

Events & Announcements



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Naturalization

More than 500 people became United States citizens July 4 at the 32nd Annual Naturalization Ceremony at Seattle Center Fisher Pavilion. Hundreds of their family members and the general public joined Washington State Governor Jay Inslee, Senator Maria Cantwell, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray and numerous other dignitaries in welcoming the new citizens on American Independence Day.

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arts and culture. With a vision to cultivate Black brilliance, LANGSTON will launch its inaugural season in the fall of 2016, at the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, 104 17th Ave. S., under the leadership of its founding board of directors, community advisors, and arts champions.

LANGSTON's founding board of directors includes:

- Inye Wokoma, Ijo Arts Media Group (Chair)
- Sheley Secrest, NAACP (Treasurer)
- David Harmon, Olio Development Design Strategies (Secretary)
- Jo-Anne Birnie Danzker, Frye Art Museum
- Randy Engstrom, City of Seattle Office of Arts & Culture, Ex-Officio
- Terri Hiroshima, University of Washington
- Vivian Phillips, Seattle Theatre Group
- Andrew Russell, Intiman Theatre
- Sharon N. Williams, CD Forum

To ensure long-term stability and success, the LANGSTON Board of Directors has spent the first two quarters of this year establishing a strong foundation and creating strong financial and programmatic infrastructures. Additionally, dedicated focus has been placed on securing dynamic leadership for the organization by launching a national search for the new organization's first Executive Director.

The LANGSTON founding Board will support artistry that breaks molds and challenges both artistic and cultural traditions. In service to the cultivation of Black brilliance, LANGSTON will engage, nurture, and support a wide range of local and national artists to share distinct artistry and build relationships and connections to the creative processes. Programming will occur year-round and serve multi-generational audiences and participants.

LANGSTON will be located within Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute's (LHPAI) historic building. The current LHPAI staff will continue to work for Seattle's Office of Arts & Culture to manage building rentals, support rental programs, and maintain the building and associated property. Highly regarded signature programs of LHPAI, such as the Langston Hughes African American Film Festival and Teen Summer Musical, will continue in 2016. Additional programs, festivals, and artist development will be announced at an open community welcome event in August. LANGSTON will hire a contracted Program Manager in August to carry forward their initial programming while the search is conducted for a new Executive Director. Details about the Program Manager position can be found at langstonseattle.org/jobs.

LANGSTON was created in December of 2015 in response to both the community and City's desire to establish an independent nonprofit that was community driven and committed to the historic mission of

Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, a former program of the City's Parks Department and Office of Arts & Culture. After a three-year review and engagement process, LANGSTON was founded and designed specifically to serve as the hub for African American arts and culture in Seattle.

For more information about LANGSTON, visit www.langstonseattle.org or email info@langstonseattle.org.

Mayor Issues Action Plan for Chinatown-International District

Mayor Ed Murray today issued his action plan to address persistent public safety and disorder challenges in the Chinatown-International District (C/ID). The action plan reflects the recommendations of Murray's Chinatown-International District Public Safety Task Force, which was convened last year in the wake of the murder of long-time public safety advocate and community activist Donnie Chin.

Murray's plan includes four key elements identified for early action:

- **Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist** – This one-year pilot creates a new civilian position at the Seattle Police Department that will be trained in national best practices around community policing and will be the City's point to implement strategies to address the most acute criminal activities afflicting the neighborhood.
- **Neighborhood-Based Public Safety Coordinator** – The Department of Neighborhoods will provide matching funds for a position based in the neighborhood to provide public safety coordination between City departments and the residents and organizations in the C/ID.
- **Public Safety Steering Committee** – City employees and community members will identify key public safety projects to implement in the next 12-18 months, which will be measured and monitored for concrete outcomes.
- **Improved Police Communication and Responsiveness** – The Seattle Police Department will increase positive police engagement and relationship-building within the community with additional and re-deployed staff, improve 911 responsiveness and language capabilities, and ensure that police patrols maintain high visibility in the neighborhood.

In recognition of the significant impacts of heavy litter on quality of life in the neighborhood and the strong correlation between heavy litter and public safety concerns, Murray announced that the City will launch a new intensive litter clean-up program. The program will be piloted in two neighborhoods, the Chinatown-International District and Ballard. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) will increase litter pick-up with bi-weekly clean-up crews, install more trash bins on the street and increase community engagement to speed response to illegal dumping.

Community Calendar 2016

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three days, the Salem Art Festival features more than 200 artists, two entertainment stages, food booths and two craft beer and wine gardens. Admission is \$5 per day or \$10 for a three day pass. Free for children 12 and under. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday Bush's Pasture Park, 600 Madison St. SE, Salem.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

PIAZZA ROSSO: FERRARI GATHERING FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND: Celebrating 50 years of Ferrari in Portland. Ferrari owners from across the Northwest will gather to showcase some of the beautiful and rare cars. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square – Downtown Portland.

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FRIDAY – SATURDAY, JULY 8 – 9

KING COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD LIFT PROGRAM: This effort will put homeowners within reach for many families in Seattle and King County. Interested homebuyer's should pre-register for this free event at www.neighborhoodLIFT.com or call 1-866-858-2151. Times for both days 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Westin Seattle, Grand Ballroom, 4th Floor, 1900 5th Ave.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JULY 8 – 10

REDMOND ARTS FESTIVAL: A three – day juried arts fair with close to 70 of the most talented artists, showcasing and selling their work. Food trucks, main stage entertainment features nine live bands and much more. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Friday & Saturday. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, Redmond Town Center, 164th Ave. NE & NE 74th St., Redmond.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

5TH ANNUAL CANDIDATES FORUM: Eritrean Association Community Center, grassroots organizations unite on a joint venture to increase equity and political involvement. 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Eritrean Association of Greater Seattle and Vicinity, 1528 Valentine Place S.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

2016 FERRARI CONCOURS d' ELEGANCE: More than 70 Ferraris will be on display. Dozens of Ferraris will be displayed, judged and awarded at the ending ceremony. Hundreds of guest are expected to attend. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Families are encouraged to attend this free event. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Beauterre, 13200 Lake Kathleen RD. SE, Renton.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

CHOWDOWNTOWN FOOD TRUCK ROUNDUP: Come and meet your neighbors at Ashwood Park next to the King County Main Bellevue Library. Great food, live entertainment. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and join us for a great evening. 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., Ashwood Park, 10820 NE 10th St., Bellevue.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

19TH CENTURY FAMILY FUN NIGHT: Several cannon firings punctuate an evening of 19th-century fun with the Fort Nasqually Living History Museum's re-enactors! Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner and join in the scavenger hunts, games, contest, and dancing of the mid-1800s. This is all available with paid admission to the museum. 6 p.m., Fort Nasqually Living History Museum, 5400 N. Pearl St., Tacoma.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

CELEBRATE SE ASIAN CULTURE AT SALTWATER STATE PARK: This free event is in its third year: Celebrate SE Asian Culture with members of the South Puget Sound Chinese, Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, Filipino, Thai and Vietnamese communities through performances of traditional music and dance, children's activities and lots of food. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saltwater State Park, 25205 8th Place S., Des Moines.

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