

## Events & Announcements



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### Cory Booker

New Jersey Senator Cory Booker spoke to a full house at Town Hall in Seattle March 24 about his new book "United", which traces his life story from a childhood in a New Jersey suburb, playing football at Stanford University, becoming a tenants' rights lawyer and then entering political life as a Newark city council member, mayor, and eventually Senator.

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Poetry is one of the five elements, along with rocks, architecture, water, and plants, necessary for a comprehensive Chinese garden. Poetry is often presented in the form of the calligraphic inscriptions painted on horizontal and vertical plaques or carved into stone.

### April Poetry Month Events

- Poetry Workshops (Wednesdays – 3 p.m.) - Join four local and regional poets as they guide garden visitors through a creative writing workshop. Each week brings a new topic and poet.
- Poetry Tours (Thursdays – 2 p.m.) - Tour the garden's poetic inscriptions and calligraphic ensembles with a trained docent.
- Peach Blossom Poetry Series (Saturdays – 3 p.m.) - Inspired by the culture of literature in Chinese gardens, five prolific poets will share their work with garden visitors.
- Listen to the Fragrance Poetry Series (Sundays – 3 p.m.) - Four local and regional poets of Chinese descent read from their work.

For more information about Poetry Month, visit [www.lansugarden.org/poetrymonth](http://www.lansugarden.org/poetrymonth) and more information about the Couplet Poetry Project, visit [www.lansugarden.org/coupletproject](http://www.lansugarden.org/coupletproject).

For a full list of all Lan Su Chinese Garden events, visit [www.lansugarden.org/eventcalendar](http://www.lansugarden.org/eventcalendar).

## Seattle News Briefs

### Seattle King County NAACP: Police Killing of Che Taylor Was Murder

This week, Seattle Police Department released additional evidence regarding the police killing of Che Taylor.

In response, the Seattle King County NAACP released the following statement:

"The Seattle King County NAACP stands by our assertion that the police killing of Che Taylor was murder. Under the consent decree with the Department of Justice, Seattle Police Department is required to keep the community updated regarding their investigation. However, the additional information shared yesterday raises more questions than answers—failing to provide the family and community with any tangible information regarding the investigation.

"While the community continues to grieve our brother that was gunned down in the street, we have yet to see anything that convinces us he had a gun on him at the time of the shooting. Yesterday's findings were nothing more than a smoke screen—allowing SPD to appear in compliance with DOJ orders, while they continue to cover up the discrepancies in their

version of the story.

"None of the statements made by the female witness were definitive — in fact she noted more than once that her view was obscured because she was in the back seat. All this additional evidence highlights is that the fact finding process is flawed. The Force Investigation Team that questioned the witnesses have a history of asking leading questions (as cited here, pg. 22), and the released audio footage only confirms that fact.

"Both within Seattle Police Department, and police departments across the country, there is a well-established pattern of excessive use of force against people of color. The question becomes what are we going to do to break that cycle? It is time for the officer involved in the shooting to be fired and charged with murder. We put this responsibility squarely on the shoulders of Chief O'Toole and Mayor Murray—and are calling on them to hold a City Council briefing to explain to the community what happened.

"The NAACP remains disgusted by the mainstream media's one-sided portrayal of Che Taylor. The unnecessary level of specificity that media outlets have gone into about his history only serves to demonize him and perpetuate a narrative that he somehow deserved to be murdered. He was a human being, whose life was unjustly taken. The community remains united in our quest for answers and justice."

### New Bus Service Rolled Out Across Seattle March 26

Seattle voters approved Transit Proposition 1 in November 2014 and provided the City of Seattle with approximately \$45 million annually for the next six years to purchase additional bus hours from Metro to improve and expand in-city bus service.

Instituted on March 26, these last service additions will improve the reliability of the two RapidRide lines while connecting riders to growing employment markets in South Lake Union and Pioneer Square.

Bus lines seeing more frequent and reliable service in this expansion include: improved connections and frequencies on many routes that serve the new light rail stations at the University of Washington and Capitol Hill; more reliable service on Route 8 to Capitol Hill and Mt. Baker, Route 38 to Martin Luther King, Jr. Way South, Route 45 to Loyal Heights, and Route 48 from 23rd Avenue to the U District; new east-west connections on Route 62 from Sandpoint to Fremont; and new connections from Northeast Seattle to South Lake Union and First Hill on Route 63.

