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Transit advocates rally for King County Metro funding

County Council weighs \$20 car-tab fee to plug budget gap; decision expected at Aug. 15 meeting

BY TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

With the King County Council expected to vote on a \$20 car-tab fee that would help close a funding shortfall for King County Metro, dozens of transit advocates and supporters turned out to speak at the council's July 25 meeting.

And speak they did, filling hours of public comment with testimony on the significance of maintaining transit service on factors ranging from congestion and pollution to employment and mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities.

But after hearing hours of public comment, the council returned from a 45-minute recess to announce that it would postpone its decision until Aug. 15.

That the council will reach a 5-4 simple majority to send the car-tab fee before voters is considered virtually a foregone conclusion — councilmembers Bob Ferguson, Larry Gossett, Joe McDermott, Julia Patterson and Larry Phillips have indicated they will vote to approve the ordinance.



Jim Flint (center) reads a book while waiting to offer comment in support of the \$20 car-tab fee to fund King County Metro at the county council's July 25 meeting.

But to add a critical sixth vote, which would have to come from among council Republicans Reagan Dunn, Jane Hague, Kathy Lambert and Pete von Reichbauer, would allow the council to pass the ordinance directly.

That's the outcome many transit advocates appear to favor.

There's a financial argument to be made for not putting the ordinance to a vote —

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Animal, plant or mineral? Homeopathy and natural remedies lower medical costs, improve health

Editor's note: The last names of patients at Mary's Place have been removed to protect their privacy.

BY BRENDA KAY NETH
University House resident

For many members of the low-income and homeless populations, alternative health care has not been available due to high costs. But at Mary's Place in Seattle, and at 10 other locations that have partnered with Bastyr University, the burden of costs are lessened or alleviated, and clients are discovering the benefits of homeopathy and other natural remedies as an alternative to more conventional medicine.

Diane has been receiving naturopathic and homeopathic care at Mary's Place, a day center for homeless women and children located at 314 Bell St. in Seattle. The treatments have saved her hundreds of dollars on medical care, she said.

In a recent interview, Diane spoke about how her medication for Addison's disease has caused side effects, and that the use of naturopathic and homeopathic medications has helped her overcome the side effects of traditional medications like Prednisone.

Diane said Addison's causes an adrenal deficiency, creating a lack of hormones, and the use of supplementation with natural herbs and vitamins has helped her feel better.

"It's a win-win situation. The holistic approach is good for me. It's interesting to be part of the learning. They learn from my rare disease," Diane said.

She also stressed that one doesn't need to be homeless to receive care from Mary's Place.

For Sheila, her struggle with alcoholism, bipolar and schizophrenia has been eased by homeopathy, affording her the ability to remain calm and to use the interpersonal skills she has learned from Mary's Place and from her psychiatrist at Harborview.

"They're the greatest, and I would not be healthy today if it weren't for

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The fall of the "I-Hotel": Historical struggles for affordable housing and lessons we've learned

BY LYNN SEREDA
Section 8 Voucher Holder

Most people think of low-income housing as public housing, often funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

But over the years, low-income people have utilized other forms of affordable housing, such as those created and managed by nongovernmental nonprofit organizations.

Another common low-income housing option is a single room in a low-rent residential hotel (SRO), such as those found in the downtown areas of large cities. Seattle

has examples in places like Pioneer Square and the International District.

In the past, these SRO hotels were an important source of housing for low-wage workers, particularly for immigrants who might have faced housing discrimination in other areas of the city. Over the past few decades, as cities redevelop their core neighborhoods and higher-income people return from the suburbs, these hotels are fast being torn down and their residents displaced.

On June 29, two historic struggles to preserve low-rent housing for working-class immigrants were highlighted at a jointly sponsored event by the Tenants Union of

Washington and LELO (Legacy of Equality, Leadership and Organizing).

The event included a screening of the film, "The Fall of the International Hotel," which documents the struggle in the 1960s and '70s to prevent the eviction of Filipino immigrants and subsequent demolition of one such hotel in Manilatown, in the heart of San Francisco.

The decade-long fight for the I-Hotel included legal challenges, public outcry and broad efforts in tenant organizing. Many of the strategies adopted during that time are

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"There's a crosswalk there, but people routinely drive past not looking for kids."
— Bao Nguyen of Neighborhood House's Be Active Together program. What did Bao and company do to improve safety at the crosswalk? Find out on Page 2.

Community coalition improves crossing safety near White Center school



PHOTO COURTESY OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Volunteer crossing guards Spomenka Novakovic and Sivheng Thong display a crossing flag that they use to help pedestrians cross at the intersection of Fourth Avenue Southwest and Southwest 100th Street.

By TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

Pedestrians in White Center can tread a little more safely, thanks to the efforts of a group of safety advocates.

The group, comprised of Feet First, King County Department of Transportation and the King County Food and Fitness Initiative, KCHA and Neighborhood House, tasked itself with improving pedestrian safety in the White Center area.

During a walking audit of the area around White Center Heights Elementary in Dec. 2010, organizers identified the intersection at Fourth Avenue Southwest and Southwest 100th Street as a trouble zone.

The intersection lies just two blocks east of the White Center Heights campus and sees ample foot traffic from students walking to school. But the street isn't a

reduced speed school zone, and drivers aren't often aware of pedestrians in the area.

"It basically is a school zone because it's so close," Nguyen said. "There's a crosswalk there, but people routinely drive past not looking for kids."

After discussing options to improve safety at the intersection, the group chose to add crossing flags. They were an appealing option — the flags are inexpensive, easy to use and effective.

They're also a novel solution for the neighborhood.

"I've lived in White Center for 15 years and I've never seen crosswalk flags anywhere," Nguyen said.

For more information on the crossing improvements, KCHA readers may turn to the related article on Page 8 of the KCHA News section.



Health Notes

A column devoted to your well-being

Your children need immunizations

By COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN OF WASHINGTON

Shots, also known as vaccines or immunizations, help children fight many childhood diseases that could make them very sick. A lot of research has shown that shots are safe for your child to receive.



Please refer to the chart below for the ages when your child should have shots. Also, ask your child's primary care provider when your child may need other shots, such as when they are over 6 years of age.

- DTP protects against the diseases diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw), and pertussis (whooping cough).
- IPV protects against the disease polio.
- MMR protects against the diseases measles, mumps, and rubella (German measles).
- Hib protects against the disease men-

ingitis, one type of pneumonia, some heart problems, and infections of the blood, bones and joints.

- Varicella protects against chicken pox.
- Hep B protects against a virus that may cause liver disease.
- PCV7 protects against infections such as pneumonia and meningitis.
- Rota protects against rotavirus, an infection which causes severe diarrhea in infants and young children.

And children should have a flu shot every year.

To get more information about immunizations, please talk with your health care provider. For information on how to get quality and affordable health care for you and your family, please call the Community Health Plan customer service team at 1-800-440-1561 or go to www.chpw.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please call TTY 7-1-1 (toll free).

Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0 Through 6 Years—United States • 2010
For those who fall behind or start late, see the catch-up schedule

Vaccine	Age	Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	12 months	15 months	18 months	19-23 months	2-3 years	4-6 years
Hepatitis B ¹		HepB		HepB								
Rotavirus ²				RV	RV	RV ²						
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis ³				DTaP	DTaP	DTaP	see footnote ³	DTaP				DTaP
Haemophilus influenzae type b ⁴				Hib	Hib	Hib ⁴		Hib				
Pneumococcal ⁵				PCV	PCV	PCV		PCV			PPSV	
Inactivated Poliovirus ⁶				IPV	IPV			IPV				IPV
Influenza ⁷							Influenza (Yearly)					
Measles, Mumps, Rubella ⁸							MMR		see footnote ⁸			MMR
Varicella ⁹							Varicella		see footnote ⁹			Varicella
Hepatitis A ¹⁰								HepA (2 doses)				HepA Series
Meningococcal ¹¹												MCV

Summertime: Better weather, longer days — in Vancouver, B.C.

By KRISTIN O'DONNELL
Yesler Terrace resident

Time to raid the piggy bank for the long trip. Vancouver, B.C., is the destination.

This was a research trip, mostly — I wanted to see what Canada is doing with Social Housing (their name for public housing). First stop after checking into the Downtown Hostel is the Little Mountain community, which is in a residential neighborhood near Queen Elizabeth Park.

The Province planned a dense mixed-income redevelopment to replace the 196-unit family housing complex. Four years ago most of the tenants were moved out and the apartments were boarded up.

Last winter the bulldozers leveled all but one building, where four families who chose to stay are living. Behind a six-foot chain-link fence, rhubarb, bluebells and mint from the gardens that used to be there mix with the tall grass and weeds.

I talked with Ingrid Steinhausen, one of the residents who stayed. There are plans to develop Little Mountain, she said, but it won't happen soon. I asked her if it had been hard to watch the bulldozers tear the rest of the buildings down.

"Not as hard as seeing all my neighbors move out," she replied.

