

Events & Announcements



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Arty Party

Dallas Baldeh draws his hand holding an object as part of an activity called "Panorama Play with Claire Cowie" at the annual Arty Party at the Henry Gallery, April 24 at The University of Washington. The afternoon of events included performances by Cirrus Circus from Sanca, a screening of animated shorts, and a variety of art making opportunities including creating art with food with Coyote Central and making disguises with the Henry Teen Collective.

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Portland Harbor Community Outreach Grants Available

The City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services is seeking to provide funding to local community based organizations that engage with under-represented communities. These community outreach grants are intended to help raise awareness on the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup and to help increase participation in the upcoming Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) comment period. The 60-day comment period will start once the EPA's Proposed Plan has been released, which we anticipate in early May 2016. More information on the grant application process can be found here. If you have any questions please contact grant manager Tonya Stephens at (503) 823-4883.

Seattle News Briefs

Northwest African American Museum Hosts 'Posing Beauty'

Posing Beauty in African American Culture, curated by Deborah Willis and organized by Curatorial Assistance, Pasadena, Calif., opens from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Northwest African American Museum, 2300 S. Massachusetts St.

In *Posing Beauty*, a century of photographs by a wide range of image-makers — photojournalists, artists, men, and women — explore beauty and highlight how we see ourselves and are seen by others.

Among the many distinguished photographers represented in this group exhibition are Anthony Barboza, Sheila Pree Bright, Leonard Freed, Charles "Tee-nie" Harris, Russell Lee, Jamel Shabazz, Hank Willis Thomas, Mickalene Thomas, Carrie Mae Weems, and Ernest C. Withers.

No tickets are required but organizers request that attendees RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1730780137200247/>.

Street Requiem Seattle to Benefit King County Homeless

"Street Requiem Seattle," a spectacular choral work featuring 150 singers from 39 Seattle area choruses and an ensemble of 14 local musicians, will be performed at Benaroya Hall at 7 p.m. Sunday. Ninety percent of the purchase price of each ticket will benefit local non-profit organizations directly helping the homeless in King County.

The repertoire is based on the internationally-acclaimed composition by Dr. Jonathan Welch AM,

the award-winning conductor of the Choir of Hard Knocks and founding artistic director of the School of Hard Knocks. Dr. Kathleen McGuire, creator of Singers of the Street, and Andy Payne, director of curriculum for the School of Hard Knocks, collaborated on the composition.

The event is sponsored by The Starbucks Chorus as part of Starbucks Global Month of Service. The optimistic yet deeply moving and reflective work is a reinvention of the traditional requiem, with a contemporary twist that features a modern setting of the Latin text, enhanced with English, African and Persian lyrics. It is a reflection of the multicultural and multi-faith traditions of urban society, with gospel, romantic, indigenous, Celtic and contemporary instrumentation.

Tickets are available online at Requiem; in person at Benaroya Hall, 200 University Street; and by phone at (206) 215.4747.

Mayor Murray Proposes Affordable Housing Ordinance

Mayor Ed Murray this week unveiled his proposal to enact a residential Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA-R) program, which will require that new multifamily residential development in Seattle contribute to affordable housing, either with affordable homes in the building or payments to help construct them throughout the city.

The measure is the next step of implementing the Grand Bargain, an agreement between affordable housing advocates and private developers that will create an estimated 6,000 affordable homes in Seattle over the next 10 years.

Key features of the MHA-R framework are:

- Requires inclusion of affordable housing or in-lieu payment to support affordable housing in zones that have been granted additional development capacity.
- Applies any time one or more new dwelling units, live/work units, or congregate residence sleeping rooms are constructed or added to an existing building.
- Rental housing created would serve households with incomes no greater than 60 percent of area median income (AMI) for a term of 50 years.
- Ownership housing created would serve households with incomes no greater than 80 percent of AMI for a term of 50 years.
- Funds received through the in-lieu payment option will be used to produce or preserve affordable housing, primarily for renter households with incomes equal to or less than 60 percent AMI.

The new multi-family developments will set aside five to eight percent of units as affordable for residents earning up to 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) for 50 years. In 2016, 60 percent of AMI

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demonstrations, children's crafts, pony rides, heritage displays and much more. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Kelsey Creek Park, 410 130th Pl. SE, Bellevue.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 1

MAY EDIBLE PALNT SALE: Choose from the largest selection of organically sustainably and locally grown vegetable plant starts in the Puget Sound region! Locally grown plants including tomatoes, peppers, squash, corn and much more. There will also be guest speakers. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Meridian Park, 4850 Meridian Ave. N.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

JOB FAIR: FOR YOUTH 16 -24: Targeting opportunities youth ages 16 - 24 not working or in school. Information includes job interviews & on the spot offers, meet and interview with more than 30 companies, create and improve your resume, get help with job applications and so much more. This is a free event however, you must pre-register at www.100kopportunities.org/seattle.com 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., WAMU Theater Century Link Field Events Center, 800 Occidental Ave. S.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION AT COUNTRY VILLAGE IN BOTHELL: Bring Mom out to Country Village for a Mother's Day Celebration. She'll love entering to win a special Country Village shopping spree. Visit every shop and enter in each one to increase her chances of winning. Lots of shopping and fun! 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Country Village Shops, 23718 Bothell Everett Highway, Bothell.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

HALF-PRICE MOM'S DAY: Bring your mom to the zoo for a special day that will make her smile. Meet animals up close, watch the show put on by the Wild Wonders Outdoor Theater and much more. All moms will receive half-off general admission. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, 5400 N. Pearl St., Tacoma.

is \$38,000 for an individual and \$54,000 for a family of four.

Current market rates for a newer one-bedroom unit range from \$1,399 to \$1,887 in Seattle. The table below shows average monthly rent rates by neighborhood for buildings built since 2010:

Ballard	\$1,769
Capitol Hill/Eastlake.....	\$1,887
Green Lake / Wallingford.....	\$1,671
Queen Anne.....	\$1,694
Rainier Valley.....	\$1,399
West Seattle	\$1,615

In comparison, the affordable rate (30% of a household's monthly income) for a one-bedroom unit for an individual earning 60 percent AMI is \$1,017. Under the proposed MHA-R framework, rents for new affordable housing units would be set at this price.

The proposal released today sets up the program that requires any increase in development capacity or future changes in zoning to result in increased affordability.

City planners and stakeholders will continue conversations and outreach with community members to determine what future changes may look like in their neighborhoods.

In exchange for creating more affordable housing, developers will be able to access additional development capacity in Urban Villages and Centers. Other cities in the region such as Issaquah, Kirkland, and Federal Way have already begun to use Mandatory Housing Affordability programs to address affordable housing needs.

The mayor's proposal was developed by the Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda committee (HALA) last year. At the core of that agreement was the creation of commercial and residential Mandatory Housing Affordability programs, requiring developers of new commercial or multi-family residential development to contribute to affordable homes. Full text of the ordinance can be found at <http://murray.seattle.gov/>.