

# Events & Announcements

## Community Calendar 2022

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### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1 - 4 PM

**WE'RE ONLY 60¢ APART:** We're Only 60¢ Apart will invite participants to gather and write letters. Free postage. Letter writing supplies; paper, envelopes, etc. will be supplied. IPRC 318 SE Main St #145 & 155.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 4 - 6 PM

**CREATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP:** A casual event for creative freelancers, artists, podcasters, and creators - let's connect and support each other! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pdxdf-creative-entrepreneurship-happy-hour-tickets-409690714957>. Hi-Top Tavern, 5015 NE Fremont St.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6 - 8 PM

**LARGE SCALE MAGNETIC POETRY:** We will be using the tools of our trade (wood, lasers, magnets) to create a collaborative "magnetic poetry" installation. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pdxdf-figuring-it-out-together-tickets-409693974707>

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 12 - 2 PM

**DEATH TO UX:** As screen proliferate our everyday lives, how can designers reimagine their role -- and responsibility -- to community in a modern world? Part-mixer, part-discussion, this event will convene people interested in interaction design to discuss what the discipline of user experience has wrought on modern life, and contemplating what the future might look like. Pacific NW College of Art, 511 NW Broadway.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6 - 8 PM

**INVASIVE WEED IDENTIFICATION:** Love to spend time outside and interested in protecting local habitat for bees, birds, salmon and everything in between? Join us to learn about invasive species in Clark County and how you can report sightings of invasive species to a network of professionals who can address them. Clark Public Utilities, 8600 NE 117th Ave, Vancouver

## Seattle

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

**YERBANA YOGA IN THE PARK:** Yerbana's weekly Seattle summer series returns! Yoga In The Park is welcome to all levels and bodies. Join us and find your flowstate. Reserve your spot at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yerbana-yoga-in-the-park-tickets-348545548117> Gas Works Park, 2101 N Northlake Way

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 7 - 9 PM

**DESC's IMPACT FILM FESTIVAL:** A short film festival that features international submissions that explore how we can have an impact on homelessness and poverty. Ark Lodge Cinemas, 4816 Rainier Avenue S.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 12 - 1 PM

**SEATTLE LATINX BOOKCLUB: CEMETERY BOYS:** Join us in comunidad & discussion of the New York Times Best Seller, Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas. Location TBD, check online for more details <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seattle-latinx-book-club-cemetery-boys-tickets-313054523507>.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 7 PM

**DRAG BINGO:** Join Seattle's own Sylvia O'Stayformore for a fun evening of FREE-PLAY BINGO and PRIZES at Old World Tasting Room in SODO. Old World Tasting Room, 3861 1st Avenue S.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 3 - 7 PM

**TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER:** Come out and enjoy us for National Gay Men Awareness Day. There will be food, drinks and presentations. Also you will have the opportunity to hear some educated and experienced speakers w/different backgrounds discuss their insight on HIV/AIDS and the affects and stigmas it has in our communities. Testing will be available. Lakewood Seward Park Comm Club, 4916 S Angeline St.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 11 AM - 12:30 PM

**VICTROLA HOME BREWING CLASS:** These are short classes where our coffee professionals will give tips on techniques and brew methods for brewing coffee at home. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/victrola-home-brewing-and-tasting-class-tickets-379934493297> 310 E Pike St.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6 PM

**EYE:** University Book Store is proud to present poet Sati Mookherjee, who will be reading and signing copies of her new book Eye. This event is free to attend, and registration required <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/university-book-store-presents-sati-mookherjee-tickets-408320957977>. 4326 University Way NE.



## Ribbon Cutting at Art Noir

As several staff members look on Laverne Hall, Art Noir Founder Vivian Phillips and Art Noir Executive Director Jazmyn Scott celebrate before the official ribbon cutting and grand opening of Arte Noir and the Onyx Gallery at Midtown Square. The independent arts and cultural space is a place designed to center Black art and uplift Black artists.

