

Events & Announcements



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NAAM's Birthday

Artist Valencia Carroll and her daughter Aliyah help Northwest African American Museum Executive Director Rosanna Sharpe blow out the candles on NAAM's 8th birthday cake. The museum held a small reception for members and staff on March 9th to celebrate 8 years since the museum opened.

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The upcoming auction of federally licensed broadcasting frequencies led by the FCC has raised alarm among the community, council members and labor groups.

Corporate speculators of the public airwaves are looking to make a huge profit without regard to the potential impact such a purchase and reshuffling of spectrum would have on local residents and businesses.

Handing such a valuable public asset over to the highest bidder has the potential for irreparable damage to the community that depends on these emergency spectrum airwaves in case of a public disaster.

The auction is scheduled to begin on March 29 and concerned groups believe local stations like Seattle's KING 5 are first in line to be auctioned off by greedy speculators. These stations are required by federal law to inform and educate the community over the public airwaves. That will all be gone when these broadcast frequencies are sold off to private businesses.

Seattle City Councilmember Kshama Sawant and former Councilmember Nick Licata are also onboard, speaking out against the possible sale of the public air space at town hall meetings last September.

Members from the following organizations have demonstrated support of these efforts: Washington Federation of State Employees, UFCW Local 21, IBEW locals 46 and 77, SPEEA-IFPTE Local 2001, IATSE Local 600, Teamsters Local 117, as well as the King County and Washington State labor councils.

Funds available for Spring Clean neighborhood activities

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods has a fund to support neighborhood neighborhoods' participation in Spring Clean Seattle Public Utilities' annual clean-up campaign.

The Small Sparks Fund provides matching dollars for neighborhood-initiated projects that promote community engagement. Community groups can request up to \$1,000 to help enhance your activities with funding for publicity, planting materials, or special clean-up supplies, to name a few. The deadline for applications is six weeks before your event.

For information on the application process, visit seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/smallsparks.htm or call 206-233-0093. Make sure to register in our web-based application system at least two days before applying.

Spring Clean is Seattle's premier clean-up event hosted by Seattle Public Utilities (SPU). Held each year in April and May with Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and Seattle Department of Transportation, Spring Clean

provides opportunities for residents to keep our city tidy. SPU provides bags, gloves, safety vests and more to help with your neighborhood clean-up.

For more information, contact the Spring Clean hotline at (206) 233-7187 or visit seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/GetInvolved/SpringClean/index.htm.

EPA Announces 2016 Climate Leadership Awards

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy and Regional Administrator Dennis McLerran recognized Microsoft Corporation and King County-Cities Climate Collaboration, among other organizations, with Climate Leadership Awards for their leadership and innovation in helping fight climate change. Climate Leadership Award winners were honored for managing and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in internal and supply chain operations, as well as integrating climate resilience into their operating strategies.

This is the 5th year of the annual Climate Leadership Awards, a partnership between EPA's Center for Corporate Climate Leadership, the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions and The Climate Registry. The awards were presented yesterday at the 2016 Climate Leadership Conference in Seattle, Washington.

Applicants Sought for the Audit Advisory Board

The Tacoma City Council is looking for applicants with experience in government performance and financial auditing, public administration, and government financial and fiscal practices to fill the citizen position on the Audit Advisory Board.

The Audit Advisory Board consists of each member of the Government Performance and Finance Committee, two members of the Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU) Board, and one citizen with the knowledge listed above. The chair of the Government Performance and Finance Committee serves as chair of the Audit Advisory Board.

The Audit Advisory Board supports the City Council's Government Performance and Finance Committee in carrying out its audit advisory, oversight and liaison functions. These functions include: ensuring coordination of the City Council's audit needs and the work of independent auditors retained by the City to audit City programs, functions and activities; making audit management recommendations to the City Council; and acting as a liaison between the City Council and the City Manager's Office with regard to audits of City programs, functions and activities that are not under the direction of the City Council.

For additional information on the Audit Advisory Board, please contact Michelle Roose at (253) 591 5803 or ormroose@cityoftacoma.org.

Community Calendar 2016

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SATURDAY, MARCH 26

NAACP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The NAACP Portland Branch invites the community to its monthly general meeting. Noon - 2 p.m. American Red Cross, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

54th ANNUAL ALPENROSE DAIRY EASTER EGG HUNT: This year will also commemorate Alpenrose Dairy's 100th anniversary. Alpenrose is transforming the event to an Easter Egg-Stravaganza celebration. Chocolate eggs will be hidden across the Alpenrose grounds, and kids can redeem sticker-wrapped eggs at the prize booth for a special prize. The day's excitement begins at 10:30 a.m. for children 3 to 5, while ages 6 to 8 join the fun at 12:30 p.m. Fun ends at 2 p.m. Alpenrose Dairy, 6149 SW Shattuck Rd.

EGG-STRAVAGANZA EGG HUNT IN NORTH PORTLAND!! Hippity hop down the bunny trail and discover what the Easter Bunny left behind. Children need to bring their own baskets to hunt for egg-filled treasures. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Overlook House, 3839 N. Melrose Dr.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT ESTHER SHORT PARK: Join us for our 5th Annual free Easter Egg Hunt. Along with the egg hunt there will also be face painting, balloon animals, bounce houses and much more. 10 a.m. ages 0 - 3, 10:20 a.m. ages 4 & 5 and special needs children of all ages, 10:40 a.m. ages 7 and older. Esther Short Park, 415 W. 6th St., Vancouver.

Seattle Metro

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

FREE COMMUNITY EGG HUNT: This egg hunt will feature 30,000 eggs, tons of prizes, face painting, photos with the Easter Bunny and much more. Egg hunts are for children one to 10 years old and are separated by age. Visit www.lovebellevue.com for more information and to pre-register. 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., Lake Hills Elementary School, 14310 SE 12th St., Bellevue.

TEEN ACTION FAIR: Please join the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center for the 3rd Annual Teen Action Fair, a youth-led celebration. Showcasing young leaders who are inspiring positive change. 10 a.m. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center, 440 5th Ave. N.

MONDAY, MARCH 21

SEEKING A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE? Career Fair features Local, State, and Federal Agencies. The Fair, co-hosted by the Evans School of Public Policy & Government and the Seattle Federal Executive Board is an excellent networking opportunity for potential employers. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Seattle, Westin Hotel, 1900 5th Ave.

THURSDAY MARCH 24

MIGHTY MITES "EGG" STRAVAGANZA: Egg hunt, play equipment, bounce houses, and other fun activities. Bring your basket to hunt for eggs. For children ages five and younger. FREE 10 a.m. - noon. Egg hunt starts at 11 a.m. sharp. Miller Community Center, 330 19th Ave. E

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT: This egg hunt is offered at two locations for kids 12 to 18 years old. Bring a flashlight and a bag to hunt for all the eggs in the dark. 7 p.m. sharp at Van Asselt Community Center, and 8 p.m. sharp at Jefferson Community Center.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

SPRING EGG HUNT AT SE AREA COMMUNITY CENTERS: Bring a bag or basket to hunt for all the eggs. Lots of fun activities planned at each center. These hunts are for children 11 and under. Jefferson, Rainier & Cal Anderson Park and community centers. Event starts at 10 a.m. sharp, so please arrive at 9:45 a.m. Jefferson Community Center will also have a Troops For Fitness Kickoff Event at the same time. Troops For Fitness is a new program that hires U.S. Military Veterans to run recreation programs.

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