

Events & Announcements

Smith Tower Automating Elevators After More Than 100 Years

Hamilton Beale 76, has worked as an elevator operator in the Smith Tower since 1999, making him the tower's longest serving elevator operator. Beale 76, plans on moving to the East Coast when he retires. He, along with most of the other operators, will no longer be needed when the 103-year-old Seattle landmark automates its elevators in 2018. The elevator to the observatory will continue to have an operator.

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Tech Help Appointments

One-on-one technology help by appointment. To schedule a session at Hollywood (HWD), North Portland (NPO), Kenton or St Johns, call (971) 401.3215 or email isad@multcolib.org.

Computer Help Lab

Use our laptops or bring your own device for assistance with computer/technology questions, printing, scanning and electronic faxing. Open hours: North Portland (NPO) *this new schedule starts 11/1* Monday 1-3 p.m.; Tuesday/Friday 1-4 p.m.; Saturday 3:30-5:30 and Hollywood (HWD) Thursdays 12-2 p.m. (closed 11/23.)

NOTE: It is important to see the online description for individual class requirements which may include already having a Google account. Classes will be cancelled if not enough people are registered, so please register in advance if you would like to attend.

Sign up in the library, online at multcolib.org or by calling (503) 988-5123.

Seattle News Briefs

County Council Approves Program to Boost Funding for Housing

Projects supported by the King County Housing Authority (KCHA) to acquire or build workforce and low income housing received a boost from today's unanimous adoption by the Metropolitan King County Council of a \$200 million credit enhancement program.

Today's adopted legislation creates a new \$200 million credit enhancement program for use by KCHA. The new program will be based on the overall financial strength of KCHA as an agency, rather than of an individual housing project, and would be designed to assist KCHA in accessing favorable financing in the municipal credit market. Importantly, though, each project would be proposed, reviewed, and approved based on its individual financial viability.

The new program is projected to help KCHA in acquiring and/or preserving an additional 2,200 units of rental housing.

Credit enhancement is a financing tool through which a borrower improves its credit worthiness, and thereby secures better financing terms, by receiving a guarantee that a third party will loan funds to the borrower if the borrower does not have sufficient funds to make its debt service payments. In return for this guarantee from the County, the affordable housing developer receives more favorable financing terms and lower interest rates. The resulting savings are used to create housing that is priced at more affordable levels.

Over the last two decades, similar financing program has been used by King County to construct

more than 2,000 units affordable to households with incomes at or below 80 percent of median income throughout the county.

State SFI Warns of Possible Loan Collection Scam

The Washington State Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) has received a complaint from a Washington consumer of what appears to be a loan collection scam. The consumer alleged being contacted by an entity using the following names:

- Advance Cash Incorporations
- Cash Advance Services
- Advance Cash Express

The collection attempt allegedly involved threats of lawsuits and arrest. The collection attempt also allegedly claimed that the consumer was being investigated by the Attorney General's Legal Affairs Investigation Section and the Annually Investigation Practices of Federal System (AIPOFS).

The consumer reports being contacted through email and text messages and reports being asked to send money to repay the debt through Green Dot Pre-paid Visa Cards or iTunes Gift Cards. The consumer reports being provided with an alleged account number, alleged payoff amount, alleged police case number, and alleged warrant number.

The following email address is reported to be associated with the apparent scam:

- [\[advancecash.incorporations@gmail.com\]](mailto:advancecash.incorporations@gmail.com)

The email display names reported to be associated with this Gmail account are:

- "Department of Law & Enforcement"
- "CASH ADVANCE SERVICES"

The entities perpetrating the apparent scam are not licensed by the Department and are not registered to conduct business in Washington State by the Department of Licensing, the Department of Revenue, or the Secretary of State. The Department of Licensing licenses and regulates collection agencies under RCW 19.16.

Please note that Advance Cash Incorporations, Cash Advance Services, and Advance Cash Express, should not be confused with ACE Cash Express, Inc. (ACE), d/b/a ACE America's Cash Express, 1231 Greenway Drive, Suite 600, Irving, Texas, 75038, which was previously licensed in Washington.

DFI warns Washington consumers:

- Generally, licensed collection agencies do not send emails from "gmail.com" accounts.
- Never send money or provide access to your bank or credit card in response to threatening telephone calls or emails you receive claiming that you owe a debt.
- Never give any personal information, such as social security number, credit card, or bank account information to any individual, website, or company without first verifying their identity and license

Community Calendar 2017

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

ASPIRE MARKETPLACE HOLIDAY EXPO: ASPIRE Marketplace Expo is free and open to the public. Connect with community members showcasing their talents. Participate in workshops and informational sessions for opportunities to start your own business. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 3635 N. Williams Ave.

Seattle Metro

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

SEATTLE CHOCOLATE HAUNTED FACTORY TOUR: This tour offers visitors an immersive chocolate experience with thrills & chills for the whole family. By day, The Chocolate Factory bustles with activity, crafting thousands of delectable treats. By night, when the workers leave and the light go dark, strange spirits materialize-inviting families to walk the factory's path. Recommended for children 8 and older \$5 admission for kids, \$10 for adults. 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., Seattle Chocolates Flagship Store, 1180 Andover Park W.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

8TH ANNUAL CASCADIA CHEESE FESTIVAL: We will welcome cheese makers from all over the Northwest to showcase their wealth of flavorful, handmade cheeses. Join us to celebrate these gifted cheese makers. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Central Co-Op, 1600 E. Madison St.

BOO BASH AT HANDS ON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: Join us for an un-goolish good time: Boo Bash offers fun Halloween-inspired activities, costumes and more. Free with paid admission to the museum. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Hands On Children's Museum, 414 Jefferson St. NE, Olympia.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

COSTUME CARNIVAL: Join us for a spooktacular Halloween! Explore the museum's Creepy Crawler Career Day. Booths, hands-on STEM and cultural activities. The cost of admission for non-members is \$5 per person, members are free. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., Seattle Children's Museum, 305 Harrison St.

TRICK OR TREAT AT REDMOND TOWN CENTER: All ages. Arrive in costume for an evening of trick or treating at the merchants marked with balloons on their door, a Halloween photo booth, face painting and jumping in the spring free trampoline will also be available for the kids. 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., Redmond Town Center, 164th Ave. NE & NE 74th St., Redmond.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

31ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT MARKET: Shop while enjoying the festive atmosphere of the Holiday Craft Market. Outstanding artists and crafts people, bake sale, entertainment and much more. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Kent Senior Activity Center, 600 E. Smith St., Kent.

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- Check that a financial services company or individual is properly licensed to conduct business in the state of Washington by using the "Verify a License" feature on the DFI's website at www.dfi.wa.gov.
- Check the license status of collection agencies with the State of Washington Department of Licensing at www.dol.wa.gov.

WashPIRG & Environment Washington Unveil Plan to Guide University of Washington Toward 100% Renewable Energy

WashPIRG and Environment Washington Research and Policy Center, touting the leadership role that colleges and universities must play in the clean energy revolution, unveiled a 10 point plan to guide University of Washington toward 100 percent renewable energy.

Renewable Energy 101: Ten Tools for Moving your Campus to 100% Clean Energy, includes a series of factsheets highlighting 10 key tools to help universities in Washington, including University of Washington, with building a 100 percent clean, renewable energy system.

According to a recent report by Environment America, colleges and universities serve more than 20 million students and spend more than \$15 billion per year on energy - so bold commitments to clean energy can drive big investments in solutions.