The city bus trip back to the hostel went along Hastings Street at around 5 p.m. The Downtown Eastside neighborhood doesn't hide its problems — street drug deals, several fights and people passed out or sleeping in doorways. Boarded-up buildings. There's nothing like this in Seattle, not even close.

The next day I walked down the hill from the hostel to the waterfront, and rode the really cute blue foot ferry across to Granville Island, a tourist-oriented public market that is a good place to pick up a picnic lunch.

Back on the foot ferry, I rode further down the False Creek inlet (great views of Downtown Vancouver, and the tall — and expensive — condo buildings in YaleTown) to the Stamps Landing dock, then walked along the waterfront foot and bike path to the New False Creek neighborhood, where the Olympic Village was built on a former industrial site.

Original plans for the development called for a third of the 1,100 homes to be social housing. Soon after the Olympics the affordable unit count was reduced to 250 (slightly more than the 20 percent that Vancouver — theoretically — requires in new development).

Early this year, developers were exempted from the requirement. There are now 125 low-income apartments in False Creek. No more are planned.

The neighborhood does have some great parks and public art. Fountains. Artificial wetlands. Eight-foot tall statues of English Sparrows.

The community center, an Olympic legacy, is busy and beautiful, though the full parking lot may mean that many of the users don't live in the neighborhood. There is no place in the neighborhood to buy a cup of coffee — or anything except a bottle from the provincial liquor store.

There are lots of windows with signs: "Commercial Space Available," and several real estate offices. There is a busy dog park and an empty playground. Except for the Community Center, there aren't a lot of people.

Most of the neighborhood is five- to seven-story buildings faced with gray or tan stone. On the far side of the street farthest away from the waterfront, two buildings

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Be safe

How to effectively report ongoing crime — Contacting the police

BY KELLY MCKINNEY
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I am often asked what a resident should do if they notice ongoing criminal activity. For instance: Residents complain that the police and their building managers do not respond to their complaints; residents often feel that the 911 operators are not taking their calls seriously — they ask too many questions and the police don't respond in a timely manner, and the Community Police Team Officer just tells residents to call 911 for emergency calls.

What is a resident to do? It can be very frustrating living in an area with ongoing crime issues. Crime can be loud and keep residents and their families up at night. It can be scary. Some residents don't want to call 911 because they are scared of retaliation.

Ongoing crime does take patience and perseverance to address. However, if you do not notify the police, they can not address the problem at all.

You do not need to tell anyone that you called 911. You can tell the operator that you want to remain anonymous. You can tell the operator whether or not you want an officer to come to your home. The 911 operator can call you back if the police have more questions.

Do the best you can to describe what you have observed to the operator. Make sure you include information about the date, time and location of the crime you have observed. Do your best to describe the suspects and the vehicles you observed. However, do not put yourself at risk. If you don't know, tell the operator that you don't know.

As you are talking to the operator he or she will type the information into a computer and send it off to a dispatcher, who then contacts the patrol officers over the radio.

Before you hang up, ask for the event number. The event number is different from an incident number. Every 911 call generates an event number whether or not an officer writes a report or not.

The Incident number is only generated when an officer actually writes a report. If the operator does not wish to provide you with the event number, explain to the operator that you are documenting this incident because it is a part of an ongoing crime pattern.

After you have called 911 and reported the crime to the police, write down everything you observed in a log. You can create a log on your computer or you can request a log from Seattle Neighborhood Group. Continue to log the ongoing crime as long as the problem persists.

Contacting the Community Police Team (CPT) Officer for your community is helpful; however, you should contact 911 first. The CPT officer does not respond to 911 calls. It is also a good idea to contact your community manager.

Addressing ongoing crime is sometimes a long process. It will take patience to address the problem. Remember the police and Seattle Housing Authority management cannot take legal action without good cause. They must be able to explain to a court of law why they arrested someone or why they are evicting someone.

Residents can help the police and management do their job by providing the police with objective information about their observations.

Kelly McKinney (206-323-7084) and Allan Davis (206-323-7094) are Community Education Coordinators for Seattle Neighborhood Group. Call Allan or Kelly for crime prevention information or help with your safety and security concerns.

Neighborhood House draws the line between youth and alcohol

BY TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

Across Seattle and King County, the line is being drawn between young people and alcohol.

Billboards are reminding drivers of the hazards — and the penalties — of encouraging alcohol use by youth.

They are direct in their messaging: "Providing alcohol to minors can cost you \$5,000 and a year in jail."

The billboards are part of the Let's Draw the Line campaign, a community-based effort in Washington that brings together youth, parents and the leaders of anti-drug and alcohol coalitions from around the state.

"Drug and alcohol education and prevention are efforts in which we must all play a part," said Project HANDLE Supervisor Mike Graham-Squire. "The Let's Draw the Line campaign brings together young people, parents and advocates, all of whom have a stake in prevention efforts."

Neighborhood House is one such partner in the campaign, which includes drug-free coalitions based in King County, Central Seattle and Kent, King County Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Programs and the Washington State Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking.

Together, the partners have contributed \$47,000 to the billboard campaign,

which targets high-traffic locations in the Puget Sound region. Clear Channel Outdoor partnered in the campaign by donating space on its billboards, and local graphic designer Lisa Dentz contributed her time in creating the signage. Through its Project HANDLE program, Neighborhood House has organized local youth, including those living in Seattle Housing Authority communities such as High Point, NewHolly, Rainier Vista and Yesler Terrace, to do outreach work in support of the campaign.

Earlier this spring, youth from the High Point neighborhood's Teens Against Drugs and Alcohol and YELS programs decorated the statues along the West Seattle Bridge with a Let's Draw the Line banner and T-shirts.

The High Point youth also designed "I Draw the Line" wristbands, which were so popular the State and King County contributed money to produce 14,000 wrist bands and distributed them statewide. Youth volunteers and Neighborhood House staff have also stressed the importance of reducing underage drinking and drug use at community health fairs.

"We have an active and highly-motivated group of youth volunteers," Graham-Squire said. "We're proud of the work they've done."



One to grow on

Garden tips for community gardeners

Getting at those weeds

Editor's Note: This column originally appeared in the August 2009 issue of The Voice.

BY ANZA MUENCHOW
Special to The Voice

Why does it seem that the weeds grow faster than the desired row crops we plant? How much weeding can one gardener accomplish in a single summer?

The organic gardener (who doesn't even consider using herbicides) has many strategies for managing the weeds. The weeds would win because of their sheer number alone, except that the organic farmer can plan ahead. Using your knowledge of the natural sciences will keep you the gardener on top of the game.

One of the first things I learned about farming, especially in a new area that has great weed pressure, is to start the plants in trays in a greenhouse and then transplant seedlings into a carefully prepared (and weed-free) bed. At least the seedlings have a chance to grow before the multitude of weed seeds germinate.

Set the seedlings much closer than the seed package recommends and this will crowd out weeds, especially for lettuces and Brassicas. You can eat some of the little plants as you thin them, leaving some to grow larger.

Use lots of weed-free mulches wherever you can get them. Aged manure or some llama doo will add some nitrogen to your garden as well. Mostly, gardeners try to collect free mulch and recycle organic products.

I usually have some leaf mold around from raking up all those fall leaves. I keep the leaves covered or in plastic leaf bags during the offseason. The certified organic Cedar Grove Compost is a good product, always weed free. A three-inch layer of this will stop many of the pesky annual weeds.

If your garden weeds are perennials, very tough in nature and invasive, consider covering with cardboard or several thicknesses of newspaper before layering on the compost. This is called "sheet mulching". If you plan to start gardening anew area next year, try sheet mulching the ground now. By next spring the soil will have fewer weeds and be much richer.

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stand out. One has neon green panels, which look like plastic but may be metal. The other has paneling in bright, glowing orange. I thought they were probably the Social Housing buildings. They are.

Research over, I used my \$7 B.C. Transit day pass to see more of the city, ending the day on Commercial Drive, where restaurants are plentiful and far less expensive than downtown or the West End. The next day was more transit and skytrain touring, with multiple stops at Vancouver's truly excellent thrift stores.

Getting to and staying in Vancouver. To get into and out of Canada you must have a passport or an enhanced driver's license/State ID card. Passports are expensive and take a while to get. Washington State enhanced cards are \$15 more than a regular license or ID card, and take about three

As for other methods of weed control, let's look at the mechanical removal of different weeds. Many gardeners till the soil, which works for most annual weeds but can cause problems with perennial weeds that propagate by their roots.

Tilling Canada thistle or crab grass is not advised. Forging these out is the best plan. You can explore the many different hand removal techniques.

There are wheel hoes (for between long rows) and hand hoes. I use my Japanese style hori hori, which looks like a long thick knife. It can scrape the surface with the toothed side and yet it can dig deep to get the dock or dandelion roots out. The hori hori never breaks.

There are some annual weeds and grasses you can scrape off the surface of the soil and there are those that need to get more of the roots out, too. You'll learn the major weeds in your area. Be sure to remove annual weeds before they set seed, which is happening now.

