

## Events & Announcements



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### Lake City Skatespot

Kids practice some skateboarding tricks they learned from Skate Like a Girl at the opening of the Lake City Skatespot at Virgil Flaim Park Sept. 9. The skatespot is a little smaller than most skateparks but still has many of the same features found at larger parks. The opening ceremony also featured an official ribbon cutting, skateboarding demonstrations, prize giveaways, music and refreshments.

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under threat through rhetoric and policy.

"They need our support more than ever in times like these when walls are being built," Elfers said.

She cited that the number of refugees admitted to the United States was cut by nearly half in the first three months of the Trump presidency, compared to the final three months of the Obama administration.

The forum will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St. Admission is free and open to the public.

—Melanie Sevchenko

#### Multnomah County Offers Class for Families with Alzheimer's

Multnomah County will host a six-session workshop in Gresham to help families build skills to care for loved ones with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia.

The free class will help family caregivers better understand dementia and the changes it can cause in loved ones. It also will provide coping skills for caregivers and tips on how to provide the best care.

Classes will take place on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon from Sept. 18 to Oct. 23 at Mt. Hood Adult Day Center, 376 NE 219th Ave., Gresham.

Free care for loved ones is available on site while classes are in session and can be arranged by calling Cathy Fallon-Weeg at (503) 512-7373 by Sept. 14.

To register for the six-week workshop, or for more information about the class, call Multnomah County Family Caregiver Support Program Coordinator Lorianne McNeill at (503) 988-8210.

### Seattle News Briefs

#### Fifth Man's Charges of Abuse Lead Murray to Resign

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray announced plans to resign Tuesday after The Seattle Times reported that a fifth man — one of his cousins — had accused Murray of molesting him decades ago.

Though he has vehemently denied all of the accusations against him, Murray, a Democrat, had already decided not to seek re-election.

"While the allegations against me are not true, it is important that my personal issues do not affect the ability of our city government to conduct the public's business," he said in a statement Tuesday.

PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED  
Seattle Mayor Ed Murray speaks at a press conference called by his attorney in April.

He apologized to his staff and to the city for "this painful situation," and said it had become clear that his resignation was best for the city.

The news left the city waiting to hear who would fulfill the remaining months in his term.

The latest allegations came from Joseph Dyer, the son of Murray's first cousin, Maryellen Sottile. Dyer told the newspaper in a story published Tuesday that he was 13 and Murray was in his early 20s when Murray came to live with Dyer's family in Medford, New York, in 1975.

Efforts by The Associated Press to reach Dyer were not immediately successful.

Murray has not faced criminal charges. He denied abusing Dyer and blamed the allegation on resentment between their families.

He initially told the Times he would not resign, but eventually did so as pressure mounted Tuesday.

Former U.S. Attorney Jenny Durkan, who is vying to succeed him, called for Murray to step down and removed his endorsement from her campaign website. Her rival, urban planner Cary Moon, reiterated her own call for Murray's resignation, which she first made months ago.

"Mayor Murray is doing the right thing by stepping down," Gov. Jay Inslee said in a statement. "He has done good things for Seattle and his resignation will allow the city to move forward."

City Council President Bruce Harrell will become mayor upon Murray's resignation and has five days to decide whether to fill out the remainder of his term. If he declines, the council would appoint someone else, possibly Councilman Tim Burgess, who is retiring this year.

—The Associated Press

#### Seattle NAACP Announces Sept. 17 Rally in Support of Michael Bennett, Colin Kaepernick

Seattle NAACP and the Social Equality Educators will hold a rally at 11 a.m. Sept. 17 at 4th & Jackson, near Union Station and across from Bartells Drug, in advance of the Seahawks' first home game. Michael Bennett's brother, Rashaud Bennett will speak about the police brutality incident in Las Vegas (see story this issue). Demonstrators will gather in support of Bennett and Kaepernick, who was blackballed from the NFL after taking a knee during the National Anthem to protest police brutality.

