

Events & Announcements



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NAAM celebrates Kenny Easley's induction into the NFL Hall of Fame

Former Seahawk and recent NFL Hall of Fame inductee Kenny Easley signs autographs with the help of three-year-old Ajani at an event honoring him at the Northwest African American museum Sept. 30. A copy of Mr. Easley's hall of fame bust will be on display at the museum and his number was retired by the Seahawks during their home game against the Indianapolis Colts Oct. 1.

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BOLI's 33rd Annual Employment Law Conference Will Help Employers Navigate Workplace Rules

The Bureau of Labor and Industries will hold its 33rd Annual Employment Law Conference on Nov. 6 and 7 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, the agency announced today.

The state's premier employer training event will feature 28 sessions on frequently requested topics such as workplace harassment, rightful discharge, social media issues and Oregon leave laws in the workplace.

The conference agenda and registration information can be found on BOLI's website at <http://www.oregon.gov/boli/TA/docs/2017%20Schedule%20Nov%206..> Attendance at the Employment Law Conference has seen a forty percent increase since 2013, so organizers encourage potential attendees to make reservations early to confirm their spot. Reservations can be made at <https://events.egov.com/eventreg/OR/registant.htm?action=new&event=bolis-33rdannualemploymentlawconference>.

The full conference is available for \$499 per attendee, with one-day conference passes also available for \$369 per person. Interested employers can also email the agency at bolita@boli.state.or.us or call (971) 673-0824 for more information to register.

In addition to training sessions, the conference will host representatives from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Workers' Compensation Division, Secretary of State's Small Business Ombudsman, Department of Human Services, Department of Revenue, OregonSaves, Oregon Employment Department and the Oregon Insurance Division.

For more information about BOLI's efforts to support Oregon employers and protect Oregon's workforce, visit <http://www.oregon.gov/BOLI>.

Seattle News Briefs

Seattle-King County Immigrant Legal Defense Network Services Now Available

Today, the Seattle-King County Immigrant Legal Defense Network (LDN) is now available to provide legal aid and information to vulnerable immigrants and refugees.

To qualify for FREE Legal Defense Network assistance, one must:

1. Be an immigrant in detention, facing deportation, or in danger of losing their immigration status;
2. Live or work in the City of Seattle or live in King County; AND

3. Have a household income below 200% of the federal poverty level.

The LDN consists of three nonprofit organizations acting as community navigators that can provide general information and eligibility screenings for immigrants. In addition, three nonprofit organizations in the network provide the direct legal services for qualifying applicants.

Immigrants wanting to see if they are eligible for free legal services, should first call one of these community navigators:

- Filipino Community of Seattle: (206) 280-8406
- South Park Information and Resource Center: (206) 767-7445
- West African Community Council (WACC): (206) 349-0892

Legal services are provided by:

- Northwest Immigrant Rights Project and Colectiva Legal del Pueblo (for adults and families): (206) 816-3870
- Kids in Need of Defense (for unaccompanied children): (206) 359-3266

The network is funded by both the City of Seattle and King County. As President Donald Trump heightened attacks against immigrant and refugee communities earlier this year, Councilmember M. Lorena González and then-Councilmember Tim Burgess announced their intent to pass legislation creating the Immigrant and Refugee Legal Defense Fund (LDF). This \$1,000,000 from the general fund would be for community-based organizations providing legal defense and community navigation services. King County later authorized a \$550,000 investment bringing the total amount of the Legal Defense Fund to \$1.55 million.

In July of this year, a panel comprised of members from the immigrant and refugee legal defense community, King County staff, and City of Seattle staff reviewed ten applications, which included written proposals and oral presentations.

Seattle joins Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, and Chicago as cities that have funded or created networks of organizations to provide quality, affordable legal defense and information services.

Unlike in criminal trials, individuals do not have a right to legal representation in civil immigration proceedings. However, studies have shown that people who were represented in U.S. immigration court were up to ten times more likely to obtain relief.

The Immigrant and Refugee Legal Defense Fund will continue to fund the LDN through to Dec. 31, 2018.



Community Calendar 2017

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

WASHINGTON NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY NATIVE PLANT SALE: Native plants, bulbs and seeds. Come find what you want for your fall garden. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Magnuson Park, 6310 NE 74th St.

MONSTER BASH: Join us for a scary good time here at the Flying Heritage Council & Combat Amor Museum's Monster Bash/ Where else can you touch fire trucks, tanks, tractors, monster trucks, and much more. Wear a costume and trick-or-treat around the hangers where exhibitors will hand out tasty candy and prizes. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Flying Heritage & Combat Amor Museum, 3407 109th St. SW, Everett.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

SEATTLE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL: NW Folklife's Seattle Children's Festival is a one-day, multi-cultural, inter-generational festival held on the Seattle Center's grounds, "Celebrating Our Big Neighborhood." No admission fee thanks to your donations. Suggested donation is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

KING COUNTY CONSTRUCTION CAREER DAY: High School Construction Career Day. Around 700 people anticipated to attend this event. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., Hanger 30, Magnuson Park, 6310 NE 74th St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

PRE-HOLIDAY BAZAAR & PASTA PALOOZA: All proceeds from Pasta & Palooza and bazaar vendor fees will go to providing scholarships for the Rainier Community Center programs. There will be a host of vendors selling various items in the gym, while pasta meals are served in the multi-purpose room. \$5 (ages 16-24), \$3 (ages 3-15 & 65+), free (2 & under). 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Rainier Beach Community Center, 8825 Rainier Ave. S.

PROVIDENCE HOSPICE OF SEATTLE AUTUMN BONFIRE: Providence Hospice of Seattle invites Seattle families who have lost a loved one to gather for an Autumn Bonfire at Alikei Beach Park to share stories and remember loved ones who are no longer with us. No charge, all ages invited to share their stories. 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., Alikei Beach Park, 1702 Alikei Ave. S.W.

Mayor Burgess Signs Executive Order on SPD Secondary Employment

This week, Mayor Tim Burgess signed his first Executive Order to require the Seattle Police Department (SPD) manage all secondary employment for SPD officers. Executive Order 2017-09: Reforming Secondary Employment at the Seattle Police Department will establish an internal office within SPD to manage and direct police officers' secondary employment. The Executive Order also establishes an interdepartmental taskforce to develop recommendations on how best to implement this reform.

The Executive Order directs SPD, with support from the Seattle Department of Human Resources, the City Budget Office, the City Attorney's Office, and Seattle Information Technology to establish an internal office to regulate and manage the secondary employment of SPD employees. This office will be directed and staffed by civilians and will be cost-neutral to the City. It is anticipated that the new system and regulations will take effect in 2018.

Through the Executive Order, an Interdepartmental taskforce will be convened, in coordination with Seattle Police Department, the Seattle Department of Human Resources, the City Auditor, and other city Departments to develop recommendations and a timeline for implementation of establishment of the new civilian-run office. The taskforce will provide its findings by Nov. 14, 2017, at which point Mayor Burgess intends to take executive action to begin the transition to a new secondary employment system.

The taskforce is expected to develop their recommendations in consultation with the Chair of the Seattle City Council's Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee, the Community Police Commission, the Seattle City Attorney, the Office of the City Auditor, the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, the Seattle Police Officers' Guild, and the Seattle Police Management Association.