So get up early, before the day gets hot, take a strong cup of coffee to fortify you and get at those weeds.

Start in a relaxing way, then build up speed and proficiency, training your body into the physical routine. You'll be done before you know it, for that bed anyway.

Some organic gardeners use flaming to control weeds. I've only used the "dragon" technique in stone paths or patios. One carrot farmer described how she uses flaming because carrot seed germinates so slowly in the spring.

If you time it just right, you can flame the early weed sprouts before the carrot seed comes up. That early carrot weeding is so tough, I am tempted to try it sometime.

The main strategy is to keep your soil covered, with mulch or with plants. Try your best to not water the weeds. Using a drip system (not overhead sprinklers) can allow you to put the water just where you want it, not in the paths. Prevent the weeds from getting any light or water and you'll stay ahead of the game.

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weeks to process.

It is possible and inexpensive to take public transit to Vancouver. It is not easy — a 12-hour-plus trip that includes a 1 1/2 mile walk between bus stops at the border.

The train takes four hours instead of twelve, and includes great scenery — most of the route is along the beach. The morning Amtrak Cascades train leaves Seattle at 7:30 a.m. and gets into Vancouver in time for lunch. The train back to Seattle leaves at 5:45 p.m. and gets into the King Street Station at a little past 10 p.m.

Amtrak has frequent sales that are posted on the Amtrak.com website every Tuesday (round-trip was \$50 last month). Staying in the Vancouver hostel costs \$35 a night in the summer. Staying in a hostel gets you a locker and a bed in a room with two to eight bunk beds (and yes, you can specify a lower bunk). There's usually a free breakfast and a kitchen where you can prepare food.

Get your summer entertainment fix by going to an outdoor movie or concert

Concerts at the Mural lead summer music calendar

BY VOICE STAFF

The 2011 Concerts at the Mural series, presented by KEXP 90.3 and Seattle Center, runs for five dates in August, and features artists such as Fool's Gold, Black Mountain and local favorites The Maldives.

The concert series, now in its fourth year, includes four Friday night shows and the annual KEXP BBQ from 3 – 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, all at the Mural Amphitheatre at Seattle. Admission is free and seating is on a first-come basis. Folding chairs and blankets are allowed. Large bags, large coolers, umbrellas and video and audio recorders are not permitted.

Concert lineup:

Aug. 5, 6 p.m., The Maldives, Hey Marseilles, Black Whales

Aug. 6, 3 p.m. - 9 p.m., KEXP BBQ, Fool's Gold, Rainbow Arabia, Capsula, Virgin Islands, and Mad Rad

Aug. 12, 6 p.m., Seapony, Gold Leaves, Math and Physics Club

Aug. 19, 6 p.m., Black Mountain, My Goodness, and Whalebones

Aug. 26, 6 p.m., No Depression Night: Special Guests, Ravenna Woods, Pickwick, Drew Grow & the Pastors' Wives

For more information, visit www.kexp.org or www.seattlecenter.com or call 206-684-7200.

Other outdoor concerts in the area

Outdoor concerts, many of which are free or low-cost, are a great way to get out and enjoy the sun, listen to good music and socialize with friends. There are a number of options in the area — a few are listed below.

Assume outdoor concerts are weather-permitting, and call ahead if you're in doubt.

Seattle's "Out to Lunch" concerts

Free; noon Wednesday and Fridays at various locations in Seattle. For more information call 206-684-7710

Aug. 5: Wheedle's Groove, Westlake Park, 401 Pine St.

Aug. 10: Pearl Django with Greta Matassa, Two Union Square, 601 Union St.

Aug. 12: The Dusty 45s, Harbor Steps, 1221 First Ave.

Aug. 17: Vicci Martinez, Two Union Square

Aug. 19: The Harters, Harbor Steps

Aug. 24: Portland Cello Project, Two Union Square

Aug. 26: Clinton Fearon & Boogie Brown Band, Harbor Steps

Aug. 31: Orchestra Zarabanda, Bank of

America plaza, 800 Fifth Ave.

Sept. 2: LeRoy Bell & His Only Friends, Harbor Steps

Seattle Presents Lunchtime concerts

Free; noon Thursdays at the City Hall Plaza 600 Fourth Ave. For more information, visit www.seattle.gov/seattlepresents.

Aug. 4: Curtains for You, retro pop

Aug. 11: Kore Ionz, reggae

Aug. 18: Show Brazil Samba de Carnaval

Aug. 25: Dr. Funk, soul horn band

Summer Concerts at the Locks

Free; Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted, at the Ballard Locks, 3015 N.W. 54th St. For more information, call 206-783-7059 or visit blog.friendsoftheballardlocks.org.

Aug. 6: Batucada Yemanja, Brazilian samba

Aug. 7: Ballard Sedentary Sousa Band

Aug. 13: Dukes and Diva, a cappella quintet

Aug. 14: The Tempos

Aug. 20: Microsoft Jazz Band

Aug. 21: TBD

Aug. 27: Lynnwood Community Band

Aug. 28: Horseless Carriages Car Show, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sept. 3: Patria Band, country gospel music

Sept. 4: Music Ambassadors

Monday, Sept. 5: Michael Clune & Sleep till Noon Band, 2 – 3 p.m.

Kent Summer Concert Series

Free; concerts at various times and locations in Kent — Take-out Tuesdays, noon – 1 p.m. at Kent Station Plaza, 417 Ramsay Way; Wednesdays for Kids, noon – 1 p.m. at Town Square Plaza, Second and Harrison; Thursdays at the Lake, 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Lake Meridian Park, 14800 S.E. 272nd St. For more information, visit www.kentarts.com.

Aug. 2: Take-out Tuesdays — singer-songwriter Kris Orlovski

Aug. 3: Wednesdays for Kids — The Misadventures of Cap'n Arrr

Aug. 4: Thursdays at the Lake — folk duo Cascada de Flores

Aug. 9: Take-out Tuesdays — blues/folk rock quartet Quarter Past 8

Aug. 10: Wednesdays for Kids — Recess Monkey

Aug. 11: Thursdays at the Lake — Ryan Shupe & the Rubberband

Aug. 16: Take-out Tuesdays — Latin jazz trumpeter Bobby Medina's "Samba to Soul"

The struggle to prevent the eviction of the I-Hotel tenants, however, has left a legacy of Asian-American community organizing.

At the height of the anti-eviction struggle, many community organizations allied with the mostly elderly tenants of the I-Hotel. Students organized work parties to renovate the hotel's interior to prevent it from being condemned; some also organized recreational activities and assisted tenants in forming a tenant association. A few even rented rooms in the hotel.

This intergenerational form of organizing benefited both the elderly, whose living situations were improved, and the young people, who learned about their cultural history and identity.

After years of struggle to keep tenants in the building, the I-Hotel effort culminated with a human blockade of 3,000 people who encircled the hotel on the night of August 3, 1977. Early the following morning, 250

Outdoor movies abound in Seattle, King County

BY VOICE STAFF

What better way to enjoy a movie than outdoors on a warm summer evening, a roof of stars overhead (recent weather conditions excepted)?

Several local organizations and cities sponsor outdoor movie nights — many are free or ask for a small donation or ticket price. Attending is like going to an old-fashioned Drive-In Movie Theatre, but without all the cars. The following is a list of some of the many local outdoor movie series with showtimes in August. Most are free; admission information is provided with each entry.

Assume all outdoor movie screenings are weather-permitting. When in doubt, call ahead or visit the event's website for more details.

Seattle

Center City Cinema

Free; Saturdays at sunset at Hing Hay Park, 423 Maynard Ave. S., or Kobe Terrace Park, 221 Sixth Ave. S.

For more information call 206-684-2489 or visit www.seattle.gov/parks/downtown.

Aug. 13: "Akira Kurosawa's Dreams" (PG), English subtitles, Kobe Terrace Park

Aug. 20: "Newsies" (PG), at Hing Hay Park

Aug. 27: "The Karate Kid" (2010) (PG), Hing Hay Park

Sept. 10: "Howl's Moving Castle" (PG), English subtitles, Kobe Terrace Park

Sept. 17: "Three Seasons" (PG-13), English subtitles, at 12th Avenue and South King Street, Seattle

Fremont Outdoor Movies

\$5 suggested donation; Saturdays unless otherwise noted, showtimes vary, at Fremont Studios, 3501 Phinney Ave. N.

For more information visit www.fremont-outdoormovies.com.

Friday, Aug. 5: "A Clockwork Orange" (R), 9 p.m.

Aug. 6: "Pulp Fiction" (R), 9 p.m.

Aug. 13: "Tron" (PG), 8:30 p.m.

Aug. 20: "Twilight" (PG-13)

Aug. 27: "The Big Lebowski" (R), 7 p.m.

Movies at the Mural

Free; Saturdays at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted, at the Mural Amphitheatre, Seattle Center.

For more information, call 206-684-7200 or visit www.seattlecenter.com.

