

Events & Announcements



Remembering Dr. McKinney

Lora-Ellen McKinney, Ph.D., the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Samuel Berry McKinney, described some of her fondest memories of her father during the public memorial service for Dr. McKinney May 8 at McCaw Hall, at Seattle Center. Dr. McKinney’s friends and fellow pastors came from around the country to celebrate his life. Some of the guest pastors included the Rev. Dr. Reginald W. Williams, from First Baptist Church of University Park Illinois; the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr., Pastor Emeritus, Olivet Baptist Church, Cleveland Ohio; the Rev. Dr. Kelly Miller Smith Jr., First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill, Nashville, Tennessee; and the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright Jr., Pastor Emeritus, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago. In addition to the visiting pastors, local clergy and several elected officials – including City Council President Bruce Harrell, Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkin and King County Council member Larry Gossett – honored the memory of the man who served Mount Zion Baptist Church and the Seattle Community for more than 50 years.

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decade investigated by the King County Medical Examiner’s Office (MEO). The report found that in 2017, heroin and opioids, including fentanyl, continue to be the most common drugs associated with fatal overdoses (69%) while the rate of deaths involving methamphetamine continue to increase sharply.

There is continued concern about the growing impact of illicit fentanyl. Fentanyl was involved in 33 fatal overdoses in 2017, up from 23 deaths in 2016. There have been 17 confirmed fentanyl-related deaths in the first quarter of 2018.

Findings from the reports include:

- While opioids are the most common drug class in fatal overdoses, the majority of overdoses involve multiple types of drugs.
- Methamphetamine-involved deaths increased sharply over the last decade, from 18 in 2008 to 136 in 2017.
- Overdose disproportionately affects young people, men, people experiencing homelessness, and certain racial and ethnic minorities. Half of all overdose deaths in 2017 were less than 46 years old and 17% were among persons experiencing homelessness.
- The estimated rate of drug and alcohol-caused deaths was 30 percent higher among Blacks and five and a half times greater among American Indian/Alaskan Native

The annual Drug Trends report also published today by the University of Washington’s Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute provides important context for understanding peoples’ lives. For example, among those surveyed at the syringe exchange last year, 69 percent were homeless or impermanently housed and 42 percent had been incarcerated in the prior year.

Application Deadline Approaching for King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission

The deadline for applications for the King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission, designed to be the voice of King County’s immigrant and refugee communities, is May 14.

Approved by the County Council and signed into law by the County Executive, the Immigrant and Refugee Commission 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>.

EPA Provides \$200K Workforce Development and Job Training Grant to King County

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today that it is providing King County with \$200,000 for environmental workforce development and job training.

King County plans to train 54 students and place at least 41 graduates in environmental jobs. The core training program includes 269 hours of training in OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120/40-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Operations, AHERA Building Inspector, Lead/Mold/Awareness/Abatement, Asbestos Awareness/Abatement, Confined Space/Air Quality Monitoring, First Aid/CPR/AED, and Commercial Driver’s License.

A total of six state or federal certifications will be offered. King County is targeting unemployed and underemployed residents, low-income residents living near the Duwamish/Tukwila Manufacturing Industrial Center and the Duwamish River.

Key partners include Commercial Driver School, ECOSS, Glacier Environmental Services, Inc., HAR-BRO Emergency Services and Restoration, King County Housing Authority, Now Environmental Services, Inc., White Center Community Development Association, King County’s Department of Natural Resources and Parks Wastewater Treatment Division, and Evergreen Abatement Services, LLC.

To learn more about King County’s efforts, contact Stephanie Moyes, at (206) 263-9064.

The Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program helps to build a skilled workforce across the country. The program awards competitive grants to nonprofit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit, train and place unemployed and underemployed individuals. Individuals completing these training programs have often overcome a variety of barriers to employment. Many are from low-income neighborhoods. The training programs also serve dislocated workers who have lost their jobs as a result of manufacturing plant closures, minorities, tribal members, transitioning veterans and others who have faced barriers to employment.

For more information on EWDJT grantees, including past EWDJT grantees, please visit: https://cfpub.epa.gov/bf_factsheets/.

Community Calendar 2018

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tivities and guest speakers throughout the day. Free. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Oregon Rail Heritage Center, 2250 SE Water Ave.

NATURE FAIR: “CHEW, CHOMP, SLURP. HOW CRITTERS EAT”: Come explore how the food an animal eats affects its body and behavior. Critter Explorations, make an animal mask, see insect-eating plants and much more. Free. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Ave.

SATURDAY – SUNDAY, MAY 19 – 20

DOZER DAYS 2018: Dozer Days is the ultimate construction experience putting kids in the driver’s seat to operate dump trucks, dozers and excavators all while educating them about building sustainable communities, industry opportunities and public safety. Music, food, giveaways, digging for treasures and more. Admission is \$8 for kids and seniors age 60+ (\$11 on the day of the event) and \$10 for everyone else. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. both days. Clark County Fairgrounds, 17402 NE Delfel Rd., Ridgefield.

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THURSDAY, MAY 10

TRINITY’S SPAGHETTI DINNER: Come to Trinity’s Spaghetti Dinner and Accordion Concert. Free will dinner donations and all proceeds support the Trinity Youth for 2018 Houston Triennial. 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m., Trinity Thompson Hall, 12115 Park Ave. S., Tacoma.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

WASHINGTON WOMEN IN TRADE ANNUAL CAREER FAIR: For the last 39 years, Washington Women in Trades has created a place where more than 1,000 people gather. Some teach, some learn, some recruit, some apply for jobs, some are hired on the spot. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Fisher Pavilion at Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St.

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT: Under the director of assistant Professor of Music Danny Helseth, the SPU Wind Ensemble continues their exploration of music by women composers in their final concert of the year. Free. 7:30 p.m., First Free Methodist Church, 3200 3rd Ave. W.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

SHOP THE FRIENDSHOP POP-UP: Pre-owned paperbacks, goodies from the Friendship, gifts for readers and much more will be available at this pop-up shop. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. West Seattle, Library, 2306 42nd Ave. SW.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

CELEBRATE MOTHER’S DAY AT HANDS ON: Mothers and grandmothers receive free admission on Mother’s Day. Enjoy a variety of fun activities including handmade gifts and card making. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Hands On Children Museum, 414 Jefferson St. NE, Olympia.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

ALL – CHOIR CONCERT: The Final All – Choir Concert of the year features the concert choir, chamber choir, gospel choir and men’s and women’s choirs as they team up for an evening of choral music. Celebrate our unity within diversity by coming together in song. Free. 7:30 p.m., First Free Methodist Church, 3200 3rd Ave. W.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

SEATTLE 17TH OF MAY FESTIVAL – NORWEGIAN DAY: Celebrate Norwegian Constitution Day at 17th of May Festival in Ballard. With a luncheon, kids activities, and music. The 6 p.m. parade includes marching bands, drill teams, and Norwegians in costumes. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., 2655 NW Market St.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

RAY EVENA MEMORIAL FISHING EVENT: For \$5 children ages 5 – 14 enjoy a day of fishing on American Lake. Poles, bait, and bags for your fish are provided plus other activities. Children keep the fishing pole. Only children can fish. Adults only assist. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., American Lake Park, 9222 Veterans Dr. SW, Lakewood.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

JLS’ TOUCH A TRUCK: This family centric event offers children hands-on opportunities to explore working trucks of all types. As well as meet people who build, protect the Seattle community, Individual tickets are available for \$5. “Family Pack” tickets that allow admission for five (5) individuals are available for \$20 each. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Magnuson Park, 7400 Sand Point Way NE.