

**Events & Announcements**

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**Urban League Breakfast**

Former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice (left) mingles with other attendees at the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle's 16th Annual Breakfast Dec. 2 at the Seattle Westin Hotel.

**Community Calendar 2016**

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**Seattle Metro****FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**NORTHWEST SEAPORT CHANTEY SING:** Sea Chanteys and other sea songs celebrate our connections to the sea, ships, skippers and sailors. Sea Chanteys are all fun and easy to sing and are for all ages. Free. 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1215 Thomas St.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**5th ANNUAL HOWLIDAYS IN THE SQUARE:** Take the whole family for a walk to Occidental Square. We will have a day of free entertainment, activities and treats for dogs and people. Shop the Barket Market for stocking stuffers and much more! 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Occidental Square, 117 S. Washington St.

**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. Lots of items for sale! Come check it all out. 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 Israel Rd. SW, Olympia.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**HOLIDAY PARTY & BARTER FAIR:** This event brings together the community, encourages creativity and sharing. In past year's barter items have included, handmade scarves, jewelry, pottery, home grown produce, handmade jams, truffles, dried fruit and so much more! 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Royal Drummer Café, 6420 24th Ave. NW.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**SAM LIGHTS:** For one night, experience the park and its monumental sculptures lit with the glow of temporary art installations and hundreds of luminaries. In celebration of the parks 10th anniversary. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., Seattle Art Museum, 1300 First Ave.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY MAKERS MARKET POP UP:** We are Curating an amazing group of local makers along with food, drink and music in the gorgeous Fremont Foundry. Shop small, support our local makers and pick up those last-minute gifts. Free event! 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fremont Foundry Events, 154 N. 35th St.

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- Airport Retail Station, 7640 NE Airport Way, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Waterfront Station, 101 SW Madison, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tigard Station, 12210 SW Main St., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Postal Service's knowledgeable employees are available at all these locations to help customers ensure their holiday packages are packed, tracked and delivered with ease.

In addition to holiday Forever Stamps, Post Offices offer Priority Mail supplies and other packing items to provide customers with added convenience, including bubble mailers, shipping boxes, bubble wrap and packaging tape.

A reminder that stamps and packaging supplies are available via your computer 24/7 at usps.com, where customers can also use their credit or debit card to purchase mailing labels for packages and then arrange for free carrier pickup of those items the next business day.

Information on packaging tips and important mailing deadlines is available at usps.com/holiday.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

**Seattle News Briefs****Mayor Murray Signs MOU with Mexico City Calling for Collaboration on Climate Action, Economic Development**

Today, Mayor Ed Murray signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Mexico City's Chief of Government, Miguel Ángel Mancera Espinosa, Ph.D.

The MOU pledges cooperation on trade and the economy, information technology, clean technology, creative industries, education, people-to-people exchanges, and other fields of common interest.

Additionally, the MOU calls for collaboration on climate action, support of businesses that aim to grow in the two cities, and staff-level exchanges.

The MOU spells out the two cities' "intention to foster closer economic and cultural ties," and came about as part of their participation in the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group. The two cities will:

- Promote learning from each other on issues such as climate action, carbon emissions reduction and environmental protection;
- Cooperate on a host of key issues facing both cities, including trade and the economy, information technology, and more;
- Support businesses with interest in expansion or investment in either city;

- Engage in regular communications at the staff level; and
- Create a framework for closer relations in the future.

This is the fourth MOU signed by Mayor Murray since taking office.

In 2015, Mayor Murray signed MOUs with Vice Mayor Tang Jie and Mayor Xu Qin both of Shenzhen, China relating to sustainable development and economic growth. Mayor Murray also signed an MOU with Mayor Zhang Hongming of Hangzhou, China in May 2016 to support the promotion of technology and innovation.

Mayor Murray is attending the C40 Mayor's Summit in Mexico City this week to work with mayors from around the world on urban solutions to climate change and foster closer relationships with U.S. mayors as they work to meet the goals of the Paris agreement.

**The Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle Partners with Airbnb**

The Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle is partnering with Airbnb for a special opportunity to empower members to share their homes and meet travelers from around the world while earning supplemental income.

The League will work with Airbnb in the coming months to educate its community about responsible home sharing and how to become an Airbnb host. Supplemental income earned through hosting on Airbnb is one option for battling housing insecurity, particularly for seniors considering reverse mortgages and other economic challenges.

For each new host that lists their home on Airbnb through the League's ambassador page before Feb. 1, 2017 and completes a reservation before March 31, 2017, Airbnb will contribute \$100 to both the new host and the Urban League.

Hosts keep 97 percent of what they earn from hosting on Airbnb and their guests spend money at local neighborhoods that have not historically benefited from tourism.

The Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle is committed to working across with diverse com-

munities in order to help make Seattle a more equitable and prosperous place to live for all of its residents.

The typical Airbnb host in Seattle earns \$9,100 renting out his or her home for about 79 nights per year. This modest, yet significant amount of income has helped more than half of hosts – 60 percent – stay in their homes.

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