Aug. 13: "Inception" (PG-13)

Aug. 20: "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (PG)

Aug. 27: "The Incredibles" (PG)

Sunday, Aug. 28: "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (PG-13)

Three Dollar Bill Outdoor Cinema

Free; Saturdays at sunset at Cal Anderson Park, 11th Avenue and East Pine Street. Presented by the Seattle Gay & Lesbian Film Festival.

For more information call 206-323-4274 or visit www.threedollarbillcinema.org.

Aug. 5: "Labyrinth" (PG)

Aug. 12: "The Apple" (PG)

Aug. 19: "Footloose" (PG)

West Seattle Movies On the Wall

Free; Saturdays at dusk, admission begins at 6:30 p.m., at 4410 California Ave. S.W.

For more information visit www.westseattlemovies.blogspot.com.

Aug. 6: "Despicable Me" (PG)

Aug. 13: "Jurassic Park" (PG-13)

Aug. 20: "Toy Story 3" (G)

Around King County

Auburn Summer Sounds and Cinema

Free; Fridays at dusk, family-friendly music before movie at 7 p.m., at various locations in Auburn.

For more information call 253-931-3043 or visit www.auburnwa.gov.

Aug. 5: "How to Train Your Dragon" (PG), Sunset Park, 1306 69th St. S.E.

Aug. 12: "Big" (PG), Les Gove Park, 910 Ninth St.

Aug. 19: "Megamind" (PG), Les Gove Park

Kent Summer Nights and the Silver Screen

Free; Fridays, showtimes vary, at Town Square Plaza, Second Avenue and Harrison Street in Kent.

For more information call 253-856-5050 or www.kentarts.com.

Aug. 12: "Pirates of the Caribbean" (PG-13), 9:15 p.m.

Aug. 19: "School of Rock" (PG-13), 9 p.m.

Aug. 26: "Grease" (PG), 8:45 p.m.

Tukwila Summer Outdoor Cinema Series

Free, donations for Tukwila Food Pantry accepted; Fridays at dusk, admission begins at 7:30 p.m., at Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave. S., Tukwila.

For more information call 206-768-2822.

Aug. 5: "Tangled" (PG)

Aug. 12: "Yogi Bear" (PG)

Aug. 19: "Alpha and Omega" (PG)

I-Hotel

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still in use today.

After the screening, Dr. Estella Habal, who helped organize the former tenants of the I-Hotel in the 1980s, and Emil de Guzman, a former tenant of the I-Hotel and housing justice advocate, participated in a panel discussion about the historic struggle to save the I-Hotel. Bob Santos, a former HUD regional director and organizer in Seattle's International District, joined them on the panel.

While the International District today remains the hub of Seattle's Asian-American community, Manilatown in San Francisco no longer exists. Large office high-rises, including the Transamerica Pyramid, have since replaced the SRO hotels and businesses that comprised the heart of San Francisco's Filipino community.

police in riot gear crashed through the line with nightsticks and forcibly evicted the remaining elderly tenants.

After this tragic night, the hotel was torn down, and the vacant lot remained a sad reminder of this event for nearly 30 years. The site was finally developed in 2005, and is now home to a 104-unit senior housing building called "International Hotel Senior Housing." A crowd of 700 attended the ribbon cutting.

The new building commemorates the struggle for housing justice and the I-Hotel with a learning center sponsored by the Manilatown Heritage Foundation. The walls of the center exhibit photos of the many tenants of the old I-Hotel.

Although most of the original I-Hotel residents are now deceased and the rest dispersed, low-income seniors now have a place to live in their community.

Despite the I-Hotel's demise, leaders like

Dr. Habal and de Guzman never gave up their fight for housing justice. Both became involved in nonprofit organizations devoted to creating affordable housing.

The organizing strategies learned during the I-Hotel struggle left their imprint on efforts to prevent displacement in Seattle's International District. Santos spoke of a similar hotel—the Milwaukee—formerly on Seventh and King. With the building slated for demolition, community organizers worked to prevent evictions, and mobilized to get agreements from developers to invest in projects to improve the community.

New affordable housing was subsequently created in the neighborhood, so that tenants of the Milwaukee could at least relocate within the community.

To this day, our International District still is a vibrant neighborhood, where Asian-American cultural identities can be proudly expressed.

Health

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(Bastyr),” Sheila said.

Renee has had PTSD for the past 15 years, and for the past three years has used homeopathic medications and naturopathic care to keep her from using pharmaceuticals like Zoloft or Prozac for help.

She said that she also uses massage and Reiki, a type of touch therapy, to help her remain calm and to avoid anger-provoking situations.

She also keeps her blood pressure readings low and receives nutritional counseling through Bastyr.

Even Sheila’s dog, Buster, has benefited from her weekly visits to Mary’s Place. Buster received witch’s weed for a rash that soon disappeared after the salve was applied.

For these three clients, Bastyr’s teaching clinic at Mary’s Place has provided free supplements and weekly advice and support.

Supervising Doctor Christine Honda and a group of fourth-year residents from Bastyr University provide services to at least 12 patients per week. Some need regular care, while others come periodically.

Honda, who specializes in homeopathy, has also worked with the homeless at Tent City 3, and through UCLA’s Nursing Program at Skid Row.

Homeopathy is the use of small increments of natural-based elements that work on the whole person — physical, mental and emotional, Honda explained.

The dosage of medication depends on the type of injury or ailment, and whether it is an acute or chronic ailment, such as depression or diabetes.

Bach flower remedies are an alternative medicine used for specific emotional and physical ailments. Honda explained that the remedies are derived from the essences of



PHOTO BY BRENDA NETH

Resident interns and Dr. Christine Honda (third from right) of Bastyr University provide homeopathic and naturopathic care at no cost to patients at Mary’s Place, a day center for homeless women and children in Seattle. Bastyr hosts similar clinics at locations throughout the city.

flowers and trees.

As an example, she described Rescue Remedy, which treats shock or trauma. Within the liquid remedy, the essence of the flowers crabapple, impatiens, clematis, star of Bethlehem, rock rose, and cherry plum can be found.

Each helps in treating the shock, fear, and anger that come from experiencing trauma.

Honda stated that the Bach flower remedies can be used separately or combined, and that it can be a quicker remedy to use than homeopathy because of the length of time it takes to get to know the patient’s case when using homeopathy.

Homeopathy requires more lengthy interviewing of a patient’s condition, and the elements of homeopathy also come from insects, animals and minerals, as well as

plants and trees.

As an example, the remedy Apis, which is used for allergic reactions, is derived from bees. Other remedies might come from the milk of an animal, such as dog’s milk, or from marine life, such as oyster shell.

Honda mentioned that she tries to use just one remedy, rather than combining different homeopathic remedies, when treating patients. Unlike Bach flower remedies, homeopathic medicine come in small white pellets, and between three to five pellets are taken for each dosage.

For acute conditions, such as an earache, the remedy would be specific for that illness, rather than a general or constitutional use.

Honda herself has taken homeopathy, and shared a moment when she saw how

it had helped a client that she was having difficulty with. While interning with the supervising naturopathic doctor at Mary’s Place in 2005, Honda was affected by the coarse and angry reactions one client was having.

She took a remedy that helped her handle her startled reactions to loud noises. When she returned in 2008, the same client had been transformed through counseling at Mary’s Place, and through the use of naturopathic and homeopathic remedies.

“She became this peaceful person reaching out. She was no longer homeless. It was nice to see she had more ease in her life.” Honda said.

Honda stressed that she and her interns co-manage with other doctors, referring to specialists or to the hospital if it is necessary.

“Patients are the ones doing the personal growth. We’re just providing support,” Honda said. “It’s like teamwork — it’s not just the doctor telling the patient what to do. We’re here to support personal health and growth.”

She added that homeopathy can help when the use of traditional medicine has brought no solutions, and that homeopathy and Bach flower remedies are cost-effective.

Honda mentioned that Seattle’s Tent City 3 also has a supervising naturopath who specializes in homeopathy.

She added that she has volunteered as part of the Alternative Health Care Access Campaign, which promotes free and low-cost alternative healthcare.

For more information on free and low-cost health care, visit the AHAC website at www.ahacseattle.org. A list of community clinics operated by Bastyr University is also available at www.bastyr.edu/public. Select “Community Clinics” from the list. Some sites require a physician’s referral.

Metro

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putting the car-tab fee on the ballot would cost an estimated \$800,000.

Josh Kavanagh, the director of transportation services at the University of Washington, urged the “councilmatic” passage of the ordinance — via a two-thirds supermajority of the council.

“Transit is a basic service, clearly the domain of the council,” Kavanagh said during the comment period. He added that to send the ordinance to voters would send the message that funding transit is a choice, and therefore make it acceptable to deny users a basic service.

“I’m not prepared to say that, and I hope you’re not, either,” he said.

With the vote now delayed, action on the ordinance is expected by Aug. 15 — the deadline to place the car-tab fee on the November ballot would be the following day.

