

Events & Announcements

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Youth Speaks

Azura Tyabji, Carlynn Newhouse and Ana Walker members of the 2017 Youth Speaks Seattle's Brave New Voices Slam Team perform a group piece during a sendoff show for them at the Station on Beacon Hill. The team that includes poets Ezra Conklin and Mercury Sunderland will represent Seattle at the 20th Annual Brave New Voices International Youth Poetry Slam Festival in San Francisco the weekend of July 19-22.

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WCI Construction LLC and owner Eugene Graeme ineligible to receive public works contracts in the state for ten years while assessing the firm \$20,000 in civil penalties, the Bureau of Labor and Industries announced today.

The debarment and civil penalties settlement stems from work performed for Arlington High School in Gilliam County. Previously, the agency recovered \$9,257.87 in wages after a worker filed a complaint in December 2015. BOLI wage compliance specialists found prevailing wage violations and failure to maintain timely, accurate and complete payroll records.

Copies of the WCI Construction LLC settlement agreement and Final Order are available upon request.

Notably, BOLI had placed a previous company owned by Eugene Graeme, Wrangler Construction, Inc., on the state's debarment list from May 2012 to May 2015 for other Wage and Hour violations.

Currently, the agency has 52 businesses, contractors and individuals on the debarment list of contractors ineligible to receive payment on public contracts.

Employees with prevailing wage issues may contact the Prevailing Wage Rate Unit by calling (971) 673-0839 or emailing pwremail@boli.state.or.us.

Any public contracting agency, contractor or subcontractor can contact BOLI's Prevailing Wage Rate Unit to request a determination about whether a project is a public works that requires payment of prevailing wage rates.

In addition, the bureau offers prevailing wage seminars to help contractors, subcontractors and public contracting agencies understand and comply with Oregon's law.

Critical Red Cross Blood Shortage Prompts Call for Donations

American Red Cross is facing a critical blood shortage and is issuing an emergency call for eligible blood and platelet donors of all blood types to give now and help save lives.

Blood donations have fallen short of expectations for the past two months, resulting in about 61,000 fewer donations than needed and causing a significant draw down of the Red Cross blood supply. The shortfall is the equivalent of the Red Cross not collecting any blood donations for more than four days.

To schedule an appointment to donate, use the free Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross has added more than 25,000 additional appointment slots at donation centers and community blood drives across the country over the next few weeks to accommodate more donors.

Donation appointments and completion of a Rapid-Pass online health history questionnaire are encouraged to help reduce the time it takes to donate.

Blood shortages often worsen around Independence Day due to many fewer volunteer-hosted blood drives at places of work, worship or community gathering, and this year is no exception. Nearly 700 fewer blood drives are scheduled during the Independence Day week than the weeks before and after the holiday.

Every two seconds in the United States blood and platelets are needed to respond to patient emergencies, including accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant procedures, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease.

The Red Cross must collect nearly 14,000 blood donations every day for patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals across the country.

Seattle News Briefs**U.S. SBA Director to Speak at July 11 ACCPBW Breakfast**

The African Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific Northwest will hold a networking breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the 13 Coins Restaurant, 125 Boren Ave North.

This month's speaker will be Kerrie Hurd, U.S Small Business Administration District Director, and she will talk about free resources for your business, including counseling and education, access to capital and government contracting.

To register, please visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPEO2VEkInOW596Banirfh0tFojEUBtuXmbxWdN9Vm_W4jMg/viewform or call (206) 256-6139.

For more information about the ACCPNW, visit africanchamberofcommercepnw.com.

King County Metro Transit Seeks Survey Participants

King County Metro Transit's Customer Communications and Services team is seeking input from customers about some of the services it provides.

are invited to participate in a short survey about our services that you may have used.

This survey covers the King County Metro customer service call center, (206) 553-3000, Pass Sales (at King Street Center or Westlake Station) and social media (Transit Alerts, Twitter, Facebook, etc.)

Please find the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/DXWKFCY.

This survey is fairly short with an expected completion time of two to five minutes; it will direct you to questions that are pertinent to services you use or access. The survey link expires on July 10.

OIC Closed Until Further Notice

The Washington State Legislature has not yet ap-

Community Calendar 2017

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SATURDAY, JULY 8

SUMMER PLACE CREATES A SUMMER WONDERLAND AS BUBBLES FILL THE ATRIUM: Bubbly- Up, Bubble-Up is a nightly show that will transform Pacific Place into a summer wonderland, as bubbles fill the center's atrium at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. every Saturday. Pacific Tower, 1200 12th Ave. S.

6TH ANNUAL POLISH FESTIVAL SEATTLE: Polish Festival Seattle is a joyful celebration of Polish Culture, traditions and contemporary achievements. Featuring authentic Polish food, live music and dance performances, exhibits, kids' zone and much more. Noon - 8 p.m., Seattle Center Armory/Center House, 305 Harrison St.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

AUBURN'S KID'S SUMMER STAGE: Exciting performances designed just for kids. Pack a lunch and enjoy the amenities at Les Grove Park has to offer. This is a free event for all ages. Noon - 1 p.m., Les Grove Park, 910 9th St. SE, Auburn.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

LAKEMONT BLOCK PARTY: We welcome you to join us for our annual Lakemont Block Party. Come meet your neighbors while enjoying a free BBQ with delicious sides, ice cream, our bouncy castle, live music and much more. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Calvary Chapel Eastside, 5130 164th Ave. SE, Bellevue.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

SCHOOLS OUT KIDS' FESTIVAL: Celebrate summer vacation with awesome kids' bands at Hot Spot. Noon - 8 p.m., Hot Spot at Waterfront Park, 1401 Alaskan Way Pier 58.

proved state operating and capital budgets for the 2017-19 biennium, which begins July 1. As a result, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner and other state agencies have shut down until budgets are in place. See all state agency plans and related information.

Until further notice, the OIC is closed, including:

- Online services
- Consumer hotline
- Insurance industry regulation, licensing and enforcement activities
- All insurance rates and forms approvals
- Public disclosure requests
- Social media updates
- Website updates

You can check the status of state government operations at www.ofm.wa.gov or by phone at 1-877-264-2952. We will send a message when we re-open.

In the meantime, our website is available at www.insurance.wa.gov.

Coalition of Immigrants, Refugees and Communities of Color Announce Mayor Candidates Forum

On July 15, beginning at 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Eritrean Association Community Center, grassroots organizations join hands to facilitate a joint forum with the aim of increasing equity and political involvement.

The event will take place at the Eritrean Association of Greater Seattle and Vicinity, 1528 Valentine Place South.

The event is sponsored by the caring community members from the ACRS, Ethiopian Community Council, ERW, Equity in Education Coalition, Experience Education, Faith Action Network, Filipino Community of Seattle, Latino Community Fund, League of Education Voters, Rainier Chamber of Commerce, Rajana Society, SCSOS, SOWA, U District Alliance for Equity and Livability and WinWin Action.

Organizers seek to empower the local community by advocating for equity in education, housing and employment as well as through the facilitation of meaningful dialogue between local communities and political representatives.

Translators are available upon request. Babysitting services are available. Food and drinks will be available, as well as a special cultural performance and social opportunities for community members to mingle.