##### Other confirmed speakers for this event include:

- Gerald Hankerson — President, Seattle King County & WA State NAACP
- Reshaud Bennett — Artist, Dreamer, Future Author, Do'er of all Things, brother of Michael Bennett
- Katrina Johnson — Cousin of Charleena Lyles
- Dave Zirin — The Nation magazine sports editor & co-author of Michael Bennett's forthcoming book, "Things That Make White People Uncomfortable"

## Community Calendar 2017

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also be island vendors. Food will be provided by Island Girls Luncheon and much more. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Salem's Riverfront Park, 116 Marion St. NE.

### Seattle Metro

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

**SOURCE OF INCOME PROTECTIONS & TENANT RESOURCE FAIR:** Join us to learn about the City of Seattle's Fair Housing protections, engage with community organizations, and meet with an investigator to discuss how to file a claim of discrimination. For more information please call 206-684-4521 FREE 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., New Holly Gathering Hall, 7054 32nd Ave. S.

#### THURSDAY - SUNDAY, SEPT. 14 - 24

**SCHACK-TOBERFEST:** Free admission! This urban pumpkin patch is filled with 700 colorful glass pumpkins handcrafted in the Schack's own glassblowing studio, as well as harvest themed art and gifts. Plus activities for kids on Sunday's. Hours 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. Schack Art Center, 2921 Hoyt Ave., Everett.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**MOVE & GROOVE WITH THE COMMUNITY:** Have big fun while connecting with neighbors. A free community dance party for everybody. All are welcome and no dance experience needed. All ages are welcome to enjoy. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Bellevue Family Y, 14230 Bel Red Road, Bellevue.

**PIRATE DAY AT COUNTRY VILLAGE:** All hands on deck! Come in yer best pirate garb from noon - 4 p.m. and follow the clues on the treasure map for hidden treasures. Meet fer some fun grub, and even a special visit from the Pirates of Treasure Island (noon - 3 p.m.) Country Village, 23718 Bothell Everett Highway, Bothell.

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**FALL RESTORATION DAY VOLUNTEER PARK:** Join Volunteer Park Trust and dozens of friends and neighbors at our 6th Annual Major Community Park Restoration Event. Everyone from toddlers to seniors pitch in and help make Seattle's Volunteer Park beautiful. Gloves and tools are provided and best of all we provide the free coffee and donuts. Meet at the Black Sun Sculpture in the center of the park at 10 a.m. Work finishes at 2 p.m. Volunteer Park, 1400 E. Prospect St.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

**VIETNAM DAY:** Join us for Vietnam Day, a commemorative event here at the Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum. This event tells the story of the Vietnam War through the military planes, vehicles, and helicopters that were actually there. Bring the entire family for an educational tour through the history you won't soon forget. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Flying Heritage Museum & Combat Armor Museum, 3407 109th St. S., Everett.

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT - GET SQUASHED:** Squash your carbon footprint...and celebrate Fall... Enjoy a day of fun activities for the whole family on the 21 Acres Campus. Eating local, seasonal food isn't just great for your health and for farmers. Enjoy tunes by local musicians, shop local made artists market and visit community partners. All ages welcome! 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 21 Acres Center for Local Food and Sustainable Living, 13701 NE 171st, Woodinville.

- Jesse Hagopian — Social Equality Educators board member
- Nikkita Oliver — Creative, teaching artist, attorney, & organizer

#### Organizations Partner to Host Candidate Forum on Education

The first-ever Seattle Candidate Forum on Education will take place Sept. 19 at the Asian Counseling and Referral Service, room 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Asian Counseling and Referral Service, 3639 Martin Luther King Junior Way South. It is an opportunity for local community members and partners to hear from Seattle mayoral, city council, and school board candidates on pressing educational issues affecting Seattle families, including how the state budget will affect disabled students and children of color. Tickets are available by reservation at [www.eventbrite.com/e/seattle-candidate-forum-on-education-tickets-36878110421](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/seattle-candidate-forum-on-education-tickets-36878110421).