Dip in sales tax revenue compounds Metro funding woes

Since the repeal of the motor-vehicle excise tax in 1999, Metro’s primary revenue source has come from a sales tax in King County, which has been at the maximum level of 0.9 percent since 2006.

But the ongoing recession has led to a decline in consumer spending within the county, and with it a significant drop in Metro’s sales tax base.

The proposed \$20 car-tab fee would collect some \$50 million in revenue, enough for Metro to largely maintain its current level of service. The fee would expire after two years.

Should the tab fee not be enacted, Metro stands to reduce service by about 17 percent. Those cuts would impact about 80 percent of Metro riders, according to



PHOTO BY TYLER ROUSH

Metro buses pass the King County Courthouse building on Third Avenue in downtown Seattle.

Andrew Austin, field director for the Transportation Choices Coalition, a statewide coalition supporting transit reform.

Reducing Metro service by that amount would be the equivalent of cutting all weekend bus service or all routes that serve the Eastside, according to Austin.

“It means more time waiting for your buses, it means overcrowded buses, late buses, and sometimes eliminated buses,” Austin said.

According to Austin, it also means an estimated 15,000 additional cars on King County roads each day.

Even with added revenue from the tab fee, the longterm outlook for Metro funding is grim. Metro is anticipating its revenue will dip \$315 million below projections for the 2012-13 and 2014-15 budget cycles, according to information on Metro’s website.

Widespread support expressed for Metro funding

Public support for the car-tab fee has been strong. About 700 people attended a public hearing in the council chambers July 12, with supporters lining up around the block to offer comment. About 350 people turned out for a similar hearing in Burien

a week later. The Transportation Choices Coalition collected 12,000 signatures and e-mails in support of the ordinance, according to Austin.

Support for the car-tab fee was nearly unanimous among those who attended the meeting. Significantly, several car owners indicated their support for it.

Gene Hess, a car owner who commutes by bus to his job downtown, gave a checklist of reasons for why he supports the \$20 fee.

“I felt like besides the fact we don’t want to have the downtown more congested, we don’t want it more polluted, and we don’t want to prevent people from getting where they need to go if they don’t have a car — if those reasons aren’t enough, anyone who owns a car and rides the bus is going to be heavily penalized,” he said, speaking to a reporter prior to the meeting. “It’s going to cost them a lot more if this doesn’t pass” — particularly in gas money and parking fees, he added.

Hess was not the only car owner at the meeting who opts to use transit whenever possible.

“I mainly use the bus because I believe it’s the right thing to do,” said Jim Flint, also speaking before the meeting. “To develop better cities, we have to have better public transportation.”

The retiree owns a car but says he rides the bus three or four times a week.

“The car stays in the driveway most days — Prius at that,” he said.

Jessica Brand, also a car owner, said she supports the tab fee. She’s not a regular bus rider, though — she rides light-rail.

That doesn’t seem to affect her opinion on the importance of maintaining bus service.

“Fundamentally, not having access to buses is a big deal,” she said before the

meeting.

The concern that struck her most personally, however, was the environmental cost associated with cutting back on bus service.

“My life would change because more cars would be on the road, which means more runoff into the Sound,” said Brand, who added that air pollution would also increase with more cars on the road.

“This is about a quality-of-life issue that people don’t seem to be talking about,” she said.

Adam Drake was one of four deaf-blind who together offered comment at the meeting. All indicated that cuts to Metro would disproportionately affect persons with disabilities, who rely on bus service for virtually all of their transportation needs.

“Unlike other people, we can’t drive,” Drake said through an ASL interpreter. “The cuts that are proposed would be very damaging to us.”

Mark Landrenau, who works for Light-house for the Blind, said through an interpreter that those who are visually-impaired and hearing-impaired are “hugely dependent on the bus transit system.”

Other speakers also framed the debate as a social justice issue. Estela Ortega, executive director of El Centro de la Raza, urged the council to consider the communities, largely low-income, that rely on bus service to get to work each day.

“Let today be about adding confidence to peoples’ lives so they can be assured everyday that they can get to work, or get to an interview for a precious job,” she said.

Instead, the council chose that day to continue to weigh its options. Though not precisely the conclusion that many Metro supporters desired, the decision renews hope that the council may yet reach agreement on passage of the car-tab fee.

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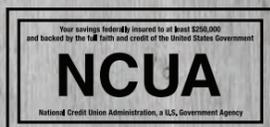


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LUẬT “KHÓA CÙM” VÔ BÁNH XE ĐƯỢC THI HÀNH

Nếu quý vị có trên 4 giấy phạt đậu xe mà không trả tiền phạt cho thành phố, thì xe của quý vị bị khóa cùm.
Những chiếc xe với trên 4 giấy phạt đậu xe mà chưa thanh toán tiền phạt cho thành phố sẽ bị khóa cùm vào bánh xe. Chương trình khóa cùm này đã bắt đầu hôm ngày 5 tháng Bảy.
Chỉ những chiếc xe đậu trên đường phố mới bị khóa cùm. Xe của quý vị đậu trên lối đi riêng của tư nhân thì không bị.
Thành phố ước lượng có khoản từ 40 đến 50 chiếc xe mỗi ngày sẽ bị khóa cùm.
Những chiếc xe bị khóa cùm sẽ bị kéo đi trong vòng 48 giờ, không kể ngày cuối tuần, trừ khi các giấy phạt được thanh toán đầy đủ hoặc những người chủ thỏa thuận cho việc

thanh toán. Nếu không trả tiền phạt và những tiền lệ phí trong vòng 15 ngày, thì chiếc xe sẽ bị đưa đi bán đấu giá.

Cộng thêm vào tiền phạt, chủ xe sẽ phải trả thêm tiền lệ phí cùm xe là \$145 trước khi chiếc xe được trả về.

Hãy vào trang mạng <http://web1.seattle.gov/courts/scofflaws/Default.aspx>, và đánh vào bản số xe của quý vị để biết xem xe có nằm trong danh sách bị khóa cùm hay không, hoặc gọi cho số 206-684-5600. Để biết thông tin về việc trả tiền phạt, hãy gọi cho số đó hoặc đi đến Tòa Án Thành Phố ở địa chỉ 600 Fifth Ave. Tòa án mở cửa từ 8 giờ sáng đến 5 giờ chiều.

Cần thêm thông tin, xin hãy vào trang mạng www.seattle.gov/scofflaw

Блокировка машин вступила в действие
Если у вас четыре или больше неуплаченных штрафных талонов в городе Сиэтле, ваша машина может быть заблокирована.
На колёса машин с четырьмя или больше неуплаченными штрафами в городе Сиэтле теперь могут надеть блокирующее устройство. Программа блокировки вступила в силу 5-го июля.
Могут быть заблокированы только те машины, которые запаркованы на общественных улицах. Ваш автомобиль не может быть заблокирован, если он запаркован в частном проезде, вне общественных улиц.
Городские власти определяют возможность ежедневной блокировки в пределах 40-50 машин.
Машины с надетыми на колёса блокировочными устройствами могут быть отбуксированы в течении 48 часов, исключая выходные дни, если штраф не

уплачен полностью или владелец не принял план уплаты штрафа в рассрочку. Если все штрафные талоны и сопутствующие пошлины не уплачены в течении 15-ти дней с момента отбуксировки, то автомобиль может быть выставлен на продажу с аукциона.

В дополнение к пошлинам за парковку владельцы машин должны будут уплатить \$145 за блокировку до того, как вызволить свою машину с конфисковочной парковки.

Выйдите на вебсайт <http://web1.seattle.gov/courts/scofflaw/Default.aspx> и введите номерной знак своего автомобиля, чтобы узнать, находите ли вы в списке насмешников над законом, или позвоните 206-684-5600. Для получения информации об уплате позвоните по этому же номеру или посетите городской суд Сиэтла по адресу: 600 Fifth Avenue. Суд работает с понедельника по пятницу с 8 утра до 5 вечера. Дополнительную информацию можно получить онлайн www.seattle.gov/scofflaw.

The mission of the Seattle Housing Authority is to enhance the Seattle community by creating and sustaining decent, safe and affordable living environments that foster stability and self-sufficiency for people with low incomes.

Playground makeover

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SHA NEWS

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News and information about Seattle's neighborhoods

Public forum scheduled to discuss proposed non-smoking policy

By THAI NGUYEN
Seattle Housing Authority

A public forum will be held from 6 – 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 on the topic of whether public housing buildings should be free of tobacco smoke. The forum will be held at the Porchlight building at 907 N.W. Ballard Way.

At the forum, audience members will be able to get more information on the benefits of a non-smoking policy and the obstacles to implementation from experts in the field.

Panel member experts will be available to share their knowledge and experiences with non-smoking policies.

The panel will consist of partners at Public Health Seattle and King County, local housing authorities that are in the process or have already implemented non-smoking policies, mental health experts and fire safety professionals.

