

Events & Announcements

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Jackson Street Jazz Walk

Gail Pettis accompanied by Jamael Nance on drums, and (not pictured) Marina Christopher on Bass and Eric Verlinde on piano, perform at Ernestine Anderson Place as part of the 4th Jackson Street Jazz Walk. The walk included performances by over a dozen artists at six venues, including the Cheeky Cafe, Wonder Bar, Lake Chad, the Pratt Fine Arts Center, Starbucks and Ernestine Anderson Place.

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Program involves working with community partners with publicly accessible lands to cultivate new or existing orchards. This program plants and maintains sites that demonstrate urban, organic food production, permaculture and food forests — all with an emphasis on fruit trees and other edible perennials.

Portland Fruit Tree Project invites Portlanders from all five quadrants to join us at one of these events, to learn more about community orchards, pollinators, and how fruit trees and sharing in the harvest bring us all closer together as a strong and diverse community.

Portland Fruit Tree Project is an award-winning nonprofit organization that provides a community-based solution to a critical and growing need: access to healthful food. By empowering neighbors to share in the harvest and care of urban fruit trees, PFTP is preventing waste, building community knowledge and resources, and creating sustainable, cost-free ways to obtain healthy, locally-grown food. For more information, visit our website at portlandfruit.org.

Seattle News Briefs**Neighborhood Matching Fund Announces Upcoming Workshops for Community Groups**

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods is hosting three workshops for community groups interested in learning more about the Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF). This year, NMF will award \$3.2 million dollars to community-led projects that strengthen our communities such as cultural festivals, community space improvements, public art, community organizing, and much more. Several enhancements have been made to the Fund this year including a simpler application, added flexibility, and faster review and award processing.

Each workshop will provide an overview of the program requirements and application process. The workshops occur from 6 – 7:30 p.m. To RSVP, call 206-733-9916 or go online at surveymonkey.com/r/8WF9SYK. The dates and locations are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 18 — Yesler Community Center Multi-Purpose Room (917 East Yesler Way, 98122)
- Wednesday, May 17 — Greenwood Senior Center (525 N 85th St, 98103)
- Thursday, June 1 — Columbia City Library, Columbia Room (4721 Rainier Ave S, 98118)

NMF has two funds — the Small Sparks Fund and the Community Partnership Fund. The Community Partnership Fund provides funding up to \$100,000 with two more opportunities to apply in 2017. The next deadline for applications is Monday, June 26 at

5 p.m. The Small Sparks Fund provides funding up to \$5,000 per project, and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. This fund is perfect for community activities for Spring Clean, Night Out, Parking Day, and others.

Transit Union Condemns Seattle Judge's Uber Unionization Ruling

Amalgamated Transit Union International President Larry Hanley issued the following statement in reaction to a federal judge's ruling temporarily blocking a Seattle ordinance that aims to allow drivers for Uber, Lyft, and similar companies to form unions.

"We strongly condemn Federal Judge Lasnik's decision to temporarily place a restraining order on the Seattle law that would classify drivers for companies like Uber and Lyft as employees. Uber and Lyft are transportation providers masquerading as "technology companies" that have expertly exploited loopholes in the law to classify their workers as independent contractors. The consequences have been catastrophic for thousands of drivers who are struggling to make ends meet.

"The work lives of the men and women who drive for Uber and Lyft are completely controlled by the companies. These companies can unilaterally lower their rate of pay, "switch drivers off" without due process and oversaturate the market by adding more and more drivers. Drivers lack a living wage and basic protections like health and unemployment insurance, workers' compensation and overtime pay. That is why over 16,000 drivers in New York who work for these companies have signed up to join the Amalgamated Transit Union. These drivers need union representation and we applaud the efforts of everyone in Seattle who has worked to win them justice. We are confident this restraining order will be overturned."

Ethnic Heritage Council announces 2017 Award Recipients

The Ethnic Heritage Council (EHC) is proud to announce the 2017 recipients of the Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis and Gordon Ekvall Tracie Memorial Awards to be presented at the Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 29, from 6-9 p.m. at the new Centilia Cultural Center on Plaza Roberto Maestas of El Centro de la Raza. Original Cuban music by Trovadoro will be performed on the Plaza beginning at 5:15 until 6:15 p.m. Watch for event details and registration at www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org

Iraj Khademi and Estela Ortega are co-recipients of the 2017 Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial Award established in 1983 for significant contributions to an ethnic community and to the community at large. The award is named for a revered founding member of EHC, of Greek heritage, who exemplified the organization's mission.

