

Events & Announcements



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Wallingford Family Parade

The Washington Diamonds Drill Team performs in front of the judges table July 8 during the 68th Annual Wallingford Family Parade. This year's theme was the "Dog Days of Summer" and featured Sasha, a Tibetan mastiff that competed at the Westminster Dog show in New York last year, as the Grand Marshall.

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Davis joined the team after managing the PAALF People's Plan - a visioning project with the goal of empowering the Portland Black community to assert their right to actively shape the city they live in, to create a plan that framed the policy agenda projecting the vision for a thriving black community, and to advance community initiated projects that benefit Africans and African Americans living in Portland.

Before joining PAALF, Davis owned and managed Design + Culture, a collaborative design and racial strategy firm.

She received her Masters in Arts in Theories of Urban Practice from Parsons the New School of Design in New York City.

Her thesis examined people of color and the practice of self-determination as a mode for producing healthy communities in her study the Right To Difference - Intercultural Modes Of Producing A Democratic, Participatory, And Inclusive Urban Space.

She attended Miami University, receiving a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science. Mrs. Davis is an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Pi Alpha Zeta Graduate Chapter, a member of the Miami University Young Alumni Council and a member of the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT).

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Grant to Help Immigrants, Refugees and Communities of Color Remove Barriers to Voting

The Coalition of Immigrants, Refugees and Communities (CIRCC) received a total of \$22,000 from the 2017 Voter Education Fund, a joint project of Seattle Foundation and King County Elections.

The grant to our community-based organizations would provide either a 9-month campaign or a series of smaller events focused on one or more of the following:

- Basic education about how voting works in King County, such as who is eligible to vote and what is vote-by-mail.
- Voter registration.
- Non-partisan opportunities for communities to come together and educate themselves about what's on the ballot.
- Technical assistance in navigating the voting process, such as helping voters change their address or language preference.

The Coalition of Immigrants Refugees & Communities of Color (CIRCC) is a group comprised of multi-cultural organizations and individuals dedicated to building informed, engaged, and equitable communities. CIRCC includes members of multi-eth-

nic backgrounds — East African, Latino, Southeast Asian, and others — and we conduct/facilitate activities such as candidate forums and community oriented discussions about policy issues that impact immigrants, refugees, and people of color throughout Seattle.

In addition, CIRCC is expanding its network with the inclusion of two churches—Beacon Methodist Church and Blaine Memorial Church.

Expansion also includes networks of millennials at both the Seattle Central College and the University of Washington.

CIRCC is beginning its 9-month campaign with a Seattle Mayoral candidate forum. Twelve of the Mayoral candidates who have filled out the initial questionnaire have been invited to participate.

The Mayoral Candidates Forum will be held on July 15th between 10a.m. and 3p.m. at the Eritrean Association in Greater Seattle located at 1528 Valentine Pl S, Seattle, WA 98144.

Homeless Adults Welcomed to New Navigation Center

DESC's Navigation Center, operated in partnership with the City of Seattle, will welcome 75 individuals starting today. The low-barrier, service-enriched shelter will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to serve adults who previously lived outside in encampments. Guests of the Navigation Center will be welcomed as singles, pairs or groups along with their pets.

Guests will not be able to self-refer or walk in. Referrals will come from the Evergreen Treatment's REACH program, in conjunction with the City Navigation Team, which has already begun working with residents of encampments. DESC has already received the first 20 referrals for the new program, and expects those guests to arrive today. Other arrivals will follow until the shelter is full to its 75 person capacity.

The dormitory-style facility will have no curfew and will provide shower, bathroom, and laundry facilities, as well as comprehensive case management, behavioral health services, food on demand, and case management services to help tenants find permanent housing and meet other basic needs. Instead of designated men's and women's dorms, there will be nine sleeping rooms with 5-12 beds each.

DESC's Navigation Center is located in The Pearl Warren Building at 606 12th Avenue South. DESC is engaging community members in the neighborhood to respond to neighborhood concerns and improve communication.

We know that, given the opportunity, people choose shelter, housing, and safer, healthier lives. We are excited to partner with the City of Seattle and OSL (Operations Sack Lunch) to provide this new resource for people working to escape homelessness.

Community Calendar 2017

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OREGON POLO CLASSIC - FAMILY DAY: Get ready for the best summer charity event this year! Load up the kids and head out to the Oregon Polo Classic Family Day. The whole crew will enjoy a day filled with family events and activities along with exciting polo matches. Noon - 4:30 p.m., Hidden Creek Polo Club, 3000 SW Homesteader Rd., West Linn.

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THURSDAY, JULY 13

SUMMER PICNIC AT VOLUNTEER PARK: A free event with entertainment and food on the amphitheater lawn. Featuring live music, "Dandelion Garden," face painting and lawn games, food and drinks will be available for purchase. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Volunteer Park, 1400 E. Prospect St.

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 kid's bands at Hot Spot. Noon - 8 p.m., Hot Spot @ Waterfront Park, 1401 Alaskan Way Pier 58.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

DOWNTOWN MOVIES IN THE PARK - "STORKS": Join us at Bellevue's Downtown Park for free popcorn and a movie on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen! Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profits wish list to support their cause. Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m. Movie starts at dusk. Free for all ages. Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th St., Bellevue.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

AUBURN'S KIDS SUMMER STAGE: Exciting performances designed just for kids. Pack a lunch and enjoy amenities Les Grove Park has to offer, including state-of-the-art playground and a refreshing spray park. Noon - 1 p.m., Les Grove Park, 910 9th St. SE, Auburn.

OLD TOWN HISTORY WALK - THE NATURE OF THINGS, TACOMA: The Nature of Things - Tacoma is new this year. This tour will explore the geography and plant life of Old Town. Free for all to join in. 5 p.m. - 6 p.m., Job Carr Cabin Museum, 2350 N. 30th St., Tacoma.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, JULY 22 - 23

RENEGADE CRAFT FAIR: This event showcases products like agriculture, horticultural, craft, cattle, sheep, farm products and much more. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Magnuson Park, 7400 Sandpoint Way NE.

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Mayor Murray Releases Statement on Council passage of Seattle Income Tax

This week, Mayor Ed Murray released the following statement after City Council unanimously voted to create a city income tax on high-income earners, shifting Seattle to a more progressive and sustainable tax structure:

"The legislation will apply a 2.25 percent tax rate on annual income over \$250,000 for individuals, or \$500,000 for married couples filing jointly. The tax will not affect any income earned below these thresholds. An estimated \$140 million in new annual revenue generated by the income tax would allow the City to lower the burden associated with property taxes and other regressive taxes, replace federal funding potentially lost through President Trump's budget cuts, and enhance public services such as housing, education, transit, and/or create green jobs while meeting the City's carbon reduction goals."