

## Events & Announcements



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### Rainier Valley Heritage Festival

SPD Detective Denise "Cookie" Boldin and Miss Black Washington, DeVaughn Williams compete in the pie eating contest during the the 24th annual Rainier Valley Heritage Parade and Festival. The annual community event featured a pie eating contest, art installations, lots of live music and numerous games and activities for families. The Seattle Parks Department's annual Big Day of Play was also happening at the nearby Rainier play fields, at the end of the parade route.

## Seattle News Briefs

### Report Presents Recommendations on Giving Immigrants and Refugees Greater Voice

The King County Immigrant and Refugee Task Force recommends the best way to ensure the successful integration of these communities into the County is the creation of a commission that will become their voice in King County government.

Created by the Metropolitan King County Council, the task force presented their recommendations to Councilmembers. The recommendations are part of a report compiled by the 13-member panel that examines what steps the County should take to ensure that these communities have the opportunity to successfully integrate and become "engaged, thriving members of the community."

From 2000-2010, more than half of King County's new population was foreign-born, a number that continues to grow, with the majority of the population being located in communities outside of Seattle.

In the case of refugees, these are individuals and families moving to King County who are fleeing their home countries out of fear, whether it be due to war, persecution, or environmental disasters. They have a special refugee status secured while outside the country.

Others are immigrants coming to King County and moving to America in the quest for a better life, perhaps to join family or perhaps knowing no one.

Over the last four decades, there has been a change in those coming to the U.S., with a decrease in the number of citizens moving primarily from Europe to those born in Africa, Mexico and Southeast Asia.

### Seattle Public Library Hosts Family History Events Aug. 29 and Sept. 12

The Seattle Public Library will offer two workshops on researching family history on Aug. 29 and Sept. 12 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Level 4, Boeing Technology Training Center Room 4, 206-386-4636.

Library events are free and open to the public. Registration is required for both workshops. To register, send an email using Ask A Librarian or call 206-386-4636 and ask for the genealogy desk. Parking is available in the Central Library garage at the regular rates.

Beginning Your Family History Research - 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 4, Boeing Technology Training Center Room 4, 206-386-4636. Genealogy librarian Mahina Oshie will give an introduction to family history research and an overview of research resources available in the Seattle area. Sample genealogy charts and bibliographies will be provided in

the class.

Genealogy Databases: Ancestry Library Edition - 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 4, Boeing Technology Training Center Room 4, 206-386-4636. Genealogy librarian John LaMont will demonstrate how to use the electronic databases and internet resources found on the Library's website to search for ancestors. This workshop will focus on how to use the database "Ancestry Library Edition."

For more information, call the Library at (206) 386-4636 or visit <https://www.spl.org/using-the-library/get-help/ask-a-librarian/ask-a-librarian-email-form>.

### Seattle Public Library Hosts Technology Petting Zoo Aug. 27

The Seattle Public Library invites everyone to drop in and try out tomorrow's technology alongside nostalgic old technology from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 at the Northeast Branch, 6801 35th Ave. N.E., 206-684-7539.

Library events are free and everyone is welcome. No registration is required. Free parking is available in the branch parking lot.

The Library's Teen Service Learning interns will help attendees test drive a variety of new technology that will include Little Bits inventor kits, 3-D printing, Finch robots and more. There will also be a showcase of old technologies that include a typewriter and gramophone.

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### Unique Donation Will be Used to Purchase Land

King County's "green curtain" received a boost today with the unanimous approval of the Metropolitan King County Council to accept an anonymous donation of \$392,000 that can only be used for the purpose of purchasing open space.

A local family that wishes to stay anonymous contacted the Seattle Foundation trying to find out how they could make a donation towards the purchase of open space in South King County.

The Seattle Foundation put the family in contact with Forterra, who worked in collaboration with the County's Department of Natural Resources and Parks to find potential parcels for purchase.

King County Code allows the County's Parks and Recreation Division to solicit gifts, but requires that gifts of \$50,000 or more must be approved by the Council by motion.

The adopted motion authorizes the Executive to accept a donation of \$392,000 from Forterra for the purpose of acquiring the properties.

## Community Calendar 2016

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estimate the value of your collectables. Items that can be included: Books, coin & stamps, fine art, jewelry, military item (no firearms or weapons), sporting goods & memorable. Toys and more! Regular OHS admission +\$10 for each evaluation item. Admission is free for members. Noon - 4 p.m., Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

**CELEBRITY CHOCOLATE CAKE SMACKDOWN:** Back by popular demand the Oregon Historical Society will host its Second Annual Celebrity Cake Smackdown in downtown Portland with Gary Frank as the judge. Come out and watch local community leaders and media personalities present their best recipes for judgement and join in the tasting once Gary declares a winner! Free and open to the public. Noon. Oregon Historical Society, 1200 S Park Ave.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

**THE NAACP PORTLAND BRANCH INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ITS MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING:** President JoAnn Hardesty and executive leadership will provide updates about current and future initiatives. Noon - 2 p.m., American Red Cross Oregon Chapter, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

## Seattle Metro

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

**CELEBRATE SHORELINE:** Come celebrate the City of Shorelines 21st Birthday. The festival has two stages with live music, and shows, beer garden, pony rides, petting zoo, food and much more. This is a free family festival. Family area hours are Noon - 6 p.m. Beer Garden and concerts 1 p.m. - 9 p.m., Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Ave. N.

**TASTE OF MAIN:** This annual fundraising event brings together the Eastside community and Old Bellevue while raising much needed funds to support local children's charities. Buy a passport and taste your way down Main Street. Noon - 5 p.m., Sidewalk on Main Street between 100th Ave. NE and Bellevue Way, Bellevue.

**FAMILY FUN DAY:** Family Fun Days are crammed with activities for all the children to enjoy and the admission is always free. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wing Lake Museum, 719 S. King St.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

**SANDCASTLE CONTEST:** Come to this free family event and build your own sandcastle, or come and checkout other people's creations. 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, 2021 N.W. 197th St.

**BLUEBERRY BASH:** St Christopher's Community Church welcomes you to attend the Blueberry Bash. The Oly Mountain Boys will be performing free of charge. There will be homemade fruit pies, milkshakes, brats, hotdogs and much more. Activities for all ages. Noon - 4 p.m., St. Christopher's Community Church, 7902 Steamboat Island Dr. NW, Olympia.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

**BROWN BEAR CAR WASH CELEBRATES 59TH ANNIVERSARY WITH FREE "BEARY CLEAN" CAR WASHES:** Brown Bear Car Wash celebrates their 59th anniversary by offering free car washes at 22 tunnel wash locations from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Check your local area for the closet one to you.

**STATE PARKS ANNOUNCES "FREE DAY":** Special day honors 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. In honor of the National Park Service Centennial the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is offering free entrance to State Parks. This is for day use only. No overnight camping. All Washington State Parks Day use areas only.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

**13TH ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE BALLARD FESTIVAL:** As always this fair is free to the public and perfect for families. Eclectic, artsy, earthy, urban and committed to be a better future. You'll find all this and more. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Ballard Commons Park, 5701 22nd Ave. NW.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

**4th ANNUAL KITE FESTIVAL:** The entire family will be captivated by amazing kite demonstrations, family kite flying, face painting and more. The first 250 kids will have an opportunity to make their own kites. This is a free event for the whole family. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Chambers Creek Properties, 9850 64th St. W., University Place.