

Events & Announcements



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Nina Turner on I-735

The Yes on Initiative 735 campaign sponsored a special keynote address from former Ohio state senator Nina Turner and a panel discussion on how the undue influence of money is affecting the political system. Topics included how court decisions such as Citizens United created the current situation and how corporate personhood and money as speech came to be. On passage, Initiative 735 would urge the Washington state congressional delegation to propose a federal constitutional amendment that reserves constitutional rights for people and not corporations.

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deners together to share and support each other's seed saving efforts. Local seed saving helps lower the cost of gardening and enhance biodiversity. Grow Portland's Seed Saving program is affiliated with the national Seed Savers Exchange Community Seed Resource Program and National Seed Swap Day.

Gardeners can learn more about the art and science of seed saving with free classes delivered by Grow Portland at Multnomah County Library locations. Class dates are:

- November 1, 4:30-7:30 p.m.: Woodstock Library (register at www.multcolib.org)
- November 6, 1-4 p.m.: Kenton Library (register at www.multcolib.org)
- November 12, 2-5 p.m.: Holgate Library (register at www.multcolib.org)
- November 13, 1-4 p.m.: Midland Library: (register at www.multcolib.org)

Library Writers Project Begins Second Year of Supporting and Promoting Local Authors

Multnomah County Library is accepting submissions of fiction for adults, teens and children by local authors to be considered for inclusion in the library's e-book collection and promoted to library patrons.

The Library Writers Project showcases and supports local writers and bolsters the library's collection of self-published e-book titles. Now through Dec. 15, authors who hold a Multnomah County Library card may submit original works of adult, teen and children's fiction for consideration by panels of library staff readers. The library will accept submissions through Smashwords, a popular electronic self-publishing platform.

Now in its second year, the Library Writers Project earned recognition earlier this month for its innovative approach to enhancing the library's collection from the Urban Libraries Council. In the program's inaugural year, the library received 140 submissions and accepted 38 books. Those titles have been checked out nearly 4,000 times (see most popular).

Seattle News Briefs

Mayor Murray Announces Interim Action Plan on Homelessness

This week, Mayor Ed Murray announced a plan to better address the immediate needs of people living unsheltered on Seattle streets while the City fully implements its long-term plan, Pathways Home. The plan is focused on four areas, laid out in the document sent to Council Monday:

Safer alternative spaces to live, including four new

authorized encampments, a call out to the private and non-profit sectors, and communities of faith for additional proposals for immediate shelter space, and the Seattle Navigation Center, which will open by January, 2017.

Expanded outreach with the tripling of the number of outreach workers dedicated to connecting with people living in encampments, a dedicated Seattle Police team to partner with outreach workers and address behavioral disorder issues instead of the binary decisions around arrests, and training for front-line City employees on how to best offer referrals for people experiencing homelessness.

More compassionate protocols for authorized encampments, including the above note about displacement, better protocols around storage and delivery of personal belongings and notice, and transparency around when and why cleanups are carried out.

Improved trash and needle pickup with Seattle Public Utilities to help address areas most affected by trash buildup and make needle deposit boxes more accessible.

Full details can be found at <http://murray.seattle.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Bridging-the-Gap-Interim-Action-Plan.pdf>.

Seattle Office for Civil Rights to Hold Public Meetings on Source of Income Rules

The Seattle Office for Civil Rights is developing administrative rules pertaining to the Source of Income Ordinance, legislation that expands fair housing protections based on their source of income to all renters and creates new requirements for landlords. This includes the new 'first in time' provision that requires landlords to offer tenancy to the first applicant who meets all the criteria necessary for approval.

There will be two public meetings to discuss the ordinance.

Public Meeting #1: 6 p.m. Oct. 27, New Holly Gathering Hall, 7054 32nd Ave South, Seattle WA 98118. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about ordinance requirements, ask questions and raise areas that are unclear and that may require administrative rules.

Public Meeting #2: 7 p.m. Nov. 17, Bitter Lake Community Center, 13035 Linden Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133. This meeting will be another opportunity to learn about ordinance requirements, ask questions and to review the proposed administrative rules. This meeting is an opportunity to provide in-person or written public comment on the proposed rules.