The City's Transit Proposition 1 also funded the splitting of the RapidRide C and D lines, extending the RapidRide C Line to South Lake Union and the RapidRide D Line to Pioneer Square.

Supported by infrastructure investments from the Levy to Move Seattle, the number of rush-hour transit trips has more than doubled on Westlake Avenue North due to:

## Community Calendar 2016

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### SUNDAY, APRIL 10

2016 SPREAD DALOVE ALL STAR-STAR SHOWCASE: Oregon's elite high school basketball players go head-to-head. The Spread DaLove Foundation will bring together some of the most talented and passionate basketball players in Oregon for a statewide celebration of the game. The boys game will tipoff at 4:30 p.m. followed by the girls game at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 for general seating. Concordia University, 2811 NE Holman St.

### Seattle Metro

#### FRIDAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 1 – APRIL 17

SEATTLE CENTER WHILGIG: Inflatable rides and entertainment for children under 12! 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily. \$8 all-day main floor pass, \$4.50 all-day toddler zone pass, \$1.50 single ride tickets. Free Thursday rides at no charge. Seattle Center – Armory Center House, 305 Harrison St.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

GO LONG SR 520 FLOATING BRIDGE GRAND OPENING: Grand opening of the longest floating bridge in the world. Free event for all to enjoy! Family fun activities all day long. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. For more information, including registration for the 10k run/walk, visit <http://www.520golong.com/>.

7TH ANNUAL AHA MELE HAWAIIAN FESTIVAL: Live Hawaiian music and dance, Hawaiian vendors, scholarships, raffle and much more. Admission is \$3 for ages 6 to 11 and \$5 for ages 12 and older. 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Chief Lesch School, 5625 52nd St. E., Puyallup.

GARDEN LOVERS BOOK SALE: Love gardening, plants, trees and growing your own food? You don't want to pass up the bargains at the 11th Annual Garden Lovers Book Sale of used books at the Center for Urban Horticulture. Free public event. All day long, Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st St.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

NATIONAL WALKING DAY – SEATTLE WALK: Join the one-mile community walk in downtown Seattle and give your heart a healthy boost. A treadmill relay and wellness festival will kick-off at 11 a.m. One-mile walk begins at noon. Union Bank Plaza at IBM Building, 5th & University St.

PRAIRIE HOUSE MUSEUM KIDS' DAY! This will be our 26th Kids' Day. Enjoy life at the turn of the century. Tour our 1890s farm house and out buildings, make butter, pop popcorn, see farm animals and lots more. We have lots of displays to look at. Free for all to enjoy. 1 p.m., Prairie House Museum, 812 E. 176th St., Spanaway.

#### FRIDAY – SUNDAY, APRIL 8 – 10

23RD ANNUAL SEATTLE WORLD RHYTHM FESTIVAL: Enjoy over 80 drum and dance workshop & performances featuring cultural traditions of Africa, Asia, Caribbean and many more. Friday is Family Day from noon to 5 p.m. All events are free. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Sunday hours 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 9

83RD ANNUAL DAFFODIL FESTIVAL PARADE: 83rd Edition of Daffodil Festival Grand Floral Parade featuring 150 participants which include floats, bands, mounted units and more. Starting at 10 a.m., Pacific Ave. & S. 11th, ends at S. 24th St., Tacoma.

- New RapidRide C Line service, every 7 to 12 minutes from West Seattle via Downtown
  - More service on Route 40, every 9 to 15 minutes from Northgate via Ballard/Fremont to Downtown seven days a week
  - A shifted Route 40 to Westlake Avenue for ease of access and use
  - More peak time service for Route 70 from the U District to Downtown
  - More service with a reliable, shortened route for Route 8 from Seattle Center to Capitol Hill/Rainier Valley
  - More service on routes 26, 28, 62 and the E Line
  - Dedicated transit lanes on Westlake Avenue North
  - Transit stop upgrades such as real-time transit information signs, shelters and wider sidewalks
- To ensure the reliability of the new service, SDOT changed the way Westlake Ave N operates so buses can get through heavy traffic more efficiently.