

Events & Announcements**Community Calendar 2018***cont'd from pg 4***Seattle Metro****FRIDAY, JUNE 22**

AUBURN'S KIDS DAY: The perfect day for any child! Live entertainment, inflatable rides, face painting, over 100 activity and info booths, craft vendor sales and much more. Free event, nominal fee for some attractions. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Les Grove Park, 910 9th St. SE, Auburn.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 23 - 24

BELLEVUE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: Join us for a weekend of entertainment, family fun, strawberry shortcake, heritage exhibits and hands-on history experiences. All ages welcome to come and enjoy. Free admission. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday. Crossroads Community Park, International Play area, 999 164th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

DROP-IN FOR VETERANS SERVICES: Drop in and speak with a veteran specialist from supportive services for veteran families to see if you qualify for assistance. 10 a.m. - noon, Ballard Library, 5614 22nd Ave. NW.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

PROVIDENCE HOSPICE OF SEATTLE FAMILY DAY CAMP: Children, teens and families who have lost a loved one are encouraged to join us for this free day camp. The day camp will offer kids, teens or families to come together for education, fun and support with the help of a professional grief counselors. Pizza will be served for lunch. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Providence Hospice of Seattle in Tukwila, 2711 S. 102nd St. #200, Tukwila.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

WASHINGTON'S WILDERNESS COAST: Learn about the ecology and natural history of this wild place in a 2 p.m. presentation. Beach-themed arts and crafts all day. Free. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Lott's WET Science Center, 500 Adams St. NE, Olympia.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 30 - JULY 1

URBAN CRAFT UPRISING 2018: Summer show: Urban Craft Uprising is Seattle's largest craft show. Now in its 14th year, fans can choose a wide variety of handcrafted goods, jewelry, gift bags, wallets, children's goods, toys and much more. The show is free and fun for the whole family. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Both days! Seattle Center, 301 Mercer St.



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Rainier Beach Graduation

The Rainier Beach Class of 2018 celebrates after receiving their diplomas June 19th at Memorial Stadium at Seattle Center.

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organizations interested in learning more and participating when the project is ready should contact Catholic Charities in the meantime through their website, www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org.

Seattle News Briefs**Public Invited to Vote on Park and Street Improvements**

From June 16 - July 16 is your chance to vote for your favorite local park and street improvement projects. It's all part of the City of Seattle's Your Voice, Your Choice: Parks & Streets, a participatory budgeting initiative in which community members democratically decide how to spend a portion of the City's budget on small park and street improvements. A total of \$285,000 is available in each City Council District, and residents can cast their ballots for their top three choices in the district where they live, work, go to school, receive services, or volunteer.

Each council district will have its own ballot. The projects were selected from over 1000 ideas submitted in January by community members across Seattle. More than 500 community members evaluated and prioritized each idea based on need at the project's location and community benefit. The projects, which can be viewed at www.seattle.gov/yvyc, range from new pedestrian lighting to basketball court improvements.

Community members ages 11 and up can vote online or at in-person polling stations between June 16 - July 16. Paper ballots are also available at all Seattle Public Library branches. The projects that receive the most votes will be funded by the City and implemented in 2019.

New this year is additional funding for projects in Equity and Environment Initiative (EEI) focus areas. These are geographic areas where communities of color, immigrants, refugees, people with low incomes, Native peoples, and limited-English proficient



PHOTO SEATTLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Last year's improvements to Seattle's Denny Park included replacement of pathways, paved areas, among other things.

individuals tend to live. Because these areas are highly impacted by socio-economic and environmental challenges, the City's goal is to ensure the people most affected have a voice in finding solutions. Projects will be voted on through district-based ballots, and the top vote-getting projects in EEI Focus Areas citywide will be funded up to \$1 million overall.

After ballots are tallied, the winning projects will be announced in August. You can find information and voting instructions at www.seattle.gov/yvyc.

Seattle City Council Approves Mayor Durkan's Legislation to Increase Bridge Housing and Shelter Capacity by 25 Percent

The members of the Seattle City Council voted 9-0 to approve Mayor Jenny A. Durkan's legislation to increase the number of bridge housing and shelter units in 90 days by 25 percent to serve more than 500 additional people every night. The Mayor's plan will help people experiencing homelessness move into safer places where they are more likely to access services.

Currently, Seattle has 2,032 shelter spaces, which are 93% full each night. Under Mayor Durkan's legislation, the City of Seattle will serve more than 500 people every night through a series of options being explored, including:

- Expanding and creating shelter capacity to create 233 additional spaces at places such as the Navigation Center;
- Creating 75 new space of bridge housing at Haddon Hall through a master lease;
- Expanding 100 spaces at City Hall beginning on June 29;
- Supporting of Whittier Heights Women's Village, a tiny home village serving 19 chronically homeless women in 16 tiny homes; and
- Opening 46 tiny homes in South Lake Union and 30 new tiny homes at 18th and Yesler following community engagement and site approval. These tiny



Haddon Hall Apartments in Seattle

homes would serve approximately 95 people.

The legislation will also allow the City to help maintain 163 shelter beds that would otherwise go offline. Mayor Durkan's approach includes a variety of strategies to create new resources to bring people off the streets and into safer places. The legislation also provides dedicated beds to serve individuals living unsheltered referred by the City's Navigation team. Providing more capacity for people living unsheltered to move into safer places like enhanced shelters and tiny home villages makes it easier for them to access services including substance use treatment, mental health care, food, employment support, and case management professionals.

Under Mayor Durkan, the City of Seattle is continuing its investments in preventing individuals and families from falling into homelessness. In April, Mayor Durkan launched the Seattle Rental Housing Assistance Pilot Program, which will serve approximately 1,000 low-income households to provide a range of critical resources, including rental assistance and utility discounts as applicable.

In addition to efforts to prevent homelessness and respond to the crisis, Mayor Durkan is acting to increase accountability and transparency on the City's current investments in combating homelessness and advancing regional and community partnerships with cities, King County, philanthropists, and businesses.

Mayor Durkan is also continuing her commitment to more permanent affordable housing: From 2018 to 2021, approximately 2,500 new City-funded affordable rental housing units and over 1,900 new MFTE affordable units will come online. The City currently finances 4,450 units of affordable housing for people exiting homelessness.