Childcare and language interpretation will be provided at each meeting. To request an accommodation or language interpretation please call (206) 684-4514.

Space is limited. Register for the events by visiting <http://seattle.us10.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=ac75b3ad7b4529d7a58d3b08e&id=30b42b489c&e=b26fb67a5b>.

Community Calendar 2016

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state.or.us 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.) Portland Community SE Campus, Community Hall, 2305 SE 82nd Ave.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

VETERANS PARADE AT FORT VANCOUVER: This year marks the 30th anniversary of the community celebration honoring Veterans. The public is encouraged to attend this free event and line the streets of Officer's Row in Vancouver, WA to support our Veterans and active service members of the military. The ceremony at the Marshall House kicks it all off at 10 a.m. Parade begins at 11 a.m. rain or shine. We hope to see you at the parade. Fort Vancouver Officer's Row, 1301 Officer's Row, Vancouver.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

A CLASSIC AFFAIR BRIDAL SHOW: Come plan your wedding with the help of some of Portland's finest. Be there early. The first 50 engaged guests will get a swag bag filled with all sorts of goodies. Special activities are planned all day long. Presale tickets are \$8 or \$10 at the door. Get tickets early at www.aclassicaffairpdx.com Noon – 4 p.m., The Colony St. Johns, 7525 N. Richmond Ave.

Seattle Metro

THURSDAY – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 – 30

GIANT FREE HEALTH CLINIC RETURNS TO SEATTLE CENTER: The clinic is the largest event of its kind in the state of Washington. It brings together thousands of health care professionals and general support volunteers to provide free health care to as many as 4,000 people during the 4 day clinic. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. all days. Key Arena, 305 Harrison St.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

MONSTER MASH: A fun night for elementary school age children and their siblings. Come dressed up in your family appropriate costume and have a blast dancing the night away. Take a family photo, play games, enter to win costume contest and much more. 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., The Club (Boys and Girls Club Teen Center), 15228 Lake Hills Blvd., Bellevue.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND TRICK-OR-TREAT IN THE WEST SEATTLE JUNCTION: Join us for a day of community fun as we celebrate this season of change. There will be activities for kids, a chili cook-off, costumes and prizes, trick-or-treating and more. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Trick-or-treating starts at noon. West Seattle Junction.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

TRICKS & TREATS HALLOWEEN PARTY & MERCHANT TRICK OR TREATING: Join us for a spooktacular Halloween event for all ages. Arrive in costume for an evening of trick-or-treating all our merchants, and so much more. No charge; however, suggested non-perishable food donations will go to Northwest Harvest. 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Redmond Town Center, 16495 NE 74th St., Redmond.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 - TUESDAY, NOV. 1

RUDY'S SHAVE-OFF: Rudy's Barbershop is partnering with the Movember Foundation and offering complimentary trims and shaves at two of their Seattle locations. Patrons will receive a complimentary moustache or beard trim (valued at \$10) when they donate \$5 and a straight razor shave (valued at \$40) when they donate \$10, with all proceeds going to the Movember Foundation. 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Pioneer Square, 109 1st Avenue, 206-539-2990 and Phinney Avenue, 6415 Avenue N, (206) 782-9861.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

GROW A READER KICK-OFF EVENT: Meet the Daffodil Princess and drop by to enjoy crafts, bubbles, and more. Sign up for our Grow A Reader Challenge. Visit tables hosted by local organizations that can give your little one a great start. For babies to age 3 and parents. 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Tacoma Public Library – Moore Branch, 215 South 56th St., Tacoma.

SUNRISE FALL CRAFT FAIR: Join us for the 20th annual Sunrise Fall Craft Fair. Shop for unique and one-of-a-kind items from over 50 vendors! 9 a.m., Sunrise Elementary School, 22300 132nd Ave. SE., Kent.

"WE ARE HISTORY KEEPERS" WORKSHOP: A workshop on preserving the cultural and historical record of your ethnic community. Bring your own lunch. EHC will provide ethnic desserts, beverages and snacks. Reserve your spot now at: rsvp@ethnicheritagecouncil.org 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., St. Demetrios Hall, 2100 Boyer Ave.