and needs for these opportunities will vary by project. When an opportunity arises, the City will consult the 2016-18 Mural Artist Roster to select a lead artist appropriate for the project.

Artists selected from the roster will work with the community to design and implement high quality, temporary, outdoor painted murals to strategically revitalize and beautify Tacoma. Mural designs will be based on the lead artists' aesthetics and on input from the communities regarding themes or messages. Assistant artists will be paired with a lead artist, as needed.

The City will provide mentorship to artists selected from the roster who do not already have extensive outdoor public mural experience.

Lead artists selected from the roster will be paid at a rate of \$30 per hour for mural meetings, design and implementation. Assistant artists selected from the roster will be paid at a rate of \$15 per hour for mural meetings and implementation.

Applicants must be professional artists, 18 years or older, and reside in Pierce county. The deadline for submissions is midnight on March 7.

Twenty-seven murals have been completed between 2010 and 2015.

To see photos of these murals, visit the Completed Murals page on the City's website.

Full project details, and the application, are available online. For additional information, please contact Naomi Strom-Avila at [nstrom-avila@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:nstrom-avila@cityoftacoma.org) or (253) 591-5191.

**Community Calendar 2016**

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**VALENTINE BALL & DINNER:** Good music, split raffle, fun for all: Music by Michael Morris, raffling off two Valentine baskets, After Five Attire. Tickets are \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at AAMC Elk Lodge, (503)284-4853 or call (503)504-0640. 8 p.m. - 1 a.m., Elks Lodge, 6 North Tillamook St.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**OREGON STATEHOOD DAY:** Celebrate Oregon's birthday in style at the Oregon Historical Society. Cake will be served at 1 p.m. and admission is free all day. Don't miss the chance to celebrate Oregon's 157th Birthday. Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

**Seattle Metro****THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**CULTURAL CELEBRATION OF LUNAR NEW YEAR:** Enjoy stories, crafts, food and fun as we explore the Asian Lunar New Year celebrated around the world! Participants are invited to wear traditional dress. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Lake City Community Center, 12531 28th Ave. NE. Seattle.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**MINI GOLF:** Bring your family down and get your min golf on! See how many hole-in-ones you can get in our nine-hole course. We'll provide the clubs, the balls and the snacks. It is all free for the whole family. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Ravenna - Eckstein Community Center, 6535 Ravenna Ave.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**ASTRONAUT STEPHANIE WILSON:** In honor of Black History Month, and in conjunction with the Michael P. Anderson Memorial Aerospace Program, Stephanie Wilson, the second African American woman in space, will be featured as this year's guest speaker with paid admission to the museum. 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m., William M. Allen Theater, The Museum of Flight, 9404 E. Marginal Way S.

**MY BROTHER'S KEEPER SYMPOSIUM: A CALL TO ACTION:** Theme: Plotting the Educational Path for African American Males (including children of color and all children). For Middle School/High School African American males/males of color. The symposium is free for all. Lunch is served at 1 p.m. Register today at [sabse.09alliance.17@gmail.com](mailto:sabse.09alliance.17@gmail.com). 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Seattle Public Schools Auditorium, 2445 3rd Ave. S.

**OLYMPIA AREA ALTERNATIVE & PRESCHOOL FAIR:** Visit more than 20 alternative public and private school programs in one place. Bring your family, talk with school representatives, and enjoy free activities for kids through high school ages. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Olympia Community School, Corner of North and Henderson near Olympia High School, Olympia.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**BECOME A GARBOLGIST:** Have you ever wondered what happens to our garbage once it leaves our homes? Does it really ever go anywhere? Bring the whole family for a fun, interactive, hands-on workshop to learn more about the R's how our landfill in King County works. 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave. SE.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**EMP AND NORTHWEST TAP CONNECTION CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MINTH:** Enjoy an evening of choreographed dance from NW Tap Connection Youth Performers. 7 p.m. -8:30 p.m., emp Museum Sky Church, 325 5th Ave. N.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**SEATTLE'S ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION:** Join us at the Main Stage where there will be non-stop cultural performances from dragon and lion dances, traditional Japanese Taiko drumming and much more. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., In the heart of the Chinatown - International District.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**SEATTLE BIKE SWAP:** The Seattle Bike Swap is a bike bargain hunter's paradise! The huge bike garage sale will have great deals on new and used bike related goods of all types and sizes. Admission is \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members - free entry hour from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Kids 15 and under free all day. CASH ONLY. Seattle Center Exhibition Hall, 225 Mercer St.