

**Events & Announcements**

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**Tattoo Expo**

Seattle tattoo artist Jacob Dzul works on a client at the Seattle Tattoo Expo. Thousands of people showed up to the three-day event to learn about the art form and even have work done by one of the many tattoo artists and vendors from across the country who attend every year. People interested in having work done by a particular tattoo artist could schedule appointments with the artists ahead of time online.

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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.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 29**

THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S ART ON THE PLAZA: Come to the Central Library on Monday for live music, open mic performances, social dancing and hands-on art. 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., The Seattle Public Library – Central Library, 1000 4th Ave.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

EVENING FARMERS MARKET AT PIKE PLACE: Come join us on Wednesday evening and pick up your fresh produce, fruit and flowers. Stop by on your way home from work. 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., Pike Place Market, 93 Pike St.

**SATURDAY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – 4**

JAPAN FAIR 2016: Explore the traditional and pop culture of Japan at Japan Fair. This free two-day event features a marketplace with cultural arts, food and merchandise from Japan, as well as live performances all day long. Admission is free. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday.

**Seattle News Briefs****City of Seattle Awards \$320,000 for Digital Equity**

Mayor Ed Murray and the City Council today awarded 10 Seattle organizations a total of \$320,000 in Technology Matching Funds from the City of Seattle. Council committee voted unanimously to approve the awards. Full Council approval is expected on Sept. 6.

“Technology impacts nearly every facet of our lives, from finding jobs to thriving in school,” said Murray. “Our investment in these community driven projects will open the door to greater success for Seattleites who lack sufficient technology access and essential digital skills.”

“One of the most effective and meaningful community investments we make in this City are these technology grants,” said Council President Bruce Harrell. “These grants help people succeed by learning skills critically necessary in the 21st century. They provide critical support where the digital divide is the greatest, to our low-income, homeless, immigrant refugee, senior and disabled residents.”

The Technology Matching Fund projects help meet the city's Digital Equity Initiative goals of increasing connectivity, digital skills training, and providing devices and technical support, through partnerships and community-driven solutions. They will assist more than 2,500 residents in historically underserved or underrepresented communities, including 580 immigrants and refugees, 1,240 seniors and 1,100 people with disabilities.

The 2016 Technology Matching Fund award recipients include:

- Children's Home Society of Washington/North Seattle Family Center
- Coalition for Refugees from Burma
- Community & Parent for Public Schools
- El Centro de la Raza
- Full Life Care
- Multimedia Resources Training Institute
- Na'ah Illahee Fund
- New Horizons
- SightConnection
- Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle

Seattle's Community Technology Advisory Board selected the projects from 41 applicants through a rigorous application review process. Awardees will contribute more than \$470,000 in projected community matching resources.

For more information and a map of Technology Matching Fund awardees, visit <http://www.seattle.gov/tech/initiatives/digital-equity/technology-matching-fund/2016-awardees>.

**Mayor Murray Hires Director of Homelessness**

Mayor Ed Murray today announced that George Scarola will serve as the City's first ever cabinet-level director of homelessness. Scarola will be responsible for leading the City's homelessness efforts across departments, providing oversight and evaluation of outcomes, strategic guidance, and leading community engagement.

Scarola is an experienced public affairs and community relations manager having led advocacy organizations in Seattle and Olympia for over 25 years. From 1992 to 1998 Scarola led the Sand Point Community Housing Project as Executive Director, which converted housing at the Sand Point Naval Air Station into homes for unsheltered youth, adults, and families.

After years of failed school ballot measures, Scarola helped turn the tide for public support for Seattle schools by managing the first successful school bonding measure in the spring of 1995, followed by subsequent successful campaigns to fund Seattle schools and affordable housing for adults, seniors, and families.

In the early 2000s, Scarola served as a top aide to Representative Frank Chopp and was Executive Director of the Washington House Democratic Campaign committee during the 2002 election cycle that captured a Democratic majority in the State House. More recently, Scarola served the League of Education Voters as Legislative Director from 2003 to 2012. This year, Scarola returned from Hefei, China where he was lecturing at the University of Science and Technology of China. Scarola began his career in 1969 teaching at a then recently integrated public elementary school in North Carolina.

In conjunction with the hiring of Scarola, Mayor Murray issued an executive order calling upon the director of homelessness to oversee and direct key City policy makers responsible for implementing the City's efforts to address the ongoing homelessness crisis in Seattle. The executive order ensures that the City maintains a consistent approach to planning, budgeting, development and implementation of policies addressing homelessness.

Since taking office, Mayor Murray has increased investments in homelessness response and prevention services to a record \$50 million. In 2015, Mayor Murray declared a state of emergency to call on the state and federal government to restore resources and to announce additional funding for shelter beds, a mobile medical van, and harm reduction strategies.

In addition, the City has engaged a national expert on reducing homelessness. This work along with an analysis of our current homelessness system and recommendations will be announced next month.

Scarola will be paid an annual salary of \$137,500. His will start on August, 24th 2016.

**Murray Proposes Policies to Keep Seattle a Global Leader in Green Buildings**

Mayor Ed Murray transmitted to Council a package of innovative policies aimed at keeping Seattle at the forefront of energy efficiency solutions in the residential and commercial building sectors. The legislative package includes provisions that expand the Living Buildings Challenge (LBC) and updates Seattle's building and energy codes to reduce energy use in new commercial construction and expand solar ready housing.

The Living Building program legislation expands on a pilot program started in 2009 and increases the number of buildings that can participate. The LBC is the world's most rigorous sustainable building certification program. It is a performance-based approach – as opposed to a modeled performance – and aims to foster the development of buildings that contribute positively to their surroundings by mimicking ecological processes such as capturing and treating all stormwater and producing as much energy as it uses.

Among other changes to the Seattle Energy Code and the Seattle Residential Code is a requirement that commercial buildings up to 20 stories in height and residential buildings up to three stories in height reserve rooftop space to be “solar ready” for future equipment installation. This will speed the development of rooftop solar energy in Seattle by minimizing future installation costs. The effective date for the proposed energy and building code updates will occur on January 1, 2017.

The Seattle Energy Code legislation also takes a significant step toward Seattle's 2050 carbon-neutral goal by mandating more efficient heating systems instead of allowing less effective electric or fossil fuel heating systems that are typically installed in commercial buildings. The effective date of this particular Seattle Energy Code update is extended to January 1, 2018, in order to allow projects already in the pipeline to be completed without major changes.

The Living Building Challenge legislation will be discussed in City Council's Planning, Land Use & Zoning Committee on September 9, with a public hearing to be held on September 20. The Seattle Energy Code legislation will be discussed with City Council Planning, Land Use & Zoning Committee on Sept. 20.

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