The Seattle Housing Authority is considering implementing non-smoking policies at all SHA properties, including Low Income Public Housing, Hope VI, Special Portfolio and privately-managed properties.

The purpose of a non-smoking policy is to reduce the known health effects of secondhand smoke, minimize maintenance and repair costs associated with smoking-related damages, allow all Seattle Housing staff the opportunity to perform their jobs in an environment that is smoke-free, and decrease the risk of smoking-related fires.

For those reasons, the Housing Authority has already implemented non-smoking policies in the Seattle Senior Housing Program and its nearly 1,000 apartment units last August.

Similarly, all new construction and substantially rehabbed units follow a non-smoking policy as well.

Earlier this year, community meetings

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Lake City Court comes alive



PHOTO BY ROBB BAILEY

Worker prepare for a concrete pour on the site of the new connector road between Lake City Court (left) and Lake City House on July 22. The project makes use of permeable concrete that reduces the potential for surface runoff by allowing rain water to seep right into the earth.

By SVEN KOEHLER
Seattle Housing Authority

The grand opening of Lake City Court is just over the horizon. The four-story building, SHA's brand-new 86-unit family-oriented apartment building in North Seattle, is still humming with construction activity in preparation for occupancy later this summer.

With the apparent exception of this July, summer in Seattle usually means sunny days. Sun is especially relevant to Lake City Court because of the extensive use of solar energy for hot water and electricity generation to cover a substantial portion of the building's energy usage.

Luckily, the latest technology in solar panels and collectors installed on the roof will gather energy even without

direct sunshine.

But even with Seattle's general lack of sunshine this summer, the finishing touches being added to the building and the surrounding grounds are brightening the neighborhood.

Neighbors in Lake City House, the Low Income Public Housing building next door, think the development of Lake City Court represents an improvement over the scruffy vacant lot that was there before.

"Finally, we're getting real sidewalks that actually go somewhere!" exclaimed Shelly Cohen, a Lake City House resident whose apartment overlooks the site.

Cohen was referring to the previous lack of sidewalks along 33rd Avenue

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Seattle Housing sells Central Office building, plans for relocation

By SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF

The Seattle Housing Authority has sold its Central Office building at 120 Sixth Ave. N to Cedarstrand Properties LLC, a subsidiary of Vulcan, Inc. The selling price was \$7.5 million.

"We have been considering sale of this building for some time. The leasing market is very favorable now, and we can take this opportunity to bring staff together and free up the cash that is tied up in both the Central Office building and the Porchlight building," said Seattle Housing's Deputy Director Al Levine.

The 44,500-square-foot property on Sixth Avenue was purchased by Cedarstrand because it's a good asset near Vulcan's other holdings in South Lake Union, and because the company is "feeling positive about the Seattle investment market," according to a Vulcan spokesperson.

The Housing Authority is also in the process of selling the Porchlight building at 907 Ballard Ave. N.W., and is working with an interested party on that deal. That building has about 35,500 square feet, and Seattle Housing occupies half of it.

The state Department of Social and Health Services rented space in the first floor of the building but moved to a different location several months ago.

The Housing Authority is looking for a new office space that can house staff from both the Central Office and Porchlight, in hopes of improving efficiency and serving clients and residents in a more convenient, transit-friendly location. A move is not expected until sometime in 2012.

No RAC meeting in August

The Resident Action Council will not meet in August. Its next regular meeting will be Sept. 14.

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'Dream Big' scholarship winners named

For one, her 'year off' is a busy year indeed

By SCOTT FREUTEL
Seattle Housing Authority

Seven young people whose families are assisted by Seattle Housing programs were recently awarded \$1,000 'Dream Big' college scholarships.

Tran Huynh's family participates in the agency's Housing Choice Voucher program (Section 8). Karina Lucas Fernandez and Vi

Nguyen live at High Point; Faduma Moalim lives at Jackson Park. Amanuel Fentahun and Misra Abdela live at Rainier Vista; and Ruby Li at Yesler Terrace.

Of these recipients, at least one, Ruby Li — who was also awarded a \$2,500 Housing Authority Insurance Group scholarship — has her eye on a college that's far from Seattle: a top-notch fashion school in Manhattan.

"I'm 19, and I was born somewhere in China — I moved to the United States around the age of 2," Li said in a recent interview conducted by e-mail. "I'm an only

child who was raised by a single mother.

"I graduated from Garfield High School last year — class of 2010. In high school, I was always interested in business classes such as marketing. I was never good at science, but that's okay because it has nothing to do with my major.

"After being accepted to most of the colleges that I applied to my freshman year, the realities of finances gave the final say to my future," Li continued. "I had to go to Seattle Central Community College for my fresh-

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Seattle Housing's 2010 Annual Report now available

By LAURA GENTRY
Seattle Housing Authority

Seattle Housing Authority recently completed a 2010 Annual Report, available in print and online. The report, titled "Building with Partners," spotlights Seattle Housing's work alongside other businesses, nonprofits and government agencies in order to make the most of the agency's limited resources.

Executive Director Tom Tierney writes in the report's introduction, "Together we are building a viable future for Seattle's low-income residents — a future of choice and opportunity where a safe and healthy home is the foundation for success."

The report features several highlights from the year, including the completion of Tamarack Place at Rainier Vista, renovations of four Seattle Senior Housing properties, redevelopment planning work done on Yesler Terrace, and the agency's ability to build and improve housing units through the help of the Low-Income Tax Credit program.

To view a copy of the report online, go to <http://seattlehousing.org/news/annual/2010>. To receive a printed copy of the report, contact Michele Mosher in the Communications department at 206-615-3522.

Building with partners

SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
2010 Annual Report



Tamarack Place, fully leased in December 2010, provides 83 new low-income apartments just a few steps from the train station.

Our partners make all the difference in our success

"We could not do it without you!" That is the message I want to deliver to each and every business, nonprofit and government agency that partners with us. You make a huge difference in our ability to meet our mission of fostering self-sufficiency and creating decent, safe and affordable housing. Together we are building a viable future for Seattle's low-income residents — a future of choice and opportunity where a safe and healthy home is the foundation for success.

As we face tough economic times, the partnerships we have forged over the past several decades allow us to make the most of limited resources. Sometimes we financially support the efforts of our nonprofit partners through rent subsidies and vouchers. At other times, we are the direct recipients of funding and services — from HUD, from the City of Seattle, and from our development partners. We have seen the fruits of our partnerships this year as we opened new housing at Tamarack Place in Rainier Vista, as we

made important capital repairs to buildings such as Dorn Terrace and Schwabacher House, and as we provided compassionate assistance to elderly and disabled residents throughout our public housing buildings. Without support from our partners, we simply could not have developed the new and rehabilitated housing we completed in 2010.

I wish we could name and recognize each one of our supporters and partners, but we have space in this report to specifically name only a few. Even so, both our board and staff extend our sincere appreciation for all of the ways that our committed partners share in our dedication to serving Seattle's low-income residents.




Small and Simple grants to focus on emergency preparedness

By VOICE STAFF

Small and Simple grants issued by the City of Seattle will have a single focus this fall: emergency preparedness.

The Seattle Department of Neighborhoods announced last month that it would partner with the Office of Emergency Management in awarding grants this fall.

Grants will be awarded to community members and groups interested in connecting, organizing and planning for emergencies. In a press release, the Department of Neighborhoods noted that recent disasters in the United States and around the world have demonstrated the need for further attention to preparedness.

Applications that fall outside of the emergency preparedness focus will not be accepted in this final grant cycle for 2011.

Information on project types, funding levels and the application process will be available at www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/smallandsimple.htm later this fall.

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Seattle Housing Authority among 29 Washington state housing authorities to receive capital funds from HUD

SHA receives \$10.3 million to fund capital improvements

By VOICE STAFF

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced last month that it was awarding \$25.8 million from its Capital Fund Program to help 29 Washington state housing authorities improve their public housing stock.

Seattle Housing's share of the award will be about \$10.3 million — funds that may be applied to large-scale structural improvements such as new roofs and upgrades to energy efficiency such as the replacement of old plumbing and electrical systems.

"While this funding will certainly help housing authorities address long-standing capital improvements, it only scratches the surface in addressing the deep backlog we're seeing across the country," said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. "Housing Authorities need nearly \$26 billion to keep these homes safe and decent for families, but given our budget realities, we must find other, innovative ways to confront the decline of our public housing stock. That's why we introduced our new Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) as part of our comprehensive strategy to keep these homes

on firm financial footing."

The capital funds represent just a fraction of the finances necessary to upgrade the nation's 1.2 million public housing units. According to a recent HUD report, about \$25.8 billion is needed to make large-scale repairs to ensure that existing public housing stock is decent and sustainable.

"Unless we transform the way we fund our public housing authorities," Sandra B. Henriquez, HUD Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, said, "local managers will be increasingly forced to choose between repairing roofs, replacing plumbing, or worst of all, demolishing or selling their properties. We simply can't afford to let that happen."

