

Events & Announcements



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Lennon New Executive Director at Langston Hughes Institute

In January 2018 Tim Lennon became the new executive director of the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute. Lennon said he looks forward to working towards LHPAI's mission of being a hub for African American arts and culture in Seattle.

Seattle News Briefs

Bill Focused on Preventing Newborn Abandonment Passes Out of State House

On Feb. 27, the Washington State House of Representatives unanimously adopted legislation to improve reporting of incidents of newborn abandonment. The legislation, focuses on efforts to continue raising public awareness efforts about Washington State's protections for newborn babies with the goal of saving the lives of newborns. Sponsored by Senators Guy Palumbo, Joe Fain, and Sharon Nelson, the legislation now goes back to the State Senate for concurrence.

On February 12, 2014, an infant, named Baby Kimball after the bridge near where she was found, died wrapped in a blanket in the woods less than a half a mile from a hospital near the city of North Bend. Since her death, the King County Council has been actively working to examine ways to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

The King County Safety of Newborn Children Task Force was then created to address how Washington State's Safety of Newborn Children Act could be better implemented across the county.

The adopted bill requires the Washington Department of Health Services to collect and compile info and publicly report it annually.

In Washington state, parents can leave newborns with qualified individuals at hospitals, fire stations or federally designated rural health clinics. The Safe-

ty of Newborn Children Law allows parents to do this anonymously up to 72 hours after the birth of a child without fear of prosecution for abandonment.

Council Adopts Guidelines for Immigrant and Refugee Assistance

Building on guidelines approved by the Metropolitan King County Council in 2017, the Council today adopted immigration legislation that will make King County a leader in protecting everyone's safety and civil rights. The ordinance will prevent the use of County funds and resources on federal immigration enforcement and outlines the steps the County will use to protect immigrants and refugees who seek services from the County or are victims/witnesses of crime, while still adhering to federal law.

In 2009, the Council adopted legislation to ensure that all county residents had access to services regardless of immigration status and that the Sheriff's Office not seek out information on a person's citizenship in the normal course of their work. Last spring, in the wake of actions from the Trump administration regarding immigration status enforcement policy, Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson developed guidelines for local governments in Washington who wanted to provide service and support to immigrants and refugees while allowing the county's continued assistance to immigrant and refugee populations in ways that still meet federal legal requirements.

Today's ordinance continues those strategies already in code and adds requirements to implement the recommendations of the state Attorney General with the goal of ensuring that the county's limited

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1

COUNTDOWN TO ZERO OPENING CELEBRATION: This exhibit, "Countdown to zero: defeating disease in the 21st century," features musicians Tiffany Wilson and Sohoyini West, African music and dance, connect with local organizations and much more. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center, 440 5th Ave. N.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT: NUTRITION MONTH: Celebrate healthy choices during First Friday Nutrition Month. Explore native plants, look at foods up close and learn new ways to fuel up your body. Suggested donation of \$5/family, or pay what you can. 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., Hands on Children's Museum, 414 Jefferson St. NE, Olympia.

STUDENT LOANS AND DEBT: MANAGING DEBT ACCUMULATION: Learn how student debt accumulation affects your financial future and other life goals. Learn how to budget and spend and save money wisely. 3:30 p.m., Lakewood Library, 6300 Wildaire Rd. SW, Lakewood.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 3 - 4

JOSEPHINE'S REDEEMED REVIVAL VINTAGE MARKET: Come shop, wander and leave inspired at this once a year vintage market located in the heart of Kitsap County. This event is worth the drive. Over 100 vendors, food, music, fun and more. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Kitsap County Fairgrounds, 1200 Fairgrounds Rd. NW, Bremerton. Admission is \$7.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

POULSBO SECOND SATURDAY ART WALK: Poulsbo Second Saturday Art Walk is free and kids are welcome. Come gallery hop, shop, wine and dine in historic downtown Poulsbo. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., Downtown Port Orchard, 1230 Bay St., Port Orchard.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

30TH ANNUAL KENT KIDS' ART DAY: Admission for children 2 and older are \$10 parents and children under two are free. Kids create hands-on art projects for a flat fee. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Kent Commons Community Center, 525 Fourth Ave. N, Kent.

resources are not spent collaborating with the aggressive deportation actions on a federal level. The legislation upholds the rights of all county residents regardless of status:

- King County employees, including law enforcement officers, are prohibited from asking about immigration status or investigating whether an individual has violated civil immigration laws,
- The County will not deny anyone services based on immigration status, unless required by law,
- The County will prevent federal immigration agents from having access to non-public areas of county facilities or give them access to databases without a judicial warrant.

The legislation also outlines the county's working relationship with the office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE):

- The King County Jail will continue its policy of not honoring ICE request for notification or detention unless accompanied by a judicial warrant,
- Jail staff will explain to all people in jail who face the possibility of ICE interviews their right to remain silent as well as their ability to decline an interview. Unlike police, ICE agents are not required to inform individuals of their "Miranda Rights" nor do they have automatic access to an attorney, because immigration enforcement is civil, not criminal in nature.

The goal of the legislation is to continue adhering to federal laws while encouraging all people to feel safe in requesting needed services and reporting crimes against themselves or people in their neighborhoods.



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