

Events & Announcements

Choose Your Adventure

Eze, 8, learns about a bear skull from a volunteer from the Woodland Park Zoo during Choose Your Adventure: Trails, Rivers & the North Cascades 50th!, a celebration of the 50th birthday of the North Cascades National Park Oct. 14 at El Centro de la Raza. The National Parks Conservation Association and other organizations including the North Cascades Institute, the Henry Jackson Foundation, American Whitewater and over a dozen other organizations sponsored the event which included presentations, activities, artwork and speeches including remarks from Sally Jewel, the former Secretary of the Interior during the Obama Administration.



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and world-premiere plays. OSF's play commissioning programs, which include American Revolutions: the United States History Cycle and Play on! 36 Playwrights Translate Shakespeare, have generated works that have been produced on Broadway, throughout the American regional theatre, and in high schools and community theatres across the country. The Festival draws attendance of more than 400,000 to approximately 800 performances every year and employs approximately 575 theatre professionals.

OSF invites and welcomes everyone, and believes the inclusion of diverse people, ideas, cultures and traditions enriches both our insights into the work we present on stage and our relationships with each other. OSF is committed to equity and diversity in all areas of our work and in our audiences.

Seattle News Briefs

City of Seattle Receives \$252,157 Federal Justice Assistance Grant

The Trump administration has abandoned its nearly year-long initial effort to withhold 2017 federal funds from Seattle in retaliation for policies that support and welcome immigrant and refugee communities. Multiple federal courts had ruled against the Trump administration's efforts to withhold funds.

Following a series of legal defeats and condemnation by Mayor Jenny A. Durkan, City Attorney Pete Holmes and other Seattle leaders, the City received a letter from the U.S. Department of Justice informing it that approximately \$252,157 in previously withheld Justice Assistance Grant program funds had been released to the Seattle Police Department (SPD). The Department will use the federal grant to fund three Crime Prevention Coordinators.

Crime Prevention Coordinators (CPC) work in each of SPD's five police precincts. CPCs support Seattle's residents by organizing Block Watch programs, providing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments, and attending community public safety meetings. CPCs work directly with SPD Data Driven crime analysts to identify crime trends and distribute public safety information to residents and stakeholders.

The Department of Justice's full letter can be found at <http://durkan.seattle.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/JAG-2017-Award-Documents.pdf>.

Mayor Durkan Transmits Six-Year Agreement for Seattle Police Officers to City Council

Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan transmitted the proposed six-year tentative agreement with Seattle

Police Officers' Guild (SPOG) to City Council for final approval. While the cost of living has significantly risen in recent years, Seattle Police officers have been working since 2014 without a contract. In September, 96 percent of membership of the Seattle Police Officer's Guild voted in support of the contract, and last week, the agreement was advanced to full Council by the Labor Relations Policy Committee. The full legislation is available at <http://durkan.seattle.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/SDHR-SPOG-ORD-4.pdf>.

The six agreement provides retroactive pay to Seattle police officers for the last four years as well as continues cost of living increases officers in 2019 and 2020, making Seattle officers the fourth highest paid of the seven largest departments on the West Coast. The Accountability Reform legislation, which passed Council in 2017, is now bargained for in this agreement and the agreement includes many key provisions including:

- Full implementation of body worn cameras by front line officers;
- Management improvements in transfers and performance evaluations;
- Improvements and clarity for the 180 timeline for investigations of police complaints;
- Civilianization of OPA supervisor positions and a HR leadership role in SPD;
- Office of the Inspector General provided full and unfettered access to fulfill duties under the accountability; and
- The Guild will withdraw several pending Unfair Labor Practice claims.

Statement by Mayor Jenny Durkan on the Passing of Paul G. Allen

Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan issued the below statement following the announcement of the passing of Paul G. Allen:

"Paul was a true son of Seattle who made his beloved city – and our world – a better, more vibrant place. For generations to come, Seattleites and people across our planet will benefit from his vision, innovation, and generosity. He quite literally helped invent the future.

"Paul was a kind, brilliant, and good-hearted man, and a giant of the Northwest. Paul's quest for learning and love for Seattle and the Pacific Northwest knew no bounds. Just like his parents, Paul brought a curiosity and love of knowledge to as many people and as many fields as he could. And whether it was at MoPOP or with the 12's at CenturyLink or through Upstream and so much more, Paul always took the time to make sure we had a lot of fun along the way.

"Today we grieve with Paul's family, friends, and colleagues as they grapple with his passing and honor his incredible, impactful life."

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um's Baha'i Center and check out eight historical exhibits, along with children's activities and presentations, including, "A Pictorial History of St. Johns" given by author Don Nelson. From 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., St. Johns Museum Baha'i Center, 8720 N. Ivanhoe St.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST ETHNOBOTANY GUIDED TOUR: Join environmental educator Roland Begin for a walk to learn about how a variety of locally native trees and plants have been used for millennia by indigenous peoples as resources for food, medicine, tools, clothing and much more. \$3 suggested donation, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Hoyt Arboretum, 4000 SW Fairview Blvd.

THRILLER DANCE: Practice dancing Michael Jackson's "Thriller" in advance, and then show up (ghoulish costume optional) for Thrill the World Portland at Irving Park. Free to watch, \$5 to dance. 3.p.m. Irving Park, 707 NE Fremont St.

HOMEOWNERSHIP FAIR: Learn about first-time homebuying resources, visit with over 40 homebuying experts, join workshops, learn about home retention services, free lunch, prizes and more. Free and open to the public. From 10 – 3 p.m., Legacy Emanuel Hospital Atrium, 501 N. Graham St.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

MUSHROOM FEST 2018: The Mushroom Festival returns for another fun-filled day of family-friendly activities. Come for the huge mushroom exhibit, live music, hay rides, cider booth, guided nature walks, culinary demonstrations and scarecrow contest. Suggested donation, \$8, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Mount Pisgah Arboretum, 34901 Frank Parrish Road, Eugene.

Seattle Metro

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

CHELSEA CLINTON BOOK SIGNING: Chelsea Clinton will sign copies of her book "Start Now!," a book for a new generation of young activists. Tickets are required for entry in the signing line. Each ticket (\$16.99) includes a copy of "Start Now!" and admits two family members or one adult and one child under the age of 16. From 6-9 p.m., The Elliot Bay Book Company, 1521 10th Ave.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

CAMPFIRE-IMPROVISED GHOST STORIES: Take a trip back to the campfires of your childhood when talented storytellers spun spooky stories around the fire. Improvisers gather true-life events from YOU and turn them into hilarious improv campfire stories. Some are scary, some are funny, and all of them will have you perched on the edge of your seat. Tickets \$8 - \$10, 8:30 p.m., Unexpected Productions, 1428 Post Alley (at the Gum Wall in Pike Place Market).

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Durkan: Washington State Supreme Court Ruling Death Penalty Unconstitutional is the Right Decision

Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan last week concurred with the ruling by the Washington State Supreme Court that deemed the death penalty unconstitutional. In their ruling, the court unanimously ordered the eight individuals on death row would have their sentences converted to life in prison. A further five justices ruled that the death penalty is invalid due to the arbitrary and racially biased manner it has been applied.

"Ending the death penalty is the right decision for our state. As a former prosecutor and criminal defense lawyer, I saw that the death penalty did not work and perpetuated racial and social injustice. In reality, the death penalty does not deter crime, does real harm in delaying justice for victims and communities and does not reflect our best values - it also diverts resources from valuable and effective public safety initiatives. As a state, we must come together to focus on providing victims' families the support they need to grieve and heal, while also administering effective and equal justice."