

Events & Announcements**Community Calendar 2017***cont'd from pg 4***Seattle Metro****SATURDAY - SUNDAY, NOV. 18 - 19**

FREE WEIRD ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW: Oddmall Arts & Crafts shows celebrate uniqueness, creativity, imagination, and wonder. It's a show where artists and crafters offer unusual creations for your consideration. This is a free event. Everett Community College, 2000 Tower St., Everett.

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FREE FESTIVAL OF TREES IN DOWNTOWN SEATTLE: Gorgeous designer Christmas Trees will be on display in the public area of Fairmont Olympic Hotel. Come down to view them at any time (open 24 hours a day) and read the inspiring stories of featured Seattle Children's patients. Fairmont Olympic Hotel, 411 University St.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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.



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Hip Hop History

The legendary DJ Vitamin D spun records during Daudi Abe, a Seattle-based professor, writer, and historian's talk titled "Emerald Street: Race, Class, Culture, and the History of Hip Hop in the Northwest" in front of a packed house Nov. 9 at the Northwest African American Museum.

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of America's master dramatists, best known for his American Century Cycle — a group of 10 plays, each exploring a different decade in the 20th Century. Wilson was a revolutionary thinker, championing Black theatre and the idea that the African American vernacular, or way of speaking, should be celebrated and exalted instead of ignored, corrected or cleaned up.

All students participating in the August Wilson Monologue Competition work under the guidance of professional actors and directors to not only learn and engage with August Wilson's work, but also to grow their confidence, poise and ability to connect with other students, theater professionals and community leaders.

The program culminates in a public regional finals performance at the Newmark Theatre on Feb. 26, 2018. Participating students are judged by a panel of top theater professionals, three students receive prizes in the Portland competition, and two are selected to advance to the national competition in New York City.

In February 2017, Roosevelt High School student Alexis Cannard won first prize in the Portland Regional Finals for the August Wilson Monologue Competition. In May of the same year, she performed her monologue on Broadway, competing against high school students from nine other cities. Cannard took home the third place trophy in New York. In February 2015, Hailey Kilgore won second place in the Portland Regional Finals. Three months ago, Kilgore was cast as the lead in the Broadway revival of *Once on This Island*.

There's no cost to apply for or participate in the AWMC and all students who apply will be able to audition for a spot in the Regional Finals. All high school students are welcome to apply. Because the mission of the Red Door Project is to change the racial ecology of Portland through the arts, the Red Door seeks a pool of applicants who represent the growing diversity of the student body of Portland area public schools.

For more information or to apply, visit <http://red-doorproject.org>.

Seattle News Briefs**Mayor, Council Unveil Affordability and Growth Plan**

Last week Mayor Tim Burgess and Councilmember

Rob Johnson proposed a plan to implement Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA) requirements on new development across Seattle that will meet the City's goal of at least 6,000 new rent-restricted homes for low-income people over the next decade.

Councilmember Rob Johnson (District 4, Northeast Seattle) said, "We all want to keep Seattle a welcoming, affordable city for families and people of all incomes, now and into the future. I'm excited to be one step closer on this key strategy which will create thousands of rent and income-restricted homes as we grow. Over the coming months, I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues and the community as we implement MHA citywide."

The Council has already unanimously implemented affordable housing requirements on new development in six neighborhoods (University District, Downtown, South Lake Union, Chinatown-International District, along 23rd Ave in the Central Area, and Uptown). By extending MHA to Seattle's other urban villages, as well as all other existing multifamily residential and commercial zones, new development will generate the rent- and income-restricted homes to meet the City's 10-year goal.

Seattle continues to experience some of the fastest housing cost increases in the nation, with the average rent for a one-bedroom apartment rising 35 percent in the last five years. Today 45,000 Seattle households spend more than half of their income on housing. Under MHA, the cost of a rent-restricted two-bedroom apartment for a family of four earning \$57,600 would be

\$1,296. For an individual making less than \$40,320, a one-bedroom would cost \$1,008.

The City is proposing zoning changes necessary to implement MHA in all urban villages and multifamily and commercial zones. The affordable housing requirements take effect when the Seattle City Council adopts new zoning that adds development capacity. By enacting affordable housing requirements and development capacity increases at the same time, MHA is consistent with a state-approved approach used in other Washington cities.

The City's proposal directs future housing growth based on racial and social equity principles consistent with the Seattle 2035 Comprehensive Plan:

Increase housing choices throughout Seattle, with more housing in areas with low risk of displacement and high access to opportunity (transit, parks, jobs, and other critical resources).

- In areas with high risk of displacement of low-income people and communities of color, focus increased housing choices and jobs within a 5-minute

walk of frequent transit.

- Expand 10 urban villages to provide more housing options within a 10-minute walk of frequent transit.
- Minimize growth in environmentally sensitive areas and propose less intensive changes within 500 feet of major freeways.
- Make no zoning changes in federally designated historic districts and critical shorelines.

Maps of the proposed zoning changes are available at www.seattle.gov/hala. No zoning changes are proposed for single family zones outside Seattle's urban villages and urban village expansion areas.

Mayor Burgess, Councilmember González Celebrate Council Adoption of SPD Leadership Labor Agreement

Mayor Tim Burgess and Councilmember M. Lorena González (Position 9, Citywide) issued the following statements after the Seattle City Council approved a new collective bargaining agreement with the Seattle Police Management Association (SPMA), which represents Seattle Police Department lieutenants and captains.

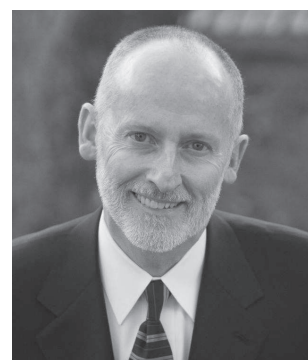
Agreement details include an explicit agreement with SPMA that civilian authority will be the norm in police oversight, as outlined in Seattle's police accountability ordinance. This means all investigations of complaints against police will be supervised by civilians rather than sworn officers—a major step in the civilianization of police oversight.

SPMA is also voluntarily endorsing body worn video for the Department's supervisors. And this agreement ends an Unfair Labor Practice claim by the union that would have been costly and further delayed implementation of Seattle's police reform legislation.

Finally, this agreement sends a strong message to our federal and local consent decree partners that the city of Seattle, including its police officers, are truly embracing reform.



Hailey Kilgore, 2015 August Wilson Monologue Competition Participant



Seattle Mayor Tim Burgess

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