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Aug. 20 and Sept. 24. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., South Seattle College, West Seattle Campus, 6000 16th Ave. SW.

CELEBRATING CULTURES RETURNS TO PEARRYGIN LAKE STATE PARK: This is a free evening concert featuring cowboy and fisher poets and old-time music. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., On the East shore of Pearrygin Lake State Park, 561 Bear Creek Rd., Winthrop.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

MUSIC WITH HIGH CLASS BRASS: High Class Brass, a local brass quintet that includes Trumpets French Horn, Trombone and a Tuba, will play a selection of classical, swing, Dixieland and traditional music. 7 p.m. - 7:40 p.m., Lake City Mini Park, 12359 Lake City Way (on the corner of Lake City Way and 125th).

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JULY 29 - 31

6TH ANNUAL STREET FAIR: Come to downtown Bellevue and experience the original work of 120 artists in an open air showcase of sculpture, jewelry, home décor, wood and glass work, fabrics and more! 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday. Downtown pedestrian corridor, NE 6th St. & 106th Ave. NE, Bellevue.



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Vigil

Jeremiah Walters and his son Jameel, 11, joined 75 people at a peaceful vigil for Alton Sterling and Philando Castile at Westlake Park on July 13. Participants lit candles and stood silently listening to people talk about how the shooting deaths of Mr. Sterling and Mr. Castile had affected them.

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Portland Homeless Families Solutions, \$50,000 to support work that helps 125 families remain housed.

The grants program received requests totaling nearly \$2 million from 30 organizations. CareOregon staff reviewed the applications to identify those that best addressed both health and housing. They wanted to fund work that helps people overcome economic, racial or cultural barriers to obtaining health care.

These organizations are invited to share lessons learned with CareOregon staff members. Together they can identify successful practices and suggest policies to help reduce homelessness and its root causes.

Seattle News Briefs**Urban League of Seattle receives \$25,000 Grant for Career Bridge**

Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC) this week announced it philanthropically invested \$25,000 in Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle to help African Americans with criminal histories chart a new course in life through its Career Bridge program.

Additional Wells Fargo Economic Opportunity grant recipients in Washington for 2016 include:

- Ventures - \$75,000 for microloans, entrepreneurship training and technical assistance
- Neighborhood House - \$25,000 for job training and adult educations programs

In order to strengthen communities challenged by the highest levels of unemployment, Wells Fargo awarded \$2.3 million to 59 nonprofits across California, Alaska, Washington and Oregon. Thirty-five of the funded nonprofits are from urban communities and 24 are from rural markets. The organizations offer people advancement opportunities by providing services focused on small and micro business development, workforce development or job creation.

In total, the 59 grants are expected to make the following impact in local communities (as reported by grant recipients):

- 16,000 low-to-moderate income individuals to be served
- 11,000 business owners to receive business planning support
- 8,900 individuals to receive employment and job training
- 14,500 expected job placements

Uptegrove Proposes \$87 Million Investment in Affordable Housing

A plan to invest \$87 million in affordable housing projects near transit stations over the next five years

was approved today by the Metropolitan King County Council's Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

Uptegrove's proposal will generate approximately \$87 million by selling bonds supported by lodging tax revenue that must be spent on affordable housing under state law.

Approximately \$32.3 million will be distributed throughout the County through a competitive procurement process. Projects must be located within one-half mile of transit stations. Preference will be given to proposals serving low-income households or other vulnerable populations such as survivors of domestic violence, veterans, and people with developmental disabilities.

The remainder of the funds will be focused on specific high-capacity transit areas that include the Northgate Transit Center, Des Moines Link Light Rail Station, S. 272nd Light Rail Station in Federal Way, Bel-Red Corridor transit stations, I-90 corridor from Issaquah to North Bend, and South Seattle stations.

This plan represents an expansion of the previous plan issued by County Executive Dow Constantine and invests an additional \$39 million towards housing projects.

The legislation will be reviewed by the full Council later this summer.

Mayor: New Community Engagement Plan Will Bring More Diverse Neighborhood Voices Before the City

Mayor Ed Murray today signed an executive order to bring greater equity to the City's outdated system for promoting public engagement among residents of Seattle's neighborhoods.

The District Council system, established in 1987, includes thirteen area-based councils whose membership includes local residents representing their neighborhood's community council, business associations, and nonprofit organizations. In 2009, the City Auditor issued a strongly-worded report advocating for a reset of the District Council system, due in part to the low-level of diverse representation on the district councils.

In 2013, a demographic snapshot of District Council attendees showed that they tend to be 40 years of age or older, Caucasian, with the vast majority owning their homes.

At least six District Councils had no reported people of color attending, and only three District Councils reported any African American attendees.

Murray's executive order directs City departments to begin developing robust community engagement plans, and takes steps toward dissolving the city's ties to each of the thirteen district councils.

The district councils may still exist, but Department of Neighborhoods' resources that previously supported the district councils will be redirect to support all City departments in these efforts.

Throughout the month of August, the Department of Neighborhoods will conduct civic engagement focus groups.

By September 26, the department will also draft legislation for a new citywide community engagement framework and strategic plan, including a new Seattle Community Involvement Commission to be established by January 2017. The Department of Neighborhoods and Seattle IT are also directed to submit a digital engagement plan by March 1, 2017 to broaden public accessibility.

An FAQ on today's announcement can be found at <http://murray.seattle.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/FAQ-Executive-Order-2016-06.pdf>.

Department of Financial Institutions Warns Against Legal Mediation Services Scam

The Washington State Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) warns consumers that before doing business with a financial institution, company, or individual, they should make sure that the entity is properly licensed.

Consumers are urged to verify license status prior to giving the financial institution, company, or individual any nonpublic personal information, such as social security number or bank account number or access.

DFI received a complaint indicating that "investigators" claiming to represent "Legal Mediation Services" contacted a consumer via telephone about the collection of a debt.

The debt was purported to be from Direct Lending. The individuals alleged that an arrest warrant was put out for the consumer. The consumer reported that she has never conducted business with either entity.

Information included in the complaint:

Representative:
Tracey, "Investigator"
Mr. Wilson, "Investigator"
Phone number: 859-208-0826

"Direct Lending" is not to be confused with the following licensed and registered companies in Washington state: Direct Loans Online, Inc. dba Direct Lending Group; B & E Personnel Services; Incorp. dba Direct Lending; and Direct Lending Group, Inc.

If you feel you have been the victim of a scam please contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP(382-4357) or online at www.ftc.gov; or contact the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (855) 411-CFPB (2372) or online at www.consumerfinance.gov. If the scammers already have your bank account information, social security number, or other nonpublic information, you may be a victim of identity theft and you should take appropriate precautions.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has information for victims of identity theft available online at www.ftc.gov.