

**Events & Announcements**

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**Through the Eyes of Art**

Angela Rye, a Seattle native who is currently a CNN contributor and NPR political analyst, gives her father Eddie Rye, Jr., a hard time following his introduction of her as the keynote speaker for the annual Black History Month Celebration, Through the Eyes of Art Feb. 3 at the Museum of Pop Culture. Angela Rye addressed this year's theme, "Building a Strong Black Economy," by asking people in the community to invest in Black banks and buy products from black owned businesses. The evening also included the awarding of the "Servant of the People Award" to Ezell's Famous Chicken co-founders Lewis Rudd, Darnell Rudd, and Faye Stephens, a performance by Josephine Howell, and a special reunion show by Seattle hip-hop group Ghetto Children.

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important legislation, as well as a time to thank our legislators for their hard work and commitment toward the issues that matter to members of these organizations.

This year's Lobby Day will mobilize for these efforts:

- Enforcing data collection, training, and accountability measures to police profiling
- Elevating and enhancing tenant protections by removing no-cause evictions
- Lifting the state-wide ban on rent stabilization

This is an opportunity to get involved, advocate and ask questions about this year's legislative agenda.

To register or get more information, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-voices-united-lobby-day-registration-31504159790>.

Lobby Day 2017 organizers will provide information regarding all participants' state legislators based on the address you provide during registration. Organizers will not be able to provide this information for participants who register after Feb. 20.

**Black Heritage Society to Celebrate 40th Anniversary**

The Northwest African American Museum and the Black Heritage Society of Washington State, Inc., will host a special tribute honoring the Northwest Black Pioneers from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 19 at 2300 S. Massachusetts Street.

Organizers will honor the community collaboration of the 1987 award-winning exhibit, "Northwest Black Pioneers," a tribute that traveled to more than 100 cities and towns throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. There will also be a presentation by Pamela Philips of Olympic College, performances by Carlynn Newhouse, Ana Walker and Umeme Dinish, and light refreshments. This event is free.

**Seattle News Briefs****City Launches Navigation Team, Announces Navigation Center Location**

This week, Mayor Ed Murray announced the creation of a new Navigation Team, comprised of outreach workers paired with specially trained Seattle Police Department (SPD) personnel, who will work to connect unsheltered people to housing and critical resources, while helping address pervasive challenges around the issue of homelessness in Seattle. The team will immediately begin working with unsheltered people who have urgent and acute unmet needs, and will serve as the primary access point for people to be served by the Navigation Center.

The Mayor also announced the City has reached an agreement to locate the Navigation Center at the Pearl Warren Building, at 606 12th Ave. S. The Navigation Center will be a 24-hour, low-barrier shelter designed to connect homeless individuals to services and transition them to permanent housing and will open to a limited number of people this spring. While the Navigation Center is being completed, the City will set up temporary sites to provide similar services.

Distinguishing itself from current shelters in Seattle that have admittance restrictions, the Navigation Center's harm reduction approach is modeled on the successful facilities in San Francisco. A planned dormitory-style living facility that provides shower, bathroom, and laundry facilities, as well as meals and a place to store their belongings, Seattle's Navigation Center will be open 24/7 and welcomes pets, couples, and individuals currently struggling with addiction, though no drug use will be allowed on-site. Once fully open, the Navigation Center will serve up to 75 individuals at one time.

The City's Human Services Department (HSD) has contracted with the Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) to operate the center and offer supportive services and case management to quickly transition clients into housing. They also will work with clients needing healthcare, including substance abuse treatment and mental health services. Operation Sack Lunch will provide food and meals on site. To accommodate the specialized functions of the center, the City must make modifications to the building including: safety improvement, expanding shower and bathing facilities, and updating the space to allow pets, couples and storage for belongings.

While the renovations of the center are underway, HSD and DESC will setup temporary sites that will provide services similar to those that will be available at the Navigation Center. This includes assessments and referrals for housing, mental and physical health services.

**Volunteers Sought for New Community Involvement Commission**

Mayor Edward Murray and Seattle City Council are seeking community members to serve on the City's new Community Involvement Commission (CIC). Created by Executive Order 2016-06 and established by ordinance last November, this Commission will advise the City on policies and strategies to advance equitable public engagement and civic participation.

The 16-member commission was created by an Executive Order issued by Mayor Murray to advise the City on priorities, policies, and strategies related to equitable civic engagement and public participation in City decision-making processes. It will also provide feedback on the development of City depart-

**Community Calendar 2017***cont'd from pg 4***SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**NEW SOUTH SEATTLE HOME FAIR:** Bringing free city services to renters and homeowners. This event will offer free resources to renters, landlords and homeowners. It's your chance to ask questions about your planned remodel and our permitting process, code requirements and rental housing and tenant assistance program. Free. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Filipino Community Center, 5740 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way S.

**FREE SAFE FIREARM STORAGE GIVEAWAY EVENT:** Join Seattle Children's, Virginia Mason and other community partners at Outdoor Emporium in Seattle to learn about the importance and effectiveness of safe firearm storage to protect kids from firearm tragedies and get a free lock box or trigger lock, with hands-on training on proper use. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Outdoor Emporium, 1701 4th Ave. S.

**CHOCOLATE TASTING AT COUNTY VILLAGE:** Celebrate love and indulge in the sweetness of the season at Country Village. 15 shops hosting complimentary chocolate tastings. We will have something for everyone. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Country Village, 23718 7th Ave. SE, Bothell.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 11 - MONDAY, APRIL 24**

**THE ART OF RUBE GOLDBERG:** The Art of Rube Goldberg chronicles all aspects of the artist's seventy-two-year career, from his earliest published drawings and iconic inventions to his Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoons and beyond. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Museum of Pop Culture, 325 5th Ave. N.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**CAREER CENTER:** Want to fine tune your resume, craft the perfect cover letter or improve your interview techniques? If you are interested, please call or stop by the library to schedule a one-on-one appointment. Noon - 3 p.m., Kitsap Regional Library - Port Orchard Branch, 87 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard. To make appointments, call (360) 876-2224.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**CELEBRATING BHS 40TH ANNIVERSARY:** Please join the Black Heritage Society of Washington State, Inc. to celebrate its 40th anniversary. We will honor community collaboration of the 1987 award-winning exhibit, "Northwest Black Pioneers." Presentations and performances. Free admission, light refreshments. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Northwest African American Museum, 2300 S. Massachusetts St.

**PRESIDENT'S DAY AT THE LOCKS:** Hear some of the contestants from the "Making the Cut" songwriting contest perform their songs about the centennial of Ballard Locks and Lake Washington Ship Canal. Noon - 3 p.m., Hiram Chittenden Locks, 3015 NW 54th St.

ments' community involvement plans.

The Board will be composed of 16 members - seven appointed by City Council (by Council District) and seven appointed by the Mayor with one of his appointments reserved for a young adult through the Get Engaged program. The final two members will be selected by the Commission once established. All the appointments are subject to City Council confirmation.

Initially, the Commission will meet monthly at Seattle City Hall. Commissioners will serve without compensation and must commit approximately 3-6 hours per month to Commission business.

If you are interested in being considered, complete the online application by March 1 by 5 p.m.

If you cannot submit the application online, contact Seattle Department of Neighborhoods at 206-684-0464 and an application will be mailed to you or you can pick one up at its office (Seattle City Hall, 600 Fourth Avenue, 4th floor) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

If mailing the application, it must be postmarked by March 1. Mail it to: Tom Van Bronkhorst, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124-4649.

Translated online and paper versions of the application in Korean, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Traditional Chinese, and Vietnamese are available.

