

Events & Announcements



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Black Panther Forum

Over the weekend of Sept. 16-18, the Alumni Association of the Seattle Black Panther Party brought together activists of today with the freedom fighters of the past for a film screening and forum. Former Black Panther Party and affiliated groups like the Young Patriots and Young Lords gathered at the Hillman City Collaboratory for the Film Screening and Washington Hall for the Forum. The event was an opportunity for young activists of today, like those involved in the Black Lives Matter movement, to hear from the revolutionaries from the past. They included Tarika Lewis, the first woman to join the Black Panther Party; Emory Douglas, the former minister of culture for the BPP and Aaron and Elmer Dixon, the co-founders of the Seattle branch. The 50th Anniversary of the Black Panther Party will be commemorated Oct. 20-23 2016 in Oakland. Aaron Dixon (second from right), one of the original organizers of the Seattle Branch of the Black Panther Party poses with the New Black Panther Party during a Forum held by the Seattle Black Panther Party Alumni Association September 17th at Washington Hall. To see more photos from this event, visit theskanner.com.

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- Wednesday, September 21, Beaverton Library main branch, 12375 SW 5th St.
- Tuesday, September 27, Aloha High School, 18550 SW Kinnaman Rd.
- Wednesday, October 12, Cornelius City Council Chambers, 1310 N. Adair St.
- Thursday, October 13, Lincoln Elementary School, 801 NE Lincoln St., Hillsboro
- Thursday, October 20, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Frances Hall lobby, 12520 SW Grant St., Tigard

The Wood Stove Exchange Program is made possible through collaboration and funding support from program partners, including the American Lung Association in Oregon, Centro Cultural, City of Cornelius, City of Hillsboro, Community Action, Intel, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and Oregon Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association.

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Alzheimer's Association Offers Men's Coffee Group

Alzheimer's Association men's coffee groups provide a place for male caregivers to learn, share and gain emotional support from other male spouses who are also on a unique journey of providing care to a person with memory loss.

A free support group for male spouses of individuals with memory loss is held the 3rd Thursday of the month, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., at the Alzheimer's Association Chapter Office, 100 W Harrison St, North Tower, #N200 in Seattle. For information call Don Desonier at (206) 779-1634.

SOCR Launches LGBTQ Visibility Project

As part of the Mayor's LGBTQ Action Plan, the Seattle Office for Civil Rights has created a project to bring visibility to Seattle's diverse LGBTQ community members.

The project includes community members who represent a variety of LGBTQ identities in Seattle, with an emphasis on intersectionality and trans and queer people of color.

The organization wants to lift up members of the community, while emphasizing the role of the Seattle Office for Civil Rights in upholding antidiscrimination laws and promoting race and gender justice.

The images and messages centered in these ads demonstrate empowerment, strength and love. We wish to celebrate and honor the qualities that comprise Seattle's LGBTQ community.

The ads will be featured on buses and light rail throughout the city for three months.

For more information about the project, visit <http://www.seattle.gov/gender-justice-project/what-we-do/lgbtq-visibility-campaign>.

County Council Approves Action Plan for Best Starts for Kids

Last year, voters approved funding for a regional plan aimed at supporting the healthy development of children and youth, families and communities across the county.

The Metropolitan King County Council this week unanimously approved the plan for funding the programs that will be part of the Best Starts for Kids (BSK) initiative.

Kohl-Welles — who was joined on the Council's BSK Leadership Team by Council Vice Chair Rod Dembowski and Councilmembers Kathy Lambert and Larry Gossett — worked with all members of the Council in reviewing the proposed plan transmitted by the King County Executive.

Approved by voters in 2015, Best Start for Kids supports the healthy development of children and youth, families and communities across the county.

Included by the Council in the levy ordinance that sent BSK to the voters was language directing the County Executive to present a plan to the Council defining funding strategies and outcomes for programs that receive funding from Best Starts for Kids.

The plan was presented to the Council this summer and review of the plan was directed by the BSK Leadership Team.

