

# Events & Announcements



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## Beacon Hill Festival

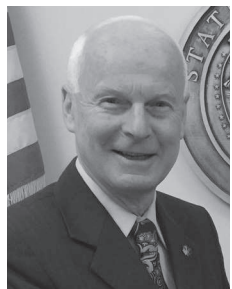
The Maple Elementary School Latino Folk Dancers performed on the Main Stage at the Beacon Hill Festival June 2 in Jefferson Park. Maple Elementary Schools Lion Dancers, Filipino Folk Dancers, Vietnamese Fan Dancers and student poets also performed along with a Choir from St George Elementary school, a performance from "The Wiz" by Franklin High School and a special presentation by the Dolls and Gents drill Team and drum line. The annual Festival also featured carnival games, bouncy houses, and kite making.

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you-can reading of Kevin Douglas' play "PLANTATION!" directed by Christiana Clark in the Black Swan Theatre. A post-show discussion will be led by Robert Goodwin, OSF associate director of education and engagement.

Seating for the reading and the roundtable discussion will be limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

The public is encouraged to visit The Black Swan Lobby before and after the play reading for an exhibit honoring the life and legacy of OSF actor and Ashland community member, G. Valmont Thomas, to whom OSF's 2018 season is dedicated. The exhibit will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson

### Richardson Diagnosed With Brain Cancer

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson says he will remain in office after being diagnosed with brain cancer.

Richardson announced the diagnosis Wednesday. In the statement he said he was optimistic, and that the discovery, made in May, had caught the disease early.

The 68-year-old Republican was a longtime member of the Oregon House before being elected statewide office in 2016.



Sen. Jeff Merkley

### Sen. Jeff Merkley to Speak at PCC's 56th graduation

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley will speak at Portland Community College's 56th commencement ceremony at 7 p.m., Friday, June 15 in the Memorial Coliseum, 300 N. Winning Way. He will address 900 graduates, who will

walk across the stage to receive their associate degree or certificate. In total, nearly 5,800 total degrees and certificates will be awarded this year.

Merkley earned an undergraduate degree from Stanford and a graduate degree in Public Policy from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Following his education, he worked as a national security analyst at the Pentagon and at the Congressional Budget Office.

Elected to the U.S. Senate in 2014, Merkley serves on the Senate Committees on Appropriations; Environment and Public Works; Budget; and Foreign Relations.

## Seattle News Briefs

### Washington Department of Licensing takes steps to comply with Real ID Act

Starting July 1, 2018, the Department of Licensing (DOL) will begin marking all standard driver licenses and ID cards with the language, "federal limits apply." The change aims to bring Washington into compliance with the federal Real ID Act, which requires all states to mark identification documents that do not comply with the federal law. Under Legislation signed ([app.leg.wa.gov](http://app.leg.wa.gov)) by Gov. Jay Inslee, DOL expects to be in full compliance with the REAL ID Act by fall 2018.

Over the next two years, all Washington residents will have to make a choice about their identity documents. By October 1, 2020, standard driver licenses and ID cards will no longer be an acceptable form of identification for boarding domestic flights and entering some secure federal facilities, like military bases and nuclear power plants. DOL's enhanced driver licenses (EDLs) and enhanced ID (EIDs) cards are Real ID compliant, and valid for travel as are passports, permanent resident cards and military IDs.

Standard driver license and ID cards can continue to be used for the following:

- Driving
- Applying for or receiving federal benefits
- Entering a federal facility that does not require ID (post office)

An enhanced driver license or ID card is completely voluntary and optional. Some commonly needed documents to get and EDL/EID are certified birth certificate, U.S. passport or military ID. A full list of document options to obtain an enhanced driver license or ID card is available on the DOL website.

"If you know you will not be flying or already have a federally approved document such as a U.S. passport, passport card or military ID, you do not need an enhanced driver license or ID card," said DOL Director Pat Kohler. "There is plenty of time to educate yourself on all options and choose the identification that works best for you."

For a full list of federally accepted documents and information about REAL ID and what it means for Washington, visit the DOL website.

### Mayor Durkan Announces Plan to Increase Seattle's Bridge Housing and Shelter Capacity

To help people experiencing homelessness get into safer places where they are more likely to access services, Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan today announced a new plan to increase the number of bridge

## Community Calendar 2018

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### SUNDAY, JUNE 10

EASTSIDECAN COMMUNITY NATURE WALK IN SWAN CREEK PARK: Bring a reusable water bottle and prepare for rain but also prepare for dry weather also bring your desire to explore the park and nature. 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Swan Creek Park, 3997 E. Roosevelt Ave., Tacoma.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 16

FREMONT SOLSTICE PARADE CRAFTING: All ages are welcome to join us on the lawn in front of the Fremont Branch for some pre-parade crafting. Perfect for participating in (or watching) the Fremont Solstice Parade! 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Fremont Place Book Co. 3504 Fremont Ave. N.

### SATURDAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 16-17

BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL: Explore and experience the cultural roots and contemporary influences of African American culture through live performances, hands-on activities, food, fashion and worldly gifts. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Seattle Center Festal, Fisher Pavilion, 305 Harrison St.

COME ABOARD A GREENPEACE SHIP! Join Greenpeace on board the Arctic Sunrise and learn about life at sea as an activist, take a guided tour of the Arctic Sunrise, immerse yourself in the history of environmentalism and snap that photo in front of the iconic dove and rainbow on the ship's bow. Please remember that there is inherent instability to a ship in water, and there will be steep stairs involved in the tour. We recommend wearing close-toed shoes. This is a family-friendly event! Tours throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

housing and shelter units in the next 90 days by 25% to serve an additional 522 people every night.

Pending final approval by City Council, Mayor Durkan's proposal would increase the number of bridge housing and shelter units in the next 90 days by 25%. Her plan would serve an additional 522 people every night by:

- Expanding enhanced shelter capacity to serve an additional 180 people;
- Creating bridge housing at Haddon Hall serve 100 people through a master lease;
- Expanding City Hall's basic shelter serving 120 people each night;
- Supporting of Whittier Heights Women's Village, a tiny home village serving 19 chronically homeless women; and
- Opening 54 tiny homes in South Lake Union and 30 new tiny homes at 18th and Yesler following community engagement and site approval. These tiny homes would serve approximately 103 people.

In addition, Durkan's plan will provide funding for 163 basic shelter beds set to close at the end of May. Currently, the City of Seattle operates 2,032 shelter beds. This includes 1,185 enhanced shelter beds, 259 units in tiny home villages, and 588 basic shelter beds. However, the City-funded shelters and sanctioned encampments are at or near capacity; they are at least 93% full every night.

In January 2018, Mayor Durkan proposed her "Building a Bridge to Housing for All" legislation to create additional bridge housing and shelter options as well as affordable housing. Passed unanimously by City Council in February and signed by the Mayor, it called for a Bridge Housing Investment Strategy to increase our capacity to quickly and cost-effectively move people experiencing homelessness to safety through new bridge housing and shelter.

Mayor Durkan is proposing to create new resources to bring people off the streets and into safer places through a variety of strategies. Because enhanced shelters are more successful at exiting more people to permanent housing, Mayor Durkan's proposed investments are focused on building more capacity at enhanced shelters. Mayor Durkan's plan would also provide dedicated beds to serve individuals living unsheltered referred by the City's Navigation team as well as approximately 120 families and children. Providing more capacity for people living unsheltered to move into safer places like enhanced shelters and tiny home villages will also make it easier for them to access services including substance use treatment, mental health care, food, employment support, and case management professionals.