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King County Executive Dow Constantine shared new public safety investments today focused on four key themes that will support a robust public safety network. Joined by the King County Sheriff and directors from Public Health, Metro, and the departments of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD) and Community and Human Services (DCHS), Executive Constantine laid out a plan for how King County can provide genuine and just safety for people in all its communities.

The investments, which are part of the Executive's biennium budget proposal set to be announced next week, will fund programming across the five departments and focus on reducing crime, gun violence, and behavioral health crises.

"The health of our communities depends on the ability of every person to live a safe and productive life, and starts with knowing that when you call for help, it will be there. To deliver genuine community safety and uphold our highest values, we must invest in the programming and workforce that will both stop immediate harm and get to root causes to prevent future offenses," said Executive Constantine. "By breaking down silos, working with community-based organizations, and broadening our options beyond just the traditional responses, we can help end harmful cycles and implement new partnerships that bring about systemic change."

The plan's four themes include:

- Deploying a highly trained and coordinated safety network by filling 200 key county vacancies and providing the latest training, supporting community safety programming, and reimagining the Sheriff's Office.
- Ensuring safe and appropriate places for people in crisis by expanding behavioral health, restoring jail services, identifying youth detention replacements, and seeking alternative options for the Seattle jail.
- Being data-informed and responsive to community needs by prioritizing diversion and intervention programs in hotspots and preventing repeat offenses; and
- Providing accountability and victim support by reducing the pandemic-created criminal legal backlog, supporting victim restitution, and partnering with other governments in safety planning and implementation.

## WAISN Announces New \$340 Million Pandemic Relief Fund for Undocumented Immigrants

SEATTLE - Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN), the largest immigrant-led organization in Washington State, announced today the launch of the Washington COVID-19 Immigrant Relief

Fund, which will provide an unprecedented \$340 million in economic relief to undocumented immigrants impacted by COVID-19. Eligible people can apply to receive at least \$1,000 in financial relief that they will receive between December and January.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the inequities that immigrants face on a daily basis. For years, WAISN has been working with the Washington State government to increase healthcare access for immigrants, and swiftly expanded the scope of their demands for economic relief when the pandemic struck in 2020 to ensure immigrants were not left behind.

"Immigrants have been on the frontlines of our communities and our economy during the pandemic, but do not have access to resources or benefits like healthcare, stimulus checks, or the ability to work from home," said Brenda Rodriguez Lopez, Executive Director at WAISN. "The Washington Immigrant Relief Fund is the largest of its type in Washington State, and WAISN is proud of this opportunity to bring resources and relief to our community."

The fund will be available to immigrants who have been impacted by the pandemic, including but not limited to those who have lost jobs, contracted the virus, or have cared for a family member who contracted it. Unlike most funds of its type, WAISN has been uniquely able to maintain a low administrative cost of 10 percent on the Washington Immigrant Relief Fund, so more than 90 percent of the money will go directly into the hands of the people who need it most.

All of the organizations involved in the fund have worked for years with immigrant communities, including underserved farmworkers, low-wage workers, and immigrants who are Black, Indigenous, LGBTQIA2+, living with disabilities, and many others. They are all committed to the well-being and privacy of immigrant communities. While the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services is providing the money and oversight, the government will not review any applications or see any personal information of applicants or recipients of the funding. The public charge rule should not apply for this fund, so receiving this money should not prevent people from seeking a pathway to naturalization.

Applications for the Washington Immigrant Relief Fund open on September 19 and will close on November 14. People can apply in Spanish, English, Chinese, Korean, and Tagalog, and community organizations will be available to help people apply over the phone in many more languages. To be considered, applicants must live in Washington State, be at least 18 years old, and have been significantly affected by the pandemic. People who are eligible to receive federal stimulus funds or unemployment insurance because of immigration status are not eligible for the Washington Immigrant Relief Fund. This may include refugees, asylum seekers, COFA migrants, and DACA applicants who receive federal funds and unemployment benefits.