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refreshments, fantastic finds, and drastic discounts. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Country Village Shops, 23718 Bothell Everett Highway, Bothell.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, MARCH 16 – 18

HUGE BOOK SALE: Browse 100,000 titles starting at \$1 at the Spring Book Sale by Friends of The Seattle Public Library. Friday night is members only, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Open to the public Saturday and Sunday. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday. Exhibition Hall at the Seattle Center, 299 Mercer St.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

SEATTLE'S 2018 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: At 12:20 p.m. the Irish Flag is raised in front of the King County Administration Building followed by trumpeters playing the Irish and US National Anthems. Then at 12:30 p.m. the St. Patrick's Day Parade kicks off. Starting from 4th Avenue at James St.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

EMERALD SPIRAL SPRING EXPO: The Emerald Spiral Expo is a preeminent New Age Fair in the Northwest featuring Spiritual/metaphysical authors, demonstrations from intuitive arts to crystals and much more! Bring family and friends to this free event and lectures. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Kent Commons Community Center, 525 Fourth Ave. N., Kent.

FREE COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT: 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Bellevue College. We will have 50,000 eggs, popcorn, inflatables, face painting and much more. Please visit [www.lovebellevue.com](http://www.lovebellevue.com) for more information and to pre-register your family. 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., Bellevue College, 3000 Landerholm Circle, Bellevue.



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NAAM 10th Anniversary

Current Northwest African American Executive Director LaNesha DeBardelaben jokes with former Executive Director Carver Gayton and former Deputy Director Barbara Earl Thomas during a 10th Anniversary celebration of the Museum March 8. Mr. Carver and Ms. Thomas reminisced about the thousands of people who showed up on opening day in 2008. The celebration also included a talk by current executive director LaNesha DeBardelaben about the future of the museum and a cake and celebratory beverages.

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looking to share their migration experiences. Entries are due April 19 and the exhibit will run from June 1 through July 2, with an opening reception June 1. The commission will accept submissions using the following media: drawing, painting, printmaking, traditional and digital photography, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics, metals, jewelry, textiles, and literary works including poetry, prose, and video. Work does not need to be for sale. Artists may submit up to three images, three short videos, or three literary works for consideration. There is no entry fee. For more information, visit <http://www.multnomahartscenter.org/events/gallery>.

N/NE CDI Oversight Committee to Meet March 15

The North/Northeast Community Development Initiative Oversight Committee will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. March 15 at Billy Webb Elks Lodge, 6 N. Tillamook St. The N/NE CDI Oversight Committee provides accountability for the implementation of the goals, objectives and investment priorities of the N/NE CDI Action Plan which guides Prosper Portland's investment of the remaining \$32 million in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) resources for economic development in the ICURA. Visit <https://prosperportland.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f26e68c4ae9ea140b0df63fd9&id=a437a25238&e=e0868572af> to find more information about the Action Plan, review meeting archives, and listen to meeting audio.

Seattle News Briefs  
'Say It Loud' Returns to Langston Hughes Institute

"Say It Loud: Simply Me," an a capella performance piece written by Felicia V. Loud and directed by Marya Sea Kaminskireturns to the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute March 23 and 24. "Say It Loud: Simply Me" is the story of Felicia's love for music and finding her voice/ From the North End to the Central District, she explores her journey growing up as an only child in a single parent home in 1970s Seattle. For more information or to buy tickets, visit <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/email/3336503>.

City of Seattle Seeks Two Community Members to Serve on Seattle Renters' Commission

The Seattle Renters' Commission (SRC) is seeking two community members to serve on the SRC. Estab-



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Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute (2007)

lished by ordinance (125280) in March 2017, the SRC advises the City on policies and issues of interest to renters citywide. The Commission is composed of 15 members – six appointed by City Council, six appointed by the Mayor, and one position is filled by a young adult through the Get Engaged program. The final two commissioners are selected by the SRC, and these are the open positions. The SRC consists of people living in an array of rental housing types, to include students, low-income renters, LGBTQ renters, people with past felony convictions, people in subsidized housing, and those who have experienced homelessness. The members are also geographically representative of Seattle. SRC meetings are open to the public, and the commissioners serve without compensation. Those interested in being considered should complete the online application by April 12 by 5 p.m. If you cannot submit the application online, contact Maureen Sheehan at (206) 684-0302, and an application will be mailed to you or you can pick one up at Seattle Department of Neighborhoods in Seattle City Hall, 600 Fourth Avenue, 2nd floor, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. To learn more about the Seattle Renter's Commission, visit our website or call Maureen Sheehan at (206) 684-0302. Council sends Levy for Automated Fingerprint Identification System to Ballot The Metropolitan King County Council this week approved sending to the voters on the August primary election, a proposition to support continuation of the regional automated fingerprint identification system program (AFIS); the program that matches suspects to crimes through fingerprint identification technology. AFIS, which is managed by the King County Sheriff, provides services to all local and county jurisdictions, the Seattle Police Department and all suburban Police Departments. AFIS uses a computerized system to store fingerprints and palmprints that can be

accessed by law enforcement for solving crimes and identifying criminals. The AFIS levy renewal will fund the operation of systems and the technology to collect, search, and store fingerprints and palmprints in an electronic database. This database helps identify arrested individuals through fingerprint matching, solve crimes by identifying "latent" prints left at crime scenes, and establish criminal history. AFIS assists in the apprehension of criminal suspects and confirming the identity of individuals who are detained or booked into jail. The levy that will be sent to the voters would authorize an additional property tax for six years beginning with a rate of \$0.035 (3.5 cents) per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2019. If adopted, the levy is estimated to raise approximately \$21 million a year for the AFIS program, at a cost of approximately \$15.75 a year for the owner of a \$450,000 home. The funds raised by the AFIS levy will be used for maintaining current operations, as well as annual costs of maintaining a new cloud-based system (costs associated with the system migration are covered under the existing levy). The AFIS levy will appear on the August 7, 2018 primary election ballot.

Inslee Signs Law Allowing Families to Receive Government Assistance While Keeping Essential Assets

Governor Jay Inslee signed into law a bill this week that raises the amount of assets applicants for public assistance programs can have. This bill (ESSHB 1831) allows applicants for public assistance programs to own a vehicle worth up to \$10,000 – an increase from the current allowable limit of \$5,000, which hasn't changed since the mid-1990s. The bill also increases the limits for other resources from \$1,000 to \$6,000. Before enacting this bill, Washington was only one of six states that set a vehicle exemption at \$5,000 or less. Representative Eric Pettigrew (D-Seattle) was the prime sponsor of this legislation. The bill goes into effect February 1, 2019.

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