

**Events & Announcements**

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**Angela Davis Visits Seattle**

Mayor Ed Murray, Council President Bruce A. Harrell and members of the Seattle City Council, city departments, along with community leaders, city employees, and the public welcomed keynote speaker Angela Davis at the City of Seattle's third annual Martin Luther King Unity Day celebration at Town Hall Seattle.

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ists Repertory Theatre and Oregon Children's Theatre.

A full list of participating theaters in Oregon, and nationally, can be found at: [theghostlightproject.com/participants](http://theghostlightproject.com/participants).

**No-Cost Training Available for Tech and Manufacturing Jobs**

An information fair about free training to help unemployed or underemployed individuals get jobs in technology or manufacturing will be held at WorkSource in Vancouver on Feb. 9.

Job seekers from Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties are invited to attend to hear from employers about the skills and training they're seeking in new employees.

Representatives from education and training organizations, including Lower Columbia College, Clark College, New Horizons, Charter College, Tech Academy, Soldering.biz and more, will be available to discuss their programs. Attendees can also learn about no-cost training programs, scholarships and free job and employment services offered at the WorkSource centers in Kelso and Vancouver.

The event will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 9 at WorkSource, 204 SE Stonemill Drive, Suite 215, Vancouver.

Attending the training fair is a great first step for individuals interested in learning about the technology and manufacturing fields.

Job seekers should bring copies of their resume and dress in business casual.

For more information, contact WorkSource Career Coach, Jacob Miller, at [jamilmer@esd.wa.gov](mailto:jamilmer@esd.wa.gov) or (360) 735-5084.

**Seattle News Briefs****Sheley Secrest Announces Run for City Council**

This week, Dr. Sheley Secrest announced that she is entering the race for Seattle City Council position 8. Secrest sees this as an opportunity to bring a more diverse perspective and voice to the Council.

Secrest, earned her Juris Doctorate at Seattle University in 2004 and currently works as an attorney at the firm she opened in 2007. She emerged as an influential community leader through her work with the Seattle King County NAACP. During her time with the NAACP she has helped lead the way on critical issues such as closing the african american achievement gap, bringing the US Justice Department into Seattle to help with police reform, and working to help grow small business. Gerald Smiley talked about how they "worked hard to push for an increased min-

imum wage, paid sick leave, and fight wage theft," and went on to say, "I support Sheley because of her work to enforce our workers' protections."

Her work as a Policy Analyst for The Alliance for a Just Society and The Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle has provided her with keen insight into city policy and how it affects low income and marginalized populations. For four years, she also sat on the Review Board for Seattle's Office of Professional Accountability, where she worked with City Council and the Mayor's office to create stronger systems for civilian oversight.

Sheley Secrest will also be participating in the Seattle Democracy Voucher program and believes that this is an important step in helping bring more diverse candidates and voices to the city's elections and public offices.

**County Joins Effort to Reduce Prescription Cost**

King County residents now have a new option in paying for prescription medications with today's announcement from Metropolitan King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert and Patty Hayes, Director of Public Health-Seattle and King County, of the county becoming part of a nationwide program that provides discounts on prescriptions.

"Live Healthy" is a free card that County residents can show to receive an average of 24 percent off the retail price of prescription medicine. Residents who do not have health insurance can show their card to save on all prescription purchases. Those with health insurance can show the card when their prescription medicines are not covered by their insurance. Residents simply present the discount card at a participating retail pharmacy along with their prescription.

More than 68,000 pharmacies nationwide are participating in the program, with Bartell Drugs being one of the local outlets. King County will join Cook County in Illinois as two of the largest counties in the United States participating in the "Live Healthy" program.

There are no annual limits placed on use of the card, no forms to fill out, no waiting periods, no age or income requirements and no medical condition restrictions. The card can even be used by four-legged family members! Medicine for pets will be discounted as part of the program.

The program is administered by the National Association of Counties (NACo) which is a collaboration of America's 3,069 county governments working together to advocate on a variety of issues that impact national policy.

For more information on the Live Healthy Prescription Discounts Program, go to: [nacorx.org](http://nacorx.org) to register and download a free card or call toll-free 877-321-2652 to join.

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where. The date coincides with the 7th anniversary of the death of Aaron Campbell, an unarmed African American man shot by Portland Police in 2010. 10 a.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Statue (NE MLK Blvd. at Holladay St.)

NAACP PORTLAND BRANCH INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ITS MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: President JoAnn Hardesty and executive leadership will provide updates about current and future initiatives. This is an opportunity to connect with Portland NAACP's work in advancing, racial justice in the community. 1 p.m. Maranatha Church following the rally, 4222 NE 12th Ave.

**Seattle Metro****SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

KIDS' SATURDAY'S IN THE PARK: Explore the sculpture park with the whole family through a particular theme each Saturday. Ake part in all the fun kids activities. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. SAM's Olympic Sculpture Park, 40 Broad St. For more information call (206) 783-4144

POULSBO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Come browse books, magazines, films and CD's at reasonable prices. Proceeds support Kitsap Regional Library. 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Poulsbo Library, 700 NE Lincoln St., Poulsbo.

**FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 -22**

SEATTLE ART MUSEUM WILL BE FREE TO THE PUBLIC: The entire community is invited to SAM's downtown location to enjoy and connect with the diverse art and ideas represented on our collection and to see an amazing new exhibition 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Seattle Art Museum, 1300 First Ave.

**FRIDAY - SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 - 28**

14TH ANNUAL FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE: "A Night in Never Never Land", will transform Capital High School into Neverland for two evenings. Each night will have music, crafts, ice cream, dancing and raffle prizes. Corsages and pictures available to capture those special moments. Cost for the Father Daughter Dance is \$35.00 per couple. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Capital High School, 2707 Conger Ave. NW. Olympia.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

ELECTRICAL SNAP CIRCUITS: Fun, fast and easy way to build electronics and build confidence! You will explore electronic components and circuits. Registration is required. Please register at <http://tacomalibrary.org>. 2:30 p.m., Tacoma Public Library - Moore Branch, 215 S. 56th Ave. Tacoma.

**Bloodworks NW Seeking More Donors**

Bloodworks Northwest (formerly Puget Sound Blood Center) is asking people to schedule a blood donation during the next week, as chilly weather and flu-and-cold season dramatically reduce the blood supply in the region.

Patient need for blood is continuous, driven by the need for surgeries, organ transplants and cancer treatment. When inventories are low, Bloodworks NW can usually rely on other regions for help, but there is no extra supply right now to reply upon.

Inventories are now at critical levels. There is a possibility that surgeries could be cancelled if inventories do not get replenished.

Nationwide, severe winter weather and seasonal viruses are causing acute shortages at many blood centers. Today, about 20 percent of US blood centers (1 in 5) are reporting emergency blood inventories: a one day or less supply of common blood types. Normal inventory is a four-day supply.

Type-O donors (positive and negative) are especially needed, but all types are welcome.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment this week at any one of Bloodworks' 12 donor centers by going online at [schedule.bloodworksnw.org](http://schedule.bloodworksnw.org) or by calling 1-800-398-7888.

People can also check online for dates and times of community blood drives close to where they live or work - by going to [bloodworksnw.org](http://bloodworksnw.org).

Patient need for blood is continuous, driven by the need for surgeries, organ transplants and cancer treatment. Bloodworks supports more than 90 hospitals in Washington, Oregon and Alaska.