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arrive by helicopter at 10:30 a.m. with egg hunting starting at 11 a.m. There will be more than 20,000 stuffed eggs on-site. Admission fee includes a photo with the bunny, face painting, mini golf, balloon artist and much more. \$5.00 per person 2 and under free. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., The Aerie at Eagle Landing, 10220 SE Causey Ave., Happy Valley.

Seattle Metro**FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

NORTHWEST SEAPORT CHANTEY SING: Sea chanteys and other sea songs celebrate our connections to the sea, ships, skippers and sailors. Sea chanteys are fun and easy to sing and are for all ages. 8 p.m. – 10 p.m., Center for Wooden Boats, 1010 Valley St.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT: Gather your friends and family for our Family Bingo Night at Chambers Creek Regional in University Place. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each game. \$5 per person. 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., Environmental Services Building, 9850 64th St. W., University Place.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

MO' JAM PRESENTS ALL AGES SEA MO' JAM AT SEAMONSTER LOUNGE: Announcing all-ages family-friendly Sea-Mo' Jam Saturday! Jam session for youth musicians, artists lovers, and mentors. Comedians, musicians, performing artists, poets, writers, dancers and painters unite. 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., Sea Monster Lounge, 2202 N. 45th St.

KIDX CLUB EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA AT THE OUTLET COLLECTION: Children are invited to hop down the connector corridor for the Kidx Club's Easter Hop with the Bunny. Kids will spend a morning in wonderland enjoying story time with Mother Goose, seasonal arts and crafts and activities, they will also get to meet the Easter Bunny! Child will also have the opportunity to hunt for Easter Eggs filled with special springtime prizes. 8 a.m. – noon, Outlet Collection, 111 Outlet Connection Way, Auburn.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT: We will have 30,000 eggs, popcorn and drinks for the entire family. We will have specific times for each age group. This is a very popular event. To avoid lines and save time we recommend you to pre-register. Please visit www.lovebellevue.com This is a free event for the children. 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., Lake Hills Elementary School, 14310 SE 12th St., Bellevue.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

IS A FOOD BUSINESS RIGHT FOR YOU? Do you dream of starting your own restaurant, bakery or packaging and selling your own jam, salsa or other items? Join CIE to find out if a food business makes sense for you! This overview workshop will help you discover the opportunities. 6:30 p.m., Federal Way Regional Library, 34200 First Way South, Federal Way.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

O BEE CREDIT UNION EASTER EGG DASH: Bring a basket or something to hold eggs in. The free event will start at 11 a.m. rain or shine. There will be scheduled times for age hunts. Every egg is stuffed with candy or a slip redeemable for a prize. In each age group one egg will contain a grand prize slip for a new bike and helmet from Falcone's Bicycle Center. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Regional Athletic Complex, 8345 Stellacoom Rd. SE, Lacey.

TUMWATER'S 21ST ANNUAL EASTER EGG DASH: Join family and friends for Tumwater's 21st Annual Easter Egg Dash. Over 20,000 colorful eggs will be nestled in the large grassy area behind the stadium at Tumwater High School waiting to be discovered. Excited youngsters will collect eggs filled with candy, toys and prize coupons. Bring a basket to carry all your treasures home in! The Easter Bunny will be there for photos also. Timed hunts for children's age groups. This is for children 0 – 10 years old. 11 a.m. – noon, Tumwater Fire Hall, 311 Isreal Rd. SAW, Tumwater.

Christos Govetas and Ruth Hunter, husband and wife, will receive the 2017 Gordon Ekvall Tracie Memorial Award, established in 1990 and named for a musician and documentarian, who devoted four decades to the study, performance and promotion of Nordic traditional music and dance. The Gordon Ekvall Tracie Music Library is located in the Nordic Heritage Museum of Seattle.

Performances for the evening will begin at 5:15 with original Cuban music by Trovadoro, continuing until 6:15 p.m. on the Plaza Roberto Maestas. Govetas and Hunter will perform a sampling from their Balkan repertoire after receiving the Tracie Memorial Award.