

**Events & Announcements**

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**UW Black Graduation**

A processional of students participating in the 20th Annual University of Washington Black Graduation and Kente Ceremony June 10 at the University Presbyterian Church walk into the ceremony. The annual pre-commencement ceremony recognizes the accomplishments of graduates who have successfully completed an undergraduate or post baccalaureate degree at the UW and it gives them a chance to honor those who helped them reach their goals with a traditional Kente ceremony where friends, family, teachers and mentors present a Kente stole to the graduate.

**Community Calendar 2016**

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**80TH ANNUAL SOUTH BAY GRANGE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL:** Vendors new and returning, entertainment, hamburgers, hot dogs, strawberry shortcake, bulk strawberries for sale and much more. This festival benefits our summer children's theater program. This festival is free for all. Noon - 6 p.m. South Bay Grange, 3918 Sleater-Kinney Rd. NE. Olympia

**SUNDAY JUNE 19**

**AFRICAN AMERICAN FILM SERIES - "THE LEARNING TREE"** Join us for the African American film series celebrating black actors, directors and films depicting the rich and varied African American experience. 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wallingford Library, 1501 N. 45th St.

**HALF PRICE DAD'S DAY:** Bring your dad to the zoo for a wild time on his special day! All Dad's will receive half-off general admission for their special day! 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, 5400 N. Pearl St. Tacoma

**MONDAY JUNE 20**

**CONVERSATIONS ON GRANDPARENTING:** This informal discussion is about how grandparents can provide the support and guidance that children need today! Noon. County City Building, 930 Tacoma Ave. S. Tacoma

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schedule at [http://www.oregon.gov/boli/TA/pages/tsem\\_taseminar.aspx#EMPLOYERSEMINARSCHEDULE](http://www.oregon.gov/boli/TA/pages/tsem_taseminar.aspx#EMPLOYERSEMINARSCHEDULE).

Employers can also contact the agency's Technical Assistance for Employers hotline with sick time, minimum wage or other employment questions at (971) 673-0824.

**Seattle News Briefs****County Council Recognizes Juneteenth**

The Metropolitan King County Council today recognized Juneteenth, the celebration of the end of two centuries of bondage of Americans of African descent in the United States.

Two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, two months after Robert E. Lee surrendered his Confederate forces, and one month after the last official battle of the Civil War, the last Africans and African-Americans in bondage were told of their freedom by Union forces. That date, June 19, 1865, became a day of celebration for the African-American descendants of those freed slaves.

As those descendants left Texas and spread throughout the United States, they took the celebration with them, a recognition and remembrance of the challenges they faced then and today.

**King County Announces New Director of Police Oversight**

The Metropolitan King County Council announced today the hiring of Deborah Jacobs as Director for the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight (OLEO), an independent government agency with responsibility for reviewing complaints relating to the King County Sheriff's Office, its policies and practices.

Jacobs takes the helm of a newly strengthened agency. In November, King County voters approved a measure to expand OLEO's authority to investigate complaints. New precedents for investigations and advocacy will be established under her leadership.

In a career dedicated to human rights, Jacobs has served in executive leadership positions for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Ms. Foundation for Women. She brings extensive knowledge of organizational management as well as expertise in police practices. As Executive Director for the ACLU of New Jersey for 13 years, Jacobs worked on a wide array of policing issues including Internal Affairs policies, bias-based policing, sexual harassment, local enforcement of federal immigration laws, and training. In Newark, she created an unprecedented model for documenting police misconduct, suc-

cessfully making a case for DOJ intervention in the troubled Newark Police Department.

In addition to expertise on police practices, Jacobs has worked on a wide variety of civil liberties issues, including First Amendment rights, privacy, government transparency, economic justice, criminal justice policy and women's health and safety.

Jacobs grew up in Ellensburg, where her father taught Law & Justice at Central Washington University. She holds a B.A. in English and an M.A. in Liberal Studies from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. Organizations including the National Organization for Women, the NAACP, and the Peoples Organization for Progress have formally recognized Jacobs' advocacy. She was also the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Helsinki, Finland.

**Youth tell the City how to spend \$700,000 of public funds**

Mayor Ed Murray has announced the project winners of Youth Voice, Youth Choice, the City's new Participatory Budgeting (PB) initiative in which youth decide how to spend \$700,000 of the City's budget. More than 3000 youth ages 11-25 voted on 19 project proposals in May.

The seven winning projects are:

- Houses for People Experiencing Homelessness
- Youth Homeless Shelter Improvements
- Job Readiness Workshops for Homeless Youth
- Homeless Children and Youth Liaison Services
- Wi-Fi Hotspot Checkout
- Park Bathroom Upgrades
- Safe Routes to Schools

"Thanks to the leadership of former Councilmember Nick Licata, we launched participatory budgeting to empower the youth of Seattle and to show them that their voice matters in shaping this city," said Mayor Ed Murray. "Through this process, we learned that young people are concerned about the homelessness crisis gripping our city, as well as issues of equity and public safety. They want to help those who are suffering and to create safer streets for walking or biking."

The process started in January with several assemblies where the public brainstormed ideas for projects it would like to see in their communities. The 20 youth delegates turned those ideas into 19 concrete proposals with help from Seattle Department of Neighborhoods and City staff. Now that the choices have been made, City staff and local agencies will implement the projects.

Participatory Budgeting is a civic engagement program in which community members decide how to spend a portion of a City's budget. Seattle has joined Chicago, New York, Boston, and cities across the globe in using the process. Youth Voice, Youth Choice is managed by Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. For more information, visit the Youth Voice, Youth

Choice website at <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/seattle-participatory-budgeting>.

**Alzheimer's Association Offers Long-Distance Caregiver Support Group**

Caring for someone with memory loss long-distance? Do you need information and support? Alzheimer's Association long-distance family caregiver support groups provide a consistent and caring place for people to learn, share and gain emotional support from others who are also on a unique journey of providing care to a person with memory loss long-distance. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month, from 6:00-7:30 pm, at Full Life Care, 6555 Ravenna Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98112. For information call Marian Sheehan, (206) 323-2096.

**HUD Warns of Housing Grant Scam**

HUD's Office of Inspector General (OIG) has received complaints about fraudsters contacting individuals to say they have been awarded a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), but they need an upfront fee. HUD will never email or call to "award" clients money.

In addition, HUD has learned about fraudsters using the same scam to trick their targets into sending them "fees" to so they can process grants for thousands of dollars. While the same phone number is being used, that is likely to change over time. HUD recommends members of the public do not take or return phone calls from (315) 675-4146, give identifying information by fax or over the phone to anyone offering you a grant or wire funds to cover the "fees" for the federal grant.

If you receive contact from this number, or anyone requesting money on behalf of HUD, file a report on OIG's Web site (<https://www.hudoig.gov/report-fraud>) or call the appropriate Special Agent in Charge in the Office of Investigation (<https://www.hudoig.gov/about/where-were-located>).

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