

Events & Announcements

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Seattle Searches for New Chief

Panelists Andre' Taylor, and Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan, participate in a community meeting and panel discussion March 14 at Seattle Vocational Institute, about what sort of person should be chosen to be Seattle's next police chief. The discussion which was co-hosted by Not This Time and The Public Defender Association was an opportunity for communities of color to voice their concerns and expectations of what they believe a police chief should represent. The Mayor's office is conducting an online survey and holding additional public meetings in an effort to find the best candidate. A 25-member search committee will produce a list of candidates for Mayor Durkan in May. The city intends to hire a new chief in June 2018.

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more than \$21.6 million in tax credits for food, rent and other basic needs.

The initiative is supported by H&R Block and their website MyFreeTaxes.com, an online portal where individuals or families earning \$66,000 or less can file their state and federal taxes for free. Over the last nine years nearly a million people have filed their returns via MyFreeTaxes and generated more than \$1 billion in refunds back to local communities.

New this year, UWCW and CASH Oregon are also teaming up for focused EITC campaigns with several corporate partners including Key Bank, Pendleton Woolen Mills, Burgerville USA and others. By delivering tailored communications directly to thousands of employees the campaign aims to increase the number of filers and EITC participants.

Seattle News Briefs**King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission Seeks New Members**

The King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission, designed to be the voice of King County's immigrant and refugee communities, is looking for commission members.

The application period for those interested in becoming commission members starts Monday, March 19 and closes on Friday, April 27.

The Immigrant and Refugee Commission, approved by the County Council and signed into law by the County Executive, will focus on integrating, strengthening and valuing immigrant and refugee communities and upholding the county's commitment as a welcoming community.

The mission of the Immigrant and Refugee Commission will include: achieving fair and equitable access to county services for immigrant and refugee communities, improving opportunities for civic engagement, setting annual goals, and participating in important dialogue on County policies and practices that impact the community.

The commission will have thirteen voting members and four nonvoting members for three-year terms, with the exception of the inaugural term members whose terms would be staggered into three, two, and one-year terms to ensure continuity of experienced members in the commission.

Individuals interested in applying to become a member of the Immigrant and Refugee Commission should go to <https://www.kingcounty.gov/irc>

City of Seattle Seeks Community Members to Serve on the Community Police Commission

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan, the City Council, and the

Community Police Commission (CPC), are seeking additional members for the CPC. Initially established as a requirement of the Consent Decree, the City of Seattle established the Community Police Commission to make policy recommendations during reform and to serve as a conduit between SPD, the City, and the community.

In 2017 the City made the CPC permanent and expanded the number of commissioners from 15 to 21. The Mayor's Office, the CPC, and City Council are recruiting applicants to fill these newly created seats.

The CPC's mission is to listen to, amplify, and build common ground among communities affected by policing in Seattle. It champions policing practices centered in justice and equity. The Commission strives to recruit individuals from communities that are most affected by policing, and those who have a desire to integrate police practices with your community's values.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. For consideration of appointments by all appointing entities by June 30, please submit your application by April 12, 2018 at OCPC@seattle.gov.

If you'd like to submit your application to a specific appointing entity, please submit to:

- Community Police Commission: Fe.Lopez@seattle.gov
- City Council: Thao.Madsen@seattle.gov
- Office of Mayor Jenny Durkan: Evan.Philip@seattle.gov

Mayor Jenny Durkan and Councilmember González Announce New Action on Safe Storage

Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan, Seattle City Attorney Pete Holmes, and Councilmember M. Lorena González announced that they will be developing legislation within the next month to address gun violence in Seattle. Following outreach and engagement with stakeholders including gun owners, safety advocates, community members, public health experts and others, this legislation will require safe storage of firearms and increase civil penalties and legal responsibility for not reporting lost or stolen firearms, which is required within 24 hours.

Across the country, nearly 1,300 children die and 5,790 are treated for gunshot wounds each year. In 2015, an estimated 150,000 adults in King County reported keeping a firearm unlocked. In Seattle, 250 stolen guns were reported from burglaries and car prowls in 2017 according to Seattle Police Department.

In 2015, the Seattle City Council passed legislation to establish a tax on gun and ammunition sales to fund gun violence prevention research. Although the City Council continued funding gun violence prevention work at Harborview Injury Prevention

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EASTER EGG HUNT AT ESTHER SHORT PARK: Activate Church is happy to present a free Easter egg hunt in the beautiful park! Featuring 15,000 eggs, face painting, balloon animals and much more. 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., Esther Short Park, 605 Esther St., Vancouver.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

EASTER EGG HUNT: Free Easter Egg Hunt for toddler kids through 5th grade join in between our two Easter investigation events, where kids search for the golden egg. The entire family is welcome to join. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Heritage, 8803 NE 76th St., Vancouver.

Seattle Bulletin**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: The fifth 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 for more information and to pre-register your family. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., Bellevue College, 3000 Landerholm Circle, Bellevue.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

PROVIDENCE HOSPICE OF SEATTLE MEMORIAL BONFIRE: Providence of Hospice of Seattle invites individuals and families who have lost a loved one to gather for a memorial bonfire at Alki Beach Park to share stories and remember loved ones that have died. This is a free event for individuals and families to join. 7:30 p.m., Alki Beach Park, 1702 Alki Ave. SW.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

TUMWATER'S 22ND ANNUAL EASTER EGG DASH: Join family and friends for the 22nd Annual Easter egg dash. More than 20,000 colorful eggs will be nestled in the large grassy area behind the stadium at Tumwater High School. Bring a basket or bag to carry your treasures home in. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Tumwater Fire Hall, 311 Israel Rd. SW, Olympia.

EASTERFEST: Free and safe family event celebrating Easter season and community. Bring the whole family along for our Easter hunts organized by age. There will be popcorn, bouncy houses, a photo booth and games for the entire family. 10 a.m. - noon, Federal Way Church of Nazarene, 1525 SW Dash Point Rd., Federal Way.

& Research Center, the revenue was initially blocked due to ongoing litigation. With the tax upheld by the State Supreme Court, this proposal will invest 2018 revenue and future gun and ammo tax revenues in Harborview Injury Prevention & Research Center's work to help individuals with firearm injuries.

In 2013, Seattle became the first city in the nation to conduct basic research on gun safety. The City Council-funded research led to a report from The Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center that established that "gun violence begets gun violence." The research found that individuals hospitalized for a firearm injury were 30 times more likely to be re-hospitalized for another firearm injury than people admitted to the hospital for non-firearm related injuries.

In addition, the City of Seattle and Seattle Police Department launched a new site, seattle.gov/ERPO, to ensure all Seattle residents can easily complete an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO). An ERPO was designed to give family, household members, and law enforcement a way to petition the court to restrict the access and ability for a person with health crisis issues to purchase or possess firearms. In Seattle, 18 ERPOs have been petitioned by law enforcement with 37 weapons recovered.

"From Columbine to Newtown to Parkland, we are constantly reminded that Extreme Risk Protection Orders are more important than ever. These protection orders won't prevent every act of gun violence, but we know they are already making a difference," said Seattle Interim Police Chief Carmen Best.