

Events & Announcements



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Black Arts Love

Euhania Butler Ed. D., a representative for Pretty Things, sells jewelry at the Black Arts Love Mixer and Marketplace Nov. 26 at Franklin High School. Dozens of small business owners sold a variety of products including everything from clothing and shoes, to original art work, children's books and books of poetry, beauty products and Christmas decorations. The next Black Arts Love Mixer and Market Place will be in March 2017.

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Cheer, you will find a book for everyone on your shopping list, with guides to hiking and local fish to the official Portland Farmers Market cookbook to the annual favorite "It's Different Every Day" illustrated daily calendar.

Plus, meet over 15 authors who contributed to the new children's book *Oregon Reads Aloud*, a charming collection of twenty-five stories by a trove of Oregon authors and illustrators celebrating twenty-five years of SMART's (Start Making A Reader Today) work empowering children to read.

A full list of featured authors can be found at www.ohs.org/holidaycheer.

To add to the holiday cheer, local favorite The Dickens Carolers will be strolling through the museum performing lively holiday songs from 1 to 2 p.m. Sip on a cup of hot cocoa and pick up a cookie as you chat with some of Oregon's best and brightest writers.

Admission to Holiday Cheer is free, and all museum exhibits will be open from Noon to 5pm. See a rare printing of the Declaration of Independence in Democracy's Blueprints, and learn about Oregon's rich comic industry in Comic City, USA — and even meet artists Jan Eliot ("Stone Soup") and Colleen Coover ("Bandette") who are featured in the exhibit.

For more information and a list of current exhibitions, visit www.ohs.org.

Seattle News Briefs

Mayor Murray Signs Executive Order Affirming Seattle's Welcoming City Policies

On Monday Mayor Ed Murray signed an Executive Order reaffirming Seattle as a welcoming city. The order states that City employees will not ask about the status of residents and all City services will be available to all residents, and it creates an Inclusive and Equitable City Cabinet that will coordinate City efforts to protect the civil liberties and civil rights of Seattle residents. Additionally, the City will set aside \$250,000 to address the needs of unauthorized immigrant students enrolled in Seattle Public Schools.

Mayor Murray also delivered a Thanksgiving video message.

"Except for our Native Peoples, we are all from someplace else, and we are strong because of our diversity," said Mayor Murray. "It is my commitment that Seattle will remain a welcoming city, not a place where children and their families live in fear. This Thanksgiving we reaffirm our values of inclusion and equity and our City policies that reflect them. All our friends, neighbors, colleagues, and families should feel safe and welcome when they need services, contact our police and fire departments, or interact with the City in other ways. And we will work

to provide our immigrant students with the support they and their families need."

The Executive Order directs City employees and departments on the following items:

- City employees will not ask residents seeking City services about immigration status, unless police officers have a reasonable suspicion that a person is committing or has committed a felony criminal-law violation.
- City employees will serve all residents and services will remain accessible to all residents, regardless of immigration status, ancestry, race, ethnicity, national origin, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender variance, marital status, physical or mental disability, or religion.
- Seattle Police officers will continue to defer detainer requests from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement to King County, as jails are in King County's jurisdiction.
- City departments will issue a letter to all contractors receiving General Fund dollars to clarify and inform about these policies.
- An Inclusive and Equitable City Cabinet will be created, made up of representatives from: Seattle Police Department, Office of Civil Rights, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, Department of Neighborhoods, Office of Economic Development, Office of Policy and Innovation, City Budget Office, Office of Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Education and Early Learning, and Seattle Human Services Department
- The Inclusive and Equitable City Cabinet develop a programmatic investment strategy for \$250,000 to directly address the needs of unauthorized immigrant children in Seattle Public Schools and their families.
- The Inclusive and Equitable City Cabinet will develop public awareness efforts around hate speech and crimes; review potential implications on City departments of any new initiatives and intent of the incoming Presidential administration; collaborate with immigrant and refugee communities to identify areas of need and new or expanded efforts for partnership; and develop a specific agenda and action plan to help the Mayor build a coalition of cities during the upcoming West Coast Mayor's Summit and the U.S. Conference of Mayors gatherings.

Read the entire Executive Order at http://murray.seattle.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Executive-Order-2016-08_Welcoming-City.pdf.

Community Calendar 2016

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

THE POLAR EXPRESS PAJAMA STORYTIME: Come in your pajamas and join us for a magical evening as we host our annual "The Polar Express" story time. Coloring and activities including writing a Dear Santa Letter. We will be having some delicious hot chocolate and marshmallows too. 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble (Bellevue) 626 106th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

HOLIDAY ON THE BAY AT PORT OF EVERETT: The festive day includes Toys for Tots Toy Dive, family holiday photo opportunities, holiday music and movies, City of Everett fire truck rides, hot cocoa, tree lighting and of course Santa will be there. Noon - 6:30 p.m., Waterfront Place of Everett, 503 13th St. (Boxcar Park), Everett.

OLD TOWN TREE LIGHTING & SANTA VISIT: Celebrate the holidays at Tacoma's Birthplace. Refreshments and photos with Santa provided while supplies last. Please bring a donation of non-perishable foods for St. Leo Food Connection. 1 p.m. Job Carr Cabin Museum, 2350 N. 30th St., Tacoma.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

SEWARD PARK WINTER'S EVE CELEBRATION AND GUIDED NATURE WALKS: Visit the Seward Park Audubon Center for the Christmas Ship Festival. Decorate cookies and make holiday crafts while you wait for the Christmas Ships to arrive. Join us on a free guided nature walk or browse the nature shop. Free for all ages. Noon - 5 p.m., Seward Park Audubon Center, 5902 Lake Washington Blvd. S.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

THE VILLAGE 253 HANDMADE MARKET AND MAGIC: Join The Village 253 (a local social parent group). The event is free and includes free food and crafts. There will also be a big raffle with prizes from local businesses to benefit local charities. This is a free event for all to enjoy. 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. The Spire, 710 S. Anderson, Tacoma.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL: This popular holiday event includes holiday crafts, performances by local and school choirs and of course the lighting of the tree. Santa will arrive on an antique Fire Truck. Free Family Event. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Tumwater Fire Hall, 311 Isreal RD. SW, Olympia.

Seattle King County NAACP Members Re-Elect President Gerald Hankerson

On Tuesday, the Seattle King County NAACP held an election for officers and at large members of the Executive Committee.

All NAACP members who were members in good standing at least 30 days prior to the election were eligible to vote.

Members overwhelmingly re-elected current president Gerald Hankerson to continue to lead the branch. This will be his fourth year as President and his sixth year on the Executive Committee of the Seattle King County NAACP.

"Given our current political reality, the NAACP is more important than ever," said President Hankerson.

"I look forward to working closely with our members and organizations that are dedicated to civil rights to safeguard the advances we've worked so hard for, while pushing a bold vision to increase access and opportunity for our community."

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