

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2018

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SUNDAY, JULY 22

PARKADILLY AT LAKE SAMMAMISH KID'S CONCERT, FAIR & FUN: Parkadilly is a Seafair community event hosted by Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park. This event includes live entertainment, a petting zoo, children's activities, arts & crafts, food trucks will also be available on site. This is a free family fun event. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Lake Sammamish State Park, 2000 NW Sammamish Rd., Issaquah.

MONDAY, JULY 23

SOCIAL SECURITY 101 WORKSHOP: Everything you wanted to know! Information will include: Retirement benefits and eligibility requirements, what early retirement does to your benefits and much more. 4 p.m., Puyallup Library, 324 S. Meridian Ave., Puyallup.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, JULY 28 - 29

ALKI ART FAIR: Alki Beach will come alive with art booths, children's art activities, food carts, live music and performances, and the very popular silent auction held in the historic Alki Bathhouse. Both days 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Alki Statue of Liberty Plaza, Alki Ave. & 61st Ave.



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Carmen Best Named as Next Chief of the Seattle Police Department

On Tuesday Mayor Jenny A. Durkan selected Interim Chief Carmen Best as the next Chief of the Seattle Police Department (SPD). In December, Durkan announced that she appointed Deputy Chief Carmen Best as the Seattle Police Department's new Interim Chief of Police, effective Jan. 1, 2018. As Deputy Chief, Best oversaw the Patrol Operations, Criminal Investigations, Special Operations Bureau, and the Community Outreach section. Best has worked for the Seattle Police Department since 1992. Prior to her current post, Best served at nearly every level of the Department, rising through the ranks of police officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and deputy chief.

The Mayor's nomination is subject to City Council confirmation.

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City Councilor, will award the grants in late August. Previous grants have supported events such as the popular "Music Mondays" summer concerts at the Arts Plaza, public art installations, summer art camps, and a family friendly musical production. Find applications and more information at www.GreshamOregon.gov/Arts-and-Cultural-Grants.

Seattle News Briefs

King County Elections Has Mailed Primary Election Ballots

King County Elections mailed ballots and local voters' pamphlet today, July 18, to nearly 1.3 million registered voters for the Aug. 7 Primary Election.

The Primary Election includes candidates for federal, state, superior court and state Supreme Court offices as well as two ballot measures. King County is forecasting a 40 percent turnout based on past similar elections, but hopes prepaid postage will increase participation.

King County passed an ordinance to fund prepaid postage earlier this year, with the state following suit. This August's Primary will mark the first election where voters will not need a stamp to return their ballot through the USPS and can simply drop their ballot in the mail. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, August 7.

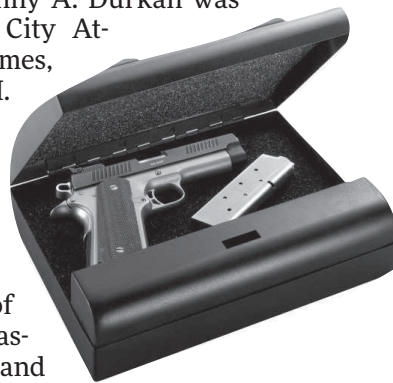
Voters also have the option of returning their ballot to one of over 60 ballot drop box locations, including new locations at the Newport Way Library, North Bend Library, Normandy Park Towne Center, and Seattle Pacific University, without a stamp by 8 p.m. on August 7. Ballots can be returned any time before the deadline - but the earlier the better. Drop boxes are open 24 hours, seven days a week beginning July 18. Accessible Voting Centers are also available in Bellevue, Renton and Seattle.

In-person voter registration deadline July 30
Citizens not yet registered to vote in Washington State can register in person through 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 30 at the King County Elections office in Renton or at the Elections Annex in Seattle.



Durkan Signs Safe Storage Legislation

Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan was joined by Seattle City Attorney Pete Holmes, Councilmember M. Lorena González, and Seattle Police Chief Carmen Best Wednesday as she signed her legislation requiring safe storage of firearms and increasing civil penalties and legal responsibility for failing to report unsecured firearms that are lost, stolen, or improperly used by an unauthorized user. Working closely with City Attorney Holmes and Councilmember González, her legislation was developed following extensive outreach and engagement with stakeholders including gun owners, safety advocates, community members, public health experts and others.



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 their homes. In Seattle, 250 stolen guns were reported from burglaries and car prowls in 2017 according to Seattle Police Department.

The legislation will take effect on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, which allows for rulemaking, education and awareness efforts, and individual compliance. Over the next 60 days, the Seattle Police Department will begin to develop a set of rules to determine what qualifies as responsible storage.

Penalties for failing to safely store or for not reporting lost or stolen firearms within

24 hours after the loss or theft is discovered:

- Basic requirement to store: Up to \$500 fine (or community service) for failure by any person to store or keep any firearm in any premises in a locked container.
- Accessed by prohibited person: Up to \$1,000 fine (or community service) if the firearm is obtained by youth, prohibited purchaser or an "at-risk person" (expressing suicidal or harmful ideation).
- Harm done by prohibited person: Up to \$10,000 fine per victim if prohibited person uses the firearm to injure, kill, or commit a crime.

In addition, the Chief of Police will be given one year from the legislation's signing to conduct a survey on initial levels of compliance. The legislation also instructs the City Auditor to assess periodically the legislation's impacts on gun injuries and deaths in Seattle.

Following the Seattle City Council's unanimous vote passing the legislation, Everytown for Gun Safety announced that Everytown's Litigation Team, along with Orrick LLP, will represent the City of Seattle on a pro bono basis in any resulting litigation.

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