To help protect the existing housing stock from shrinking due to units falling into disrepair, the Obama Administration has established the Transforming Rental Assistance Initiative.

HUD has requested \$200 million for fiscal-year 2012 to apply to a Transforming Rental Assistance demonstration. The funds will allow housing authorities to use both public and private financing in addressing capital improvements, allowing the repair and modernization of public housing units while also creating construction jobs in communities around the country.

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Note: If you responded to this survey last month, thank you! Your feedback is very much appreciated.

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The Voice is developed and edited by Neighborhood House with help from SHA residents and staff. It strives to provide a forum for objective news and information of interest to low-income people and those living in SHA communities.

The Voice welcomes articles, letters to the editor and columns from readers. If you'd like to submit an article, or if you have a question about anything you've read in this publication, feel free to contact Editor Tyler Roush at (206) 461-8430, ext. 227 or by e-mail at tylerr@nhwa.org.

If you have questions about SHA-related stories, you may also contact SHA Communications Director Virginia Felton at 206-615-3506 or by e-mail at vfelton@seattlehousing.org.

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POINT OF VIEW

NEWS ABOUT THE SEATTLE SENIOR HOUSING PROGRAM AND SEATTLE'S HIGH-RISE COMMUNITIES

Respite Program at Jefferson Terrace to offer a sneak preview



PHOTO BY SVEN KOEHLER

The new respite office, created from a former studio apartment at Jefferson Terrace, will house the 24/7 respite care staff, who will make sure the respite floor stays safe and secure.

BY SVEN KOEHLER
Seattle Housing Authority

Contractors were working long hours on the seventh floor of Jefferson Terrace in late July to apply the finishing touches of the transformation from apartments to the Respite Care program. Two grand opening celebrations were scheduled right on the heels of the construction workers walking out the door.

The first event is scheduled for Aug. 1, right as the construction dust settles. Residents of the building will have the first sneak preview of the changes to the apartments at a special opening event with private tours of the brand new facility.

The next day, a public ceremony will be attended by City Council members, representatives from the project's various funding sources, and Seattle Housing Authority Executive Director Tom Tierney.

On the tours of the seventh floor, residents of Jefferson Terrace should notice

that the familiar layout of the studio apartments has been redesigned as temporary sleeping and recuperation quarters in a semi-private configuration. The kitchens in the apartments were removed to make room for more than one occupant per room, since meals will be prepared and served in a common dining area.

The Respite Care facility is a stand-alone program within the walls of Jefferson Terrace. There are separate entrances, dedicated staff and a distinct mission, different than the existing Low Income Public Housing that has been offered since the 17-story, 299-unit building's construction in 1967.

There is no direct connection between the existing residential environment and the program, much like Full Life Care, formerly Elderhealth Northwest, which also operates a non-residential program from the building's six floor.

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PHOTO BY ROBB BAILEY

Workers carry out the concrete pour for the new connector road between Lake City Court and Lake City House.

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Northeast that left his building isolated from the rest of the neighborhood. New sidewalks are part of the project.

The new building stands on the old footprint of the former Lake City Village, 16 townhouses that were torn down after they repeatedly flooded due to the insufficient drainage of 33rd Avenue Northeast.

A new, sophisticated storm water detention and management system addresses the water issues that doomed the former housing project.

"If needed, the system can absorb the volume of a hundred-year flood and discharge it slowly into the storm drain system rather than cause water to pool on the site," explained Project Manager Frank Burns.

Burns' job at the Housing Authority has come full circle, as he was responsible for demolishing the swamped buildings nearly a decade ago, and now leads the construction of the site's rebirth.

Another strategy to wisely deal with rain water is the permeable concrete employed around the site.

This builds on the success of Seattle Housing Authority's use of this material in Washington's first public roads with permeable concrete, installed almost a decade ago in the High Point community in West Seattle.

This special concrete has air pockets to let water drain through rather than rush along the surface as runoff. Crews poured this material in late July as part of a well-landscaped local connector road between Lake City House and Lake City Court that restores a vital neighborhood link from 33rd and 35th Avenue.

More than 20 large trees and scores of smaller ones have been planted on the site. Landscaped courtyard spaces provide benches and greenery as a respite for residents and neighbors.

There is even a plan for a tree inside

the building: a beautiful artwork of laser-cut metal depicting the winding branches of a tree, created by artist Melissa Koch, will grace the lobby of the building. Koch previously created some of the artwork in the Housing Authority's Tamarack Place building in the Rainier Vista neighborhood.

In mid-August, preparations for a different kind of life for the neighborhood will commence.

At present, there are few amenities for kids in the vicinity, but in mid-August, two playgrounds will be installed on site for the younger set of future residents.

Indoors, an onsite computer lab will offer education, training and entertainment options.

The apartment building increases the pool of affordable, larger-sized units for families and was designed to meet the needs of kids and adults alike, explained Stephanie Van Dyke, the Housing Authority's Director of Development.

The architect was requested to provide places for children to gather, play and use the building, while minimizing the impact on neighbors.

One such feature is noise-dampening construction methods in the hallways, which should allow "kids to be kids" without disrupting the peace and quiet of surrounding apartments.

All penetrations in the walls, both to the outside and between units, are completely insulated to prevent noise from travelling.

Of course, the value of the building's design will only be truly apparent after residents move in.

Property Manager Mai Lan Riggle hopes to be able to invite the first families to attend the Grand Opening ceremony planned for this September, after they have already moved in and unpacked their belongings in their new homes. If you are interested in learning more about making Lake City Court your new home, call 363-1471.

Transition to federal subsidy for SSHP program to require resident interviews

BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF

In mid-July, Seattle Housing Authority mailed letters to all residents in the Seattle Senior Housing Program to let them know what to expect as federal housing subsidy is brought into the program.

Following last month's approval of changes to the annual Housing Authority work plan (known as the MTW Plan), Seattle Housing has notified the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the intention to move forward with the program. Formal approval from HUD is expected this fall.

In preparation for that transition, each SSHP resident must be officially certified as to their eligibility to receive a

federal housing subsidy. This includes all members of the household. Certification interviews will take place between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30.

Later in the summer, Housing Authority staff will mail each resident a certification packet containing a number of forms to complete in advance of the interview. Staff will conduct interviews in the community rooms of each building. Residents will be notified of their building's interview schedule in the certification packet.

If residents have any questions about certifying their eligibility for Public Housing subsidy, they may call the Admissions Office at (206) 239-1737, Tuesday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

HIGH POINT HERALD

NEWS ABOUT THE HIGH POINT COMMUNITY

High Point residents envision their dream playground



PHOTO BY BIANCA GARCIA

Community members gathered at the Neighborhood House High Point Center for a KaBoom! Playground Design Day July 19. The well-attended event drew residents from around the neighborhood to present design input for the planned playground. Youth and teens offered their own designs in the early session. Afterward, adults took a turn creating their own designs. The community input will go into the actual planning for the KaBoom! Playground, which will be located in Bataan Park. The construction date for the playground is scheduled for Sept. 23. The High Point KaBoom! Playground project is sponsored by Windermere Real Estate.

High Point news in brief

Healthy foods are just a walk away

Community partners host an educational walk, promoting healthy eating in the High Point neighborhood

Healthy foods are here in High Point.

The "Healthy Foods Here" project hosted a "Healthy Foods Here Walk" in the High Point neighborhood Friday, July 22, to promote wellness and healthy eating in the neighborhood.

Participating locations included the Neighborhood House High Point Center, West Seattle Food Bank, Walgreens, High Point Mini Market and the High Point Market Garden. Walkers visited each of the five locations, where educational activities, free food and prizes awaited.

"We're providing better access to healthy foods," said Healthy Foods Here Technical Assistance Provider Kara Martin. "Eating right isn't just an issue confined to this area, it affects everyone. We invite families to come out to learn about healthy options in a safe and fun environment."

King County Public Health - Seattle and the City of Seattle's Office of Economic Development have partnered in the Healthy Foods Here project, which aims to provide more nutritious food options in underserved communities while at the same time helping businesses in those same neighborhoods to thrive.

To both encourage healthy eating and

promote economic growth in low-income areas, the Healthy Foods Here project is helping businesses that sell fresh fruits and vegetables get certified in food assistance programs such as WIC and SNAP.

For more information on the Healthy Foods Here project, visit www.healthy-foodshere.com.

High Point Farm Stand opens for the season

BY DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

The High Point Farm Stand, which officially opened last month, offers fresh organic produce picked right from the High Point P-Patch Market Garden.

Located at 32nd Avenue Southwest and Southwest Juneau Street, the farm stand will be open every Wednesday through September from 4 to 7 p.m. Fresh vegetables available now include spinach, carrots, leafy vegetables, new onions, peas, turnips and radishes, to name a few.

Seattle P-Patch Market Gardens is a partnership developed with the community by the P-Patch Community Gardening Program in collaboration with the Seattle Housing Authority and P-Patch Trust to support low-income gardeners. Its mission is to establish safe, healthy communities and economic opportunity through community supported agriculture and farm stand enterprises.

