

**Events & Announcements**

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**Mayoral Debate**

Moderator Attorney, Educator, Activist, and former Seattle Mayoral candidate Nikkita Oliver tells Mayoral candidates Cary Moon and Jenny Durkan the rules for the first General Election Debate hosted by the Peoples Party. The event, which was held at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church Oct. 29, was packed with supporters of both candidates. Oliver asked several questions of the candidates of particular interest to the Peoples Party, including how the candidates plan to deal with police accountability and increasing problems of homelessness in Seattle. The candidates for City Council Position 8 Teresa Mosqueda and Jon Grant also debated. Election day is Nov. 7. Ballots must be postmarked or placed in a ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on election night.

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Society. The Sitka tribe and local students will collect water and subsistence food samples within the tribe's traditional territory to test for the presence of microplastics. The tribe will share the results to help the public make informed decisions about harvesting traditional foods.

Three Degrees Warmer, based in Seattle and Anchorage, for the project "Kivalina Biochar Reactor Operator Training Program." Project partners include the City of Kivalina, Native Village of Kivalina, Re-Locate Kivalina, and Biomass Controls, LLC. Kivalina, an Alaska Native village of approximately 475 residents, is working to improve its water and sanitation infrastructure. In 2015, the Kivalina City and Tribal Councils worked with community partners to develop a prototype biochar reactor that converts human waste into pathogen-free biochar, a carbon-rich substrate.

Trash for Peace in Portland, Oregon, for the project "Trash for Peace Sustainability Education Program." Project partners include Home Forward, People-Places-Things, Confluence Environmental Center, Leaven Community, and the City of Gresham. The project will foster environmental sustainability and stewardship through solid waste disposal education for youth at various affordable housing properties in Portland. The properties are in areas of Portland that have high rates of poverty and lack options for proper trash disposal and recycling.

EPA's Environmental Justice Small Grants Program is designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks, and funds projects up to \$30,000 a year.

For 2017 Environmental Justice Small Grant recipients and project descriptions: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program-project-descriptions-2017> For more information on the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program, including descriptions of previously funded grants: [www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program](http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program).

**Seattle News Briefs****Seattle Mayor Burgess Nominates Police Accountability Director**

On Monday, Seattle Mayor Tim Burgess announced the nomination of Andrew Myerberg as the director of the Office of Police Accountability (OPA). Myerberg, a civilian, will lead the OPA, an independent office that investigates complaints of police misconduct and initiates its own misconduct probes. Myerberg is the first nominee under the police accountability legislation adopted by the City Council in May 2017.

Myerberg has served as director of the OPA on an

interim basis since July 2017. Prior to his appointment, Myerberg was a leader of the Police Action Team within the Seattle City Attorney's Office. While there, he was the lead attorney on the court case resulting in Seattle's signing of a federal consent decree to carry out police reforms. He also acted as the primary contact for the city's legislative, executive, and judicial departments on matters related to criminal law, police operations and reform, and civil rights. Prior to joining the City Attorney's Office, Myerberg spent six years working for the New York City Law Department, representing government officials and the city of New York in more than 70 federal actions.

Isaac Ruiz, Community Police Commission (CPC) co-chair stated, "During his time in the City Attorney's Office, Andrew served for a time as the lawyer advising the Community Police Commission. We found him to be committed to the reform of policing and comfortable with elevating the voices of community leaders and honoring community expertise."

The nominee for the OPA director was selected through a competitive process which began in July 2017, when City officials announced the selection process for the OPA director and the inspector general for public safety. A search committee with representatives from the Office of the Mayor, City Council, the Community Police Commission and the Seattle Police Department, recommended Myerberg to Mayor Burgess for appointment. The committee received 145 applications and interviewed four finalists before agreeing that Myerberg was the best and most qualified candidate.

The accountability reform legislation is the product of months-long discussions with the Community Police Commission, Federal Monitor Merrick Bobb, City Council and the Mayor's Office. It reflects the City's commitment to working with the federal court to bring the City into compliance with the Consent Decree.

This nomination announced today is subject to confirmation by the Seattle City Council. The Council's Gender Equity, Safe Communities and New Americans Committee is expected to consider the nomination in November 2017.

**Seattle Art Museum Receives \$3.5 Million Grant From Mellon Foundation**

The Seattle Art Museum (SAM) announced this



Andrew Myerberg

**Community Calendar 2017***cont'd from pg 4***Seattle Bulletin****THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

**DISCOVERY LAUNCH PARTY:** Celebrate the Gates Foundation Visitor Center's transformation to the "Gates Foundation Discover Center" with performances, brand new exhibits, games, visit with local partners and find ways to take action. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 440 5th Ave. N.

**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.

**FRIDAY - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - 12**

**29TH ANNUAL BEST OF THE NORTHWEST ART & FINE CRAFT SHOW:** Northwest Alliance presents the 29th Annual Fall Show. Featuring food truck & Espresso, Activities for children, many fine arts and crafts booths. Tickets are \$8, documented Veterans are free, children under 12 are free. Noon - 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. Hanger 30, Magnuson Park, 6310 NE 74th St.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**WASHINGTON STATE PARKS OFFERS FREE DAY:** Recreation and outdoor enthusiast have another chance to get out and enjoy the state parks for free. On this day, day use visitors will not need a Discovery Pass for your vehicle to access any of the state parks. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Washington State Parks.

**MUSEUM FUN DAY - VETERANS DAY:** The Children's Museum of Tacoma gives thanks to the United States Service men and women. Join us in honoring our military veterans by coming dressed in red, white and blue. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Children's Museum of Tacoma, 1501 Pacific Ave., Tacoma.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY TO CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY!** Northwest Trek Wildlife Park is offering FREE admission to all individuals who are currently serving or have honorably served in the U.S. Military. Immediate family members will receive half-off admission. Must bring proper ID to receive discounts. 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, 11610 Trek Dr. E., Eatonville.

week that it has received a \$3.5 million challenge grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to establish and endow the Asian Paintings Conservation Center at the Seattle Asian Art Museum. The only one of its kind in the western United States, the Center will be devoted to the conservation, mounting, and study of Asian paintings, serving SAM's collection as well as institutional and private collections in the region. As part of the grant, SAM must raise \$2.5 million in matching funds over four years to create an endowment supporting the Center's operation.

The Asian Art Museum is one of only four museums dedicated to Asian art in the United States. As one of SAM's strongest and most comprehensive collecting areas since its founding in 1933, the preservation of Asian art is a critical part of its mission. There are currently no institutional resources dedicated to the structural conservation of Asian paintings within museums in the western US, so the establishment of the Center will have a significant impact on SAM, the surrounding region, and the field of conservation.

SAM undertook the planning process in conversation with the Mellon Foundation, independent consultants, and museum colleagues—including staff at the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, Portland Art Museum, and Los Angeles County Museum of Art. These, and other museums and private collections, will have access to the Center and its specialized services. In addition, SAM curators, educators, and conservators will develop educational and scientific initiatives to further the study of these works of art and conservation practices. Finally, in another benefit for the region, SAM is one of five Pacific Northwest art institutions participating in a newly established program of scientific examination of works of art thanks to a concurrent Mellon-supported initiative at Portland State University.