

Events & Announcements



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Sharon Jones

Local guitarist Jimmy James (third from right) joined Sharon Jones and the Dap Kings on stage April 14 at the Moore Theatre. Trombone Shorty and Orleans Avenue revved up the packed house before Sharon Jones and the Dap Kings took the stage.

Community Calendar 2016

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Seattle Metro

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

PARENTS "EARTH DAY": This event will celebrate 46 years of the Earth Day movement. Repurpose recycled materials and textured collages and germinate seeds in sprout necklaces, perfect for replanting. Admission is pay as you will. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Children's Museum of Tacoma, 1501 Pacific Ave., Tacoma.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

WHIDBEY ISLAND EARTH DAY FESTIVAL: There will be ongoing family activities, networking, informational displays, guest speakers, entertainment, local vendors and much more. Noon - 4 p.m. Historic Bayview Corner (Bayview Rd. & SR 525) 5603 Bayview Rd., Langley.

READY TO BUY A HOUSE? Here we will be going over the basics to buying your first home. Come and get all the information you will need. 2 p.m. Federal Way Regional Library, 34200 First Way S., Federal Way.

DISTRICT 6 FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION 30TH ANNUAL FIRE-FIGHTER'S BREAKFAST: The breakfast is the association's only fundraising effort and proceeds help support our fire victim fund. Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, hashbrowns, eggs, sausage, coffee or juice, Lots of raffle prizes also and get a tour of the fire station and fire trucks from a fire fighter. Admission is \$3 for children 10 and under, \$7 for adults. 7 a.m. to noon. Station 64 at 9530 Old Hwy 99 St., Olympia.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

HEALTHY KIDS DAY AT CHENEY STADIUM: Admission is free and there will be tons of games and activities, meet the Rainier mascot, hang out with Tacoma's soccer players, play home run derby and much more. Fun starts at 9 a.m. Cheney Stadium, 2502 S. Tyler St., Tacoma.

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In addition to the documentary, opb.org/jazztown is an OPB online presentation that further explores Portland's jazz past and its impact on the jazz scene today. Special features include Spotify playlists of jazz "then and now" curated by KMHD Jazz Radio, five places to listen to jazz in Portland today, animated videos about jazz, never-before-seen historical photos and a narrative history of jazz in Portland.

Throughout the month of April, KMHD will highlight on-air stories of jazz musicians in Portland, both past and present. Interviews include historical perspectives from some of the jazz artists and others featured in the "Jazz Town" documentary. KMHD will also speak in-studio to musicians playing at the Soul'd Out Music Festival running April 13-17. All interview content will also be posted online at kmhd.org.

Providence to Host Free Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Screening April 27

More than 100,000 people in the United States will be diagnosed with oral, head and neck cancer, including thyroid, this year. It is the sixth most common form of cancer in the world. These cancers arise in the head or neck region, including the nasal cavity, sinuses, lips, mouth, thyroid glands, throat or larynx. Symptoms may include a lump or sore that does not heal, a sore throat that does not go away, difficulty in swallowing, and a change or hoarseness in the voice.

Screening for oral, head and neck cancer is simple and takes only a few minutes. Providence experts, led by R. Bryan Bell, M.D., Providence Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Program medical director, are offering these screenings free to the public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 27 in the Jill Lematta Learning Center at Providence Cancer Center on the Providence Portland Medical Center campus, 4805 NE Glisan St.

Registration is strongly recommended. To register, or for more information, call (503) 574-6595.

Seattle News Briefs

Murray, Sawant Unveil Tenant Protection Bill Wednesday

Ed Murray and Councilmember Kshama Sawant unveiled a proposal Wednesday strengthening protections for vulnerable renters living in unsafe or substandard housing. The measure prohibits landlords from raising rents on homes that are in violation of existing maintenance and safety codes, and allows Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to take action against landlords for retaliating against tenants that report unsafe living conditions

or fail to provide proper notice of rent increases.

The tenant protection bill is a recommendation from the Mayor's Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda (HALA). Studies have shown that more than half of Seattle's occupied housing units are rentals. After reports surfaced last fall of landlords pushing out low-income and immigrant tenants, Councilmember Sawant and then Councilmember Nick Licata called for the City to step in and ban such practices.

Highlights of the bill include:

1. Prohibit landlords from increasing the rents charged for units that do not meet basic maintenance standards.
2. Enhance protections for tenants who experience retaliation or other prohibited landlord-led actions.
3. Transfer primary City responsibility for enforcing against prohibited acts by landlords and tenants from the Seattle Police Department to the SDCI.
4. Allow SDCI to enforce a City requirement that a must provide at least 60 days' notice before applying a rent increase of 10 percent or more.

The Council is expected to consider the proposal this spring.

National Parks group to Discuss a National Park for Stonewall

National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) will host a special evening of conversation surrounding an effort to create the first national park site to honor LGBT history and civil rights. The event is free and open to the public.

Renowned African American lesbian feminist and syndicated columnist Rev. Irene Monroe will lead discussions about the June 1969 events at New York City's Stonewall Inn, which sparked the modern movement for LGBT rights in America. Monroe, standing alongside neighbors and family members, was among the many people impacted by the brutal attacks on LGBT community members at Stonewall. Within two years following those historic events, LGBT rights groups were organized in nearly every major city.

To honor this important part of our shared American history, NPCA, along with our many partner organizations, are calling for a National Park for Stonewall. Reverend Monroe will be joined by leaders from NPCA as well as community members, to share their stories of LGBT equality Stonewall.

National Parks Conservation Association is proud to partner with Seattle University, the Pride Foundation, Greater Seattle Business Association, Carter Subaru, Out for Sustainability, Entre Hermanos and the Wildrose Tavern to host this special evening.

WHEN: April 26, 2016. Speakers and discussion, 7-8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Seattle University, Campion Ballroom

914 E Jefferson Street

COST: Free and open to the public.

INFO: RSVP at: <http://seattleforstonewall.eventbrite.com>

WHO: Confirmed speakers include:

- Renowned African American lesbian feminist and syndicated columnist Reverend Irene Monroe
- Chad Lord, National Parks Conservation Association
- Community members will be invited to share their stories and support for creating #NatlParkForStonewall

King County Flood District Announces Flood Reduction Grant

The King County Flood Control District announced today the availability of \$3.3 million in grant funding for projects that reduce the impact of flooding.

This grant fund program will target flood reduction projects throughout King County. The deadline for this 2016 grant opportunity is May 27.

Projects must provide a flood reduction benefit so that it directly addresses existing or potential flooding. Projects that achieve multiple benefits are encouraged. Typical projects might include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing surface water overflows and flooding from creeks and lakes due to outflow blockage or undersized/failing culverts or pipes.
- Clearance of clogged agricultural drainage systems.
- Improving inadequate or failing stormwater systems that are causing flooding or slope instability.
- Addressing flooding of roads due to increased stormwater runoff.
- Assessment of existing conditions as part of the creation of a lake management district.

There is no cap on the individual award amount. Grants awarded in the past have ranged from \$11,000 to \$400,000. Matching funds are encouraged but not required and the expenditure of funds must be completed no later than 36 months after signing the grant agreement.

More information about criteria, eligibility and application assistance can be found at www.kingcountyfloodcontrol.org.