

Events & Announcements**Community Calendar 2017***cont'd from pg 4***Seattle Metro****MONDAY – SATURDAY, DEC. 18 – 23**

30TH ANNUAL ISSAQUAHREINDEER FESTIVAL: Come by the greatest holiday festival in the Northwest. Enjoy the festive sights and sounds of the holiday season with family and friends. Come meet Santa and reindeer team. Free festival, Cougar Mountain Zoo, 19525 SE 54th St., Issaquah.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

CASCADIAN HOLIDAY POP-UP: A holiday gift pop-up with local crafts, books and collectables. Free. Noon – 7 p.m., Horizon Books, 1423 10th Ave.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT AT NOON: Bring the kids for play time New Year's Eve crafts, face painting, hats, noise makers, a silly photo booth and more. Free. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Lott's Wet Science Center, 500 Adams St. NE, Olympia.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

A NEW YEAR'S HIKE AT LEWIS CREEK PARK: Join a park ranger to reflect on the passage of time in nature. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Free. 10:30 a.m. – noon, Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd. SE.

MUSEUM FUN DAYS: NEW YEAR'S EVE: Ring in the New Year by creating your very own musical shaker. Museum staff will lead visitors in a dance party to use your new noise maker. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Normal admission prices. Children's Museum, 1501 Pacific Ave., Tacoma.

- Jan. 14: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. (Closing Weekend Hours)
- Jan. 15 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day & Closing Weekend Hours): 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

Mayor Durkan and City Councilmembers Announces \$1 Million to Ensure a Continuation of Homeless Services

SEATTLE— Following the completion of the RFP process to focus on longer term housing strategies, Mayor Jenny A. Durkan, City Councilmembers, and Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) announced \$1 million available to ensure a continuation of homeless services for current providers to ensure no shelters close this winter. With up to six months of funding for all operating shelters in 2017, the City is working with agencies to ensure no current shelter programs serving people experiencing homelessness will close in the upcoming months, including those offering overnight-only programs like those run by SHARE/WHEEL.

In November, HSD recently awarded \$34 million in homeless investments for 2018 to move more people into housing, and to address racial disparities among Black/African American and Native American/Alaska Native communities. In the funded proposals, providers outlined their strategies to move more than 7,000 households experiencing homelessness into permanent housing in 2018.

For programs that have seen funding changes for 2018, HSD will be allocating resources and transition funds to ensure providers are eligible for short-term assistance while adjusting their operations. The department has assembled \$1 million in funding, primarily from savings from projects in other divisions within HSD, staff savings, and other departmental administrative savings. There are 33 programs at 12 agencies who are eligible for transition funds to seamlessly continue operations from 2017 into the new year and for up to six months of 2018, which includes investments to DESC to enhance their shelter program.

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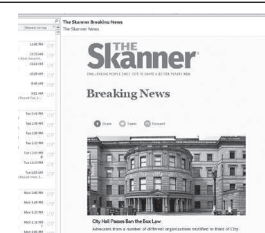


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Seattle Stand Down

Optometrist Dr. Edward L. Jones exams Veteran Jason Newman's eyes during the 7th Annual Seattle Stand Down held Dec. 14 and 15 at the Georgetown Campus of South Seattle College. The annual event provides a place where Veterans can access a variety of services including basic health, dental and optical care, free haircuts, they can get socks, boots, and other apparel and they can also receive help finding other services available to veterans in the community. Veterans could use free transit to get to the event. More than 440 Veterans were served by 250 volunteers and 50 service providers at this year's Stand Down.

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Lowenstein and his inspiring model of public service. In his will, Steve provided for an annual financial award for those individuals who make enduring contributions to help the underprivileged in the City of Portland. Steve's sense of purpose, integrity and perseverance was a model for many working on human rights and social justice. A life-long civil rights advocate, Steve served in the Peace Corps after law school in the early 1960's, was a founding director of Oregon Legal Services and authored *The Jews of Oregon – 1850-1950*, a groundbreaking history. At the time of his death in 1990, Steve had served for six years as Chief of Staff to former Portland City Commissioner Mike Lindberg.

Seattle News Briefs**Mayor Durkan Announces Department Leadership**

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan announced several officials last week who will serve in her administration including department leaders focused on housing, homelessness, civil rights, transportation, and economic opportunity.

Following the resignation of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Director Scott Kubly, Mayor Durkan named Goran Sparrman as Interim Director, effective January 5, 2018. Sparrman was previously the Interim Director and Deputy Director of SDOT as well as the former Director of Transportation at the City of Bellevue and at Portland's Bureau of Traffic Management. Durkan will launch a national search process to find a candidate for the permanent position.

With the resignation of Patricia Lally, the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, Mayor Durkan announced Mariko Lockhart will serve as the Interim Director of the Office for Civil Rights effective January 3, 2018. Lockhart currently leads the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative – Demonstration Cities for the Aspen Forum on Community Solutions. She previously served as the Director of the City of Seattle's Youth Violence Prevention Initiative.

Additionally, Mayor Durkan announced several officials focused on housing, homelessness, and economic opportunity who will continue to serve in their roles including:

- Dwane Chappelle, Director of the Department of Education and Early Learning
- Fred Podesta, Director of Finance and Administrative Services
- Catherine Lester, Director of the Seattle Human Services Department
- Rebecca Lovell, Acting Director of the Office of Economic Development

- Steve Walker, Director of the Office of Housing
- Cuc Vu, Director of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

Andrew Wyeth Exhibit at SAM to Close Jan. 15

The Seattle Art Museum's major exhibition, "Andrew Wyeth: In Retrospect," closes Jan. 15. Exploring groundbreaking perspectives on the art and legacy of the American painter's 75-year career, the exhibition brings together over 100 paintings and drawings ranging from the late 1930s to 2008, including Wyeth's last painting, "Goodbye" (2008).



"Christina Olson" by Andrew Wyeth, 1947

Held on the 100th anniversary of the artist's birth, *In Retrospect* features the cast of characters from Wyeth's world who feature in his most famous portraits, such as Christina Olson, Anna and Karl Kuerner, and Helga Testorf.

It also explores less-understood influences on Wyeth, such as film and images of war.

SAM will be open for Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day, as well as the final two Mondays of the exhibition (Jan. 8 and 15). There will be extended hours until 6 pm each Wednesday, Friday-Sunday, and Monday beginning December 27 through January 12. Finally, special extended hours until 9 pm will be held for the final three days of the exhibition. Thursdays are still 10 am–9 pm.

- Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve): 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (closing early)
- Dec. 25 (Christmas Day): CLOSED
- Dec. 27: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Dec. 29: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Dec. 30: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve): 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Jan. 1 (New Year's Day): 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Jan. 3: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Jan. 5: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Jan. 6: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Jan. 7: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Jan. 8: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Jan. 10: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Jan. 12: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Jan. 13: 10 a.m.–9 p.m. (Closing Weekend Hours)