In reviewing the proposed implementation plan, the Council strengthened the plan by:

- Adding statements of intent by the County to foster and support the participation of organizations and community members from communities facing challenges across King County; and
- Adding clarity on the way the Communities of Opportunity (COO) will deliver on a vision to reduce disparities and improve the ability of all communities to perform well on health and well-being indicators. Communities of Opportunity is a program strategy based on the latest research regarding the impact of place on individual and population health and well-being outcomes; it builds on a partnership between King County and The Seattle Foundation and supports local communities in building their own capacity to create positive change.

This spring, the Council approved an Implementation Plan for the \$19 million Youth and Family Homelessness Prevention Initiative, the first major program created as part of Best Starts for Kids.

The Best Starts for Kids Implementation Plan approved today puts forward a framework for spending approximately \$379 million, the remainder of the estimated collections over the life of the levy.

Community Calendar 2016

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family-friendly, Seattle-based community event that draws thousands from around the Puget Sound area. Enjoy a weekend filled with mouth watering food and entertainment - including carnival rides. Free admission. 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. Friday. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. Christ the King School, 405 N. 11th.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, SEPT. 24 - 25

FRIENDS OF OLYMPIA GIANT SALE OF BOOKS: Over 400 boxes of books! Includes children's books, paperbacks, LP records, CD's, DVD's, and sheet music. There will be something for everyone at this sale. Books \$1 each, other items priced as marked. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. Special deals on Sunday. Olympia Timberland Library, 313 8th Ave. SE, Olympia.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

FISHERMAN'S FALL FESTIVAL! The 28th annual Fisherman's Fall Festival is a FREE event! The festival provides families with a fun educational outing. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Fisherman's Terminal, 1900 W. Nickerson St.

NEW POOL OPENING AT PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CENTER IN TACOMA: Get ready to dip your toes in Tacoma's newest pool. The grand opening begins at 1 p.m. and admission is free for everyone. 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., People's Community Center, 1602 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Tacoma.

GET SQUASHED! FREE FAMILY EVENT: Join us for a Free Farm Market event coinciding with the Sammamish Valley Alliance Harvest Celebration. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 21 Acres Center For Local Food And Sustainable Living, 13701 NE 171st St., Woodinville.

Sunday, September 25

GRANDMOTHERS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE: On this Sunday we will remember the victims of America's gun violence epidemic with a series of live events from Coast to Coast. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Event starts at 7 p.m. University Congregational Church, 4515 16th Ave. NE.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

TACOMA ARTS MONTH OPENING PARTY: Start Tacoma Arts Month off on the right note with a kaleidoscope of pop-up art exhibits, hands-on activities, music and dance performances and more at this free-family friendly community festival! 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., Asia Pacific Cultural Center, 4851 S. Tacoma Way, Tacoma.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

WOW FALL FESTIVAL - HEALING OUR PLANET, SHARING OUR GIFTS: Vendors will have Earth-friendly products for purchase. Great gifts for your holiday shopping. Handmade art, clothing, jewelry and much more. Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the NW Food Bank. Free admission - 10:30 a.m. North Seattle College Conference Center, 9600 College Way W.

GREAT PUMPKIN WEIGH-OFF! The GPWO is an event to celebrate the amazing local growers in the Northwest region. Their giant pumpkins are hauled in, judged, weighed and prize money is awarded to the winners. Fun for the entire family and free! 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Airport Way, 5510 Airport Way S.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - 2

THE 42ND ANNUAL ROCKTOBERFEST 2016 GEM AND MINERAL SHOW: There'll be more dealers. There will also be demonstrations, jewelry, artists, club displays, door prizes every half hour, silent auction, raffle prizes and food service. Free admission and free parking. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. both days. Totem Middle School - Gymnasium, 1605 7th St., Marysville.

The Implementation Plan is targeted to achieve three key results across the strategy areas that were set forth in the Best Starts for Kids levy ordinance:

- Babies are born healthy and are provided with a strong foundation for lifelong health and well-being.
- King County is a place where everyone has equitable opportunities to be safe and healthy as they progress through childhood, building academic and life skills to be thriving members of their communities.
- Communities offer safe, welcoming and healthy environments that help improve outcomes for all of King County's children and families, regardless of where they live.