To learn about the Seattle P-Patch Market Gardens, visit www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/ppatch/marketgardens.

New homes at High Point defy market gravity

BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF

At a time when Seattle sales of homes both new and old are slow and slowing, one builder, Polygon Northwest, has embarked on a project to build 83 new market-rate homes at High Point, and is selling them steadily.

The first homes to be built in Phase II of High Point's development, some are priced to make them affordable to people seeking "workforce" homes - roughly defined as homes affordable to people whose income is approximately 80 percent of the Bellevue/Seattle area median income.

Home prices begin at \$239,990.

The first of the new homes went on sale in mid-March, when a model home was opened; since then, as of mid-June, the company had sold 20 of the new High Point homes.

Thirty-two more are in process, some awaiting building permits and others nearing completion. The company expects to have turned over the keys to all these homes to their new owners before the end of the year.

The homes come in a variety of sizes and models. Townhome floor plans range from 1,330 to 1,554 square feet and offer two or three bedrooms, a tech area, a den, 2.5 to 3.5 bathrooms, and single-car attached garages.

Single-family homes range from 1400 to 1668 square feet and offer three bedrooms, a tech area, 2.5 bathrooms and a single-car detached garage.

The new homes are "Built Green," and are rated at three stars (of five possible). Common amenities include tile kitchen countertops, GE appliances in black finish including self-cleaning electric ranges with radiant tops, energy-efficient multicycle dishwashers, and up-to-the-moment telephone and data wiring in kitchens, master bedrooms and tech areas.

The smaller townhomes come with energy-efficient washers and dryers installed; larger units are ready for the owners' own washers and dryers.

Front and rear yards are fully landscaped. Five-foot-tall cedar fences provide privacy in rear yards.

There are four model homes at 29th Avenue SW and SW



PHOTO COURTESY OF POLYGON NORTHWEST

One of four model homes in the new Phase II at High Point.

Morgan Street. Loan officers on site can provide information about financing possibilities.

Polygon Northwest's High Point sales office is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. To reach the office, go south on 35th Avenue SW and turn left onto SW Morgan Street. Follow SW Morgan straight past Lanham Place SW and the High Point Neighborhood Center. Take the first left. The sales office will be on the right, at 2801 SW Morgan Street. The office telephone number is (206) 938-4663.

High Point developer for mixed-use site backs out

BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF

Citing difficult economic conditions, the developer for the vacant High Point block at 35th and Graham has backed out of their purchase and sale agreement.

The would-be buyer, Intracorp, decided that the project, which would include 90 townhomes, was not feasible for them at this time.

As a result, the Seattle Housing Authority is once again entertaining proposals for the site.

Since the beginning of redevelopment, the best hope for the site has been to bring in a grocery store or a collection of local shops along with some market-rate rental housing. Because of the difficult economics of the grocery business, however, Seattle Housing has been unsuccessful in achieving this goal. This has been a frustration for the agency and High Point residents alike.



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Upcoming events at the Columbia Branch Library

The Columbia Branch of the Seattle Public Library offers fun and educational events for both children and adults. Here's a sample of what the library has in store for the month of August.

Thursday, Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25

Grupo Bilingüe de Juegos / Bilingual Kaleidoscope Play & Learn, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Grupo Bilingüe de juegos para padres y cuidadores con niños entre las edades de Nacimiento hasta 5 años. / Bilingual play group for ages birth to 5.

Saturday, Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27

Family Story Time, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

It is story time at the Columbia Branch! Bring your children to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with our children's librarian.

Giờ đọc truyện tiếng Việt! (Vietnamese Story Time), Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Thư viện công cộng Seattle tổ chức giờ đọc truyện bằng tiếng Việt cho trẻ em! (The Seattle Public Library is hosting Vietnamese Story Times for young children!)

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 17 and 24

Preschool Story Time, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

It is story time at the Columbia Branch! Bring your family to enjoy preschool stories, rhymes, songs and fun with our children's librarian.

Komputaran barru barreesu waajjiraa Tajaajila Gaanfa Afrikaatti (Word Processing Skills at Horn of Africa Services), 2 – 4 p.m.

Note: This event takes place at Horn of Africa Services, 4714 Rainier Ave. S., #105 Barnoota komputaran barru barreesan barruuqabaan qabatan barsiisa (Learn basic word processing skills.)

Monday, Aug. 15

Ideas for Children's Books Clubs, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

If you've been thinking about starting a children's book club, this is the place to get some ideas! Erica Sternin, Children's

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Saturday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Librarian, will share some children's books that are fun to read and interesting to discuss in a book group

Book group, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

Join us for a book group at the Columbia Branch. Everyone is welcome. This month's title is "For Whom the Bell Tolls" by Ernest Hemingway.

Tuesday, Aug. 16

Game On, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Drop in for open play on the Wii. Options may include racing your Mario kart, singing your way to stardom with American Idol, rocking out with Rock Band, and practicing your dance skills with Dance Dance Revolution. For ages 12 and up.

Going Global, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join juggler Alex Zerbe for a high-energy comedy show that excites kids and adults alike about different cultures and phenomena from around the world. See why this two-time Guinness World Record holder was voted Seattle's Funniest Prop Comic. For ages 5 and up.

All Seattle library locations closed Aug. 29 – Sept. 5

All Library locations will be closed Monday, Aug. 29 through Sunday, Sept. 4 due to citywide budget cuts and on Monday, Sept. 5 for the Labor Day holiday. Regular Library operations will resume Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Smokefree

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were conducted to share survey results, discuss policy options, and provide tobacco cessation resources.

Many residents attended the community meetings with comments of support and concern.

For those who were unable to attend the resident meetings, there will be another opportunity to learn more about the proposed policy, understand what is involved, and ask questions at a public forum.

Public forum on non-smoking policy

Porchlight Office
 907 N.W. Ballard Way, Suite 200
 Seattle, WA 98107
 Tuesday, Aug. 23
 6 – 8 p.m.

If you would like to attend the public forum and require interpretation services, please call Thai Nguyen at 206-615-3338 by Aug. 9 to request a language interpreter.

Respite

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Clients will be at the facility for stays that may stretch to several weeks, but they will not be provided with longterm housing at Jefferson Terrace.

In response to questions from residents voiced at the July 21 Respite Program Advisory Group meeting, Property Manager Laura Van Houten responded that there is no change to Seattle Housing Authority's regular admissions policy that would give Respite clients direct access to permanent housing at Jefferson Terrace, or to bypass the existing waiting list.

The quarterly meetings are part of an effort to create a transparent venue for residents and Seattle Housing staff to work together to create a successful atmosphere for the Respite project to succeed.

The July meeting provided a watershed moment, as signatures were gathered on a Good Neighbor Agreement that outlines

concrete commitments to that end. The agreement is a result of many months of effort, and the presentation was celebrated with coffee and cookies.

Another question posed by a resident at the meeting was about clients sharing building amenities with existing residents. Brent Palmason, Seattle Housing's project manager for the construction at the building, provided details about recent security upgrades to the stairwells and the existing elevator that will prevent non-authorized access to the other parts of the building from the Respite floor. The existing elevator was modified to bypass the seventh floor entirely, unless staff use a restricted-access key.

To reduce additional burdens on the existing building elevator, the most expensive modification for this project was the construction of an entirely new elevator that runs directly between the Respite Program's outside entrance at the sixth-floor street level and the seventh floor.

In addition, a small laundry room and an

on-site space for outpatient medical care were also newly constructed on the seventh floor to serve clients separately from residents, explained Palmason.

Looking inside at the newly reconfigured rooms, you would see beds in each of the facility's client rooms are separated by curtains of the kind that you might see in a health care setting, like a hospital examination room. But admission to the facility is meant for people who are well enough to be discharged from the hospital.

"What Respite offers a homeless person is a safe place to recover from injury or illness, connect with services and work on a better housing plan for the future," explained Chris Hurley at a recent meeting of the Advisory Group.

She is managing the project's implementation for Public Health – Seattle & King County, the agency that initiated the project and received funding from the federal government and the King County Mental Health Fund for construction.

Public Health – Seattle & King County initiated the creation of the facility at Jefferson Terrace several years ago, building on successful programs elsewhere in Seattle.

The Jefferson Terrace program will be operated by staff from Harborview Medical Center, under the direction of Ed Dwyer-O'Connor. He provided an update on the operations status at the July Advisory Group meeting.

While construction should be wrapped up by early August, he is now focusing on hiring a qualified team to operate the program successfully from the day the doors open. Aie Taylor was introduced as the Program Manager.

The first clients may transfer from existing beds at other Respite facilities in late August or early September, and new clients will begin being referred to the location from hospitals shortly thereafter.

The next meeting of the Advisory Group will be in the Jefferson Terrace Community Room on at 4 p.m. Oct. 20.

NEWHOLLY NOTES

NEWS ABOUT THE NEWHOLLY COMMUNITY

NewHolly has a blast at Family Fun