

# Events & Announcements

## Community Calendar 2018

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### TUESDAY, MAY 1

**MAY DAY CELEBRATION AND POTLUCK AT WOODLAND PARK:** Celebrants take over the field at 5 p.m. and weave the pole. Wear white and bring flowers for head wreaths. Bring a dish to share, drink and good spirits. Pack out everything you bring. All are welcome to join this May Day celebration. 5 p.m. Woodland Park, 1000 N. 50th St. (just off Aurora and 60th next to horse-shoe courts).

### SATURDAY, MAY 5

**13TH ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION:** This event is free and open to the public. There will be Mercado, children's activities, raffle prizes, vendor and informational booths, traditional foods will be available to purchase. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Centillia Cultural Center & Outdoor Plaza, 2524 16th Ave. S.

**BEST HIKES WITH KIDS WITH SUSAN ELDERKIN:** Western Washington is just the guide you need to help your kids experience nature for themselves in a fun and active way. Come to Brower's Bookstore and find all the outdoor information you will need to enjoy the outdoors while hiking with your kids. 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., Brower's Bookstore, 107 Capitol Way N., Olympia.



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## NAAM Unity Luncheon

Carver Gayton, Ryan Jackson, former Sonics Coach Lenny Wilkins, former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice and State Representative Eric Pettigrew attended the second annual Northwest African American Museum's Unity Luncheon April 19 at Benaroya Hall. The fundraising event featured speeches by two of this year's 2018 NAAM youth curators, Ziah Daily and Elan Ma, and a keynote address by Solynn McCurdy, CEO, Social Venture Partners.

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MyHeritage might be the "new kid on the block", but they are moving quickly to become a front runner in the autosomal DNA testing field. Participants will explore the new features that make it a company worth using.

All classes are free and anyone is welcomed. Please download the handouts and the evaluation feedback for class (available on the GFO calendar).

### Clark County Spring Seminar

Friday - Sunday, May 25 - 27

During an event-filled weekend, the Saturday seminar key speaker will be David Allen Lambert. Serving as chief genealogist for the venerable New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), David's seminar topics include:

1. World War I Military;
2. Great Migration Era settler research; and
3. Probate & Deed Records research.

As an honored guest at the Seminar's Hudson Bay Company Gala Reception Friday evening, David will share his genealogical gems, including some seemingly small finds that led to amazing stories. Clark County Genealogical Society is collaborating with Friends of Fort Vancouver to bring some Fort interpreters as guests.

Seminar seating is limited to 150 people.

## Seattle News Briefs

### Safeco, Century Link to Go Fully Tobacco Free

The King County Board of Health today unanimously adopted a county-wide regulation prohibiting the use of smokeless tobacco at all professional sporting events in King County. This will complete the full ban of tobacco use of any kind at Century Link and Safeco fields, as well as Key Arena.

The regulation, sponsored by Dembowksi and Board of Health Vice Chair Sally Bagshaw, received support from both the Seattle Mariners and the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, a national advocacy organization. The new regulation makes Safeco Field



Smokeless tobacco is no healthier than smoking. It can cause oral, pancreatic and esophageal cancer along with white leathery patches inside of the mouth, stained teeth and bad breath.

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the 15th Major League Baseball stadium to become completely tobacco-free.

The push for tobacco-free MLB stadiums stems from the national effort by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids to "Knock Tobacco Out of the Park." The campaign has successfully advocated for a prohibition of players carrying tobacco tins in their uniforms and using smokeless tobacco when interviewed on television.

According to a 2015 study conducted by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, during 2001-2013 smoking declined from 31.5 percent to 19.5 percent among high school students; however, smokeless tobacco rates remained steady, while increasing with high school athletes.

A signing ceremony is planned at Safeco Field during pre-game activities on May 15.

### EPA Launches Mobile App for EJSCREEN

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today launched its mobile version of EJSCREEN, the Agency's environmental justice screening and mapping tool. This new version makes accessing EJSCREEN easier than ever for those working on the ground in communities.

The enhanced mobile version of EJSCREEN provides most of the same key functions and features as the full online version, but offers them in a more compact and accessible layout. This includes the ability to select locations, access reports, and to map environmental, demographic and EJ indicators.

First created in 2012 for internal use, EJSCREEN was built as an online computer tool for EPA staff to analyze environmental and demographic factors related to environmental justice while developing programs and policies that impact overburdened communities. EJSCREEN continues to be a tremendously popular tool, consistently ranking as one of EPA's most used tools available through the Agency website. The tool also is regularly used by other federal, Tribal, state and local government partners as well as by non-profit and community groups, business and industry, and academia.

EJSCREEN was built for use on standard desktop and laptop computers. However, user surveys showed these devices are not always accessible to many stakeholders working in communities. Since releasing EJSCREEN to the public in 2015, users reported it could be more user-friendly with mobile devices. EPA website analytical data showed more than 50% of users accessed EJSCREEN from a mobile device. As a result, EPA developed the mobile version to be responsive to user needs.

This new mobile version of EJSCREEN will make the tool more accessible to partners, communities, and anyone interested in environmental justice. EPA will continue to use stakeholder feedback to guide improvements to EJSCREEN.

### King County Metro Launches 'Report it to Stop it' Anti-Harassment Campaign

Bus riders, regardless of gender, race or age, can be targeted in incidents of indecent exposure, lewd behavior, unwanted touching, harassment or unwanted comments. But these incidents go largely unreported, or reported by witnesses, allowing offenders to continue to victimize people.



Through a joint multi-year effort with the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center and the King County Sheriff's Office, Metro Transit Police (MTP) expect an increase in the number of reports. In turn, MTP expects that with bus riders reporting more frequently, they can hold offenders accountable through successful prosecutions to reduce the problem.

#### Metro is calling on riders to report misconduct by:

- Telling their Metro bus driver at the time of the incident,
- Calling the King County Sheriff's Office/Metro Transit Police 206-296-3311,
- Calling 911.

#### Metro is providing resources and information

- Promoting awareness that anyone can call the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center's 24-hour Resource Line for support at 1-888-998-6423.
- Visiting Metro's "Stop Now" website for tips on how to stay safe and how to report an incident.
- Reviewing tips and assistance in new brochures on Metro buses.

Offenses against riders on public transportation have led major transit agencies in New York, Boston, Washington D.C., Los Angeles, London and Vancouver, British Columbia, to raise awareness through campaigns and focus resources to help victims, bystanders and law enforcement address the problem. London's "Report It to Stop It" campaign launched in 2014 and resulted in a 31 percent increase in the number of reports of sexual misconduct.

The "Report It to Stop It" campaign builds on Metro's existing "All Are Welcome Here" promotions, which encouraged riders, bus drivers and law enforcement to support each other and fight instances of racism and discrimination.

Since 2013, Metro Transit Police have focused resources on investigating sexual misconduct reports, and they expect the awareness campaign will further increase the number of reports and help them better improve safety on Metro services.

A texting app for Metro riders to report sexual misconduct, other crimes or emergencies is in development and is scheduled to be released later this year.