

**Events & Announcements**

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**My Brother's Keeper**

Over 80 young people between the ages of 8 to 18 participated in the annual performances of the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center's 2016 Teen Musical, an adaptation of Peter Pan, called "My Brother's Keeper". The kids rehearsed for months before doing 8 performances at the Moore Theatre on Thursday August 25th through Sunday August 28th. The reimagined story of Peter Pan included original songs and choreography. Different actors played some of the main characters on alternate performances, giving members of the talented cast opportunities to perform.

**Community Calendar 2016***cont'd from pg 4***TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

**TAIWANESE CULTURAL DAY AT THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY:** The Seattle Public Library will present an extravaganza of Taiwanese film, food, music and dance. Free event for all ages. 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

**SMALL STEPS PROGRAM AT THE COLUMBIA CITY FARMERS MARKET:** United Health Care Community Plan is helping people make positive changes in their eating habits with the Small Steps Program. This summer individuals who meet a participating provider in the community will receive a voucher for local Farmer's Markets where they can pick up a bag of fresh produce from UHCCP with recipes and food preparation information. 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Columbia City Farmers Market, 37 Ave. S.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

**OPEN HOUSE APPLE SQUEEZE AND FAMILY HIP-HOP DANCE PARTY:** Celebrate the colors of fall and its juicy harvest. Make fresh apple juice with an apple press, meet some instructors, observe class demonstrations and enjoy the light refreshments. Please wear comfortable sneakers and bring a water bottle. Free to attend. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Rav-Eck, 6535 Ravenna Ave. NE.

Briefs *cont'd from pg 4***Metro to Add More Trips, Improve Bus Connections**

Transit demand continues to grow across King County, and to help improve service and connections, Metro is adding trips and expanding service to more than a dozen key routes starting Sept. 10.

Metro's website now shows full details for each route change, and orange rider alert brochures and new orange timetables will be on buses soon. Riders can now plan trips for dates after Sept. 10 using Metro's Trip Planner.

The new trips and fine-tuned bus schedules help meet demand and also respond to customer concerns. In particular, the changes in Northeast Seattle respond to customer feedback after the March service change, during which Metro restructured bus service so buses arrive more frequently and more directly serve two new Link light rail stations.

Preliminary ridership data shows significantly more transit riders using the improved network that now includes more frequent Metro service and extended Link light rail. Metro continues to monitor how riders are using the network.

Metro is able to add service and specific trips by drawing on increasing sales tax revenue, diesel fuel cost savings and partnerships with the City of Seattle and City of Redmond.

**North Seattle**

In North Seattle, trips will be added on weekdays on routes 26 Express, 48, 62, 63, 65, 67, 77 and 372. Route 73 will now operate on Sundays, providing buses every 30 minutes from 7:45 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. Routes 65 and 67 will operate every 20 minutes on Sundays instead of every 30 minutes.

**South Seattle**

Metro is restructuring Southeast Seattle bus service, replacing Route 38 and revising routes 9 Express, 106, 107 and 124, so that diverse, low-income and non-English speaking communities from around the county can more conveniently access opportunities, particularly along the Martin Luther King Way Jr. corridor. Riders also will have new connections and service to Beacon Hill and Georgetown. Bus service will be available every 15 minutes on routes 106 and 124 most of the time. Detailed changes are available online for each route.

**Seattle**

Metro will add weekday bus trips to help address crowded conditions on more than a dozen routes, including trips funded in partnership with the City of Seattle on routes 8, 15, 18, 21, 40 and 120.

**Vashon Island**

Route 118 will provide islanders with new Sunday service for the first time in many years, mirroring Saturday schedules and helping riders connect with

both ferry terminals and other destinations. Eastside

**Redmond LOOP:** As part of its Alternative Services Demonstration program, Metro is partnering with the City of Redmond to pilot a new service called the Redmond LOOP. The Redmond LOOP will come every 45 minutes on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to meet the mid-day travel needs of Redmond residents, visitors and employees in the Redmond LOOP service area. The Redmond LOOP will travel from the Redmond Transit Center through Education Hill, along Avondale to Bear Creek Park & Ride and then along Redmond Way with a stop by Redmond Town Center before heading back to the Transit Center.

**New Route 243 Express** will offer weekday peak service - northbound mornings from Overlake Transit Center to Kenmore Park-and-Ride and southbound afternoons from Kenmore Park-and-Ride to Overlake Transit Center.

**Seattle Public Library Announces Open Mics and Poetry Readings**

The Seattle Public Library will offer open mics and poetry readings at several Library locations in September. Event details with times and locations are outlined below.

**It's About Time Writers' Reading Series** - 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 at the Ballard Branch, 5614 22nd Ave. N.W., 206-684-4089. A monthly series featuring author readings and open mics. The 323rd meeting features readings from Roberta Feins, Andrea Lewis, Patricia Smith and Rick Fordyce.

**PoetsWest** - 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Green Lake Branch, 7364 E. Green Lake Dr. N., 206-684-7547. A monthly open mic that takes place on the second Saturday of each month, featuring readings of poetry and prose. This month's reading features Peter Ludwin and other writers to be announced.

**Writers Read** - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Columbia Branch, 4721 Rainier Ave. S., 206-386-1908. Writers Read is a monthly open mic with selected author readings on the second Sunday of each month, presented in partnership with African-American Writers' Alliance. This month's topic will be flash fiction.

**Original Voices** - 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12 at the University Branch, 5009 Roosevelt Way N.E., 206-684-4063. Women who have experienced homelessness and found shelter at Mary's Place, a day center in Seattle, will read from their published writings.

**Poetry 'Potluck'** - 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Ballard Branch, 5614 22nd Ave. N.W., 206-684-4089. An informal monthly gathering for listening to and reading poetry aloud. Attendees should bring a few favorite poems. This is a feast of poetry, not a food event.

For more information, call the Library at (206) 386-4636 or Ask a Librarian.

**'Medicare Made Clear' Workshops at the Seattle Public Library Begin Sept. 10**

The Seattle Public Library will offer a series of health care workshops in September that will give an overview of Medicare options and help attendees to make informed decisions on Medicare coverage. The workshops will take place at the Greenwood, Ballard and Magnolia branches of The Seattle Public Library.

Library programs are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Free parking is available at each of the Library branches.

Medicare specialist Jean Cormier of Cormier Insurance will provide an overview of the different parts of Medicare (Parts A, B, C, D and supplements), what they cover and how they work. Discussion topics will include how to receive benefits, the pros and cons of each part, approximate costs, enrollment and eligibility guidelines.

Workshop dates, times and locations are as follows.

- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Greenwood Branch, 8016 Greenwood Ave. N., 206-684-4086.
- 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18 at the Ballard Branch, 5614 22nd Ave. N.W., 206-684-4089.
- 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25 at the Magnolia Branch, 2801 34th Ave. W., 206-386-4225.

For more information, contact the Library at 206-386-4636 or Ask A Librarian.

**Quartermaster Harbor Beaches Closed for Shellfish Harvesting**

Paralytic Shellfish Poison (PSP) has been detected at unsafe levels in Quartermaster Harbor shellfish on Vashon-Maury Island. As a result, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has closed Quartermaster Harbor beaches to recreational shellfish harvest.

The closure includes all species of shellfish including clams, geoduck, scallops, mussels, oysters, snails and other invertebrates; the closure does not include crab or shrimp. Crabmeat is not known to contain the PSP toxin, but the guts can contain unsafe levels. To be safe, clean crab thoroughly and discard the guts ("butter"). Working with partners, Public Health - Seattle & King County is posting advisory signs at beaches warning people to not collect shellfish.

Commercial beaches are sampled separately and commercial products should be safe to eat.

Anyone who eats PSP contaminated shellfish is at risk for illness. PSP poisoning can be life-threatening and is caused by eating shellfish containing this potent neurotoxin. A naturally occurring marine organism produces the toxin. The toxin is not destroyed by cooking or freezing.

A person cannot determine if PSP toxin is present by visual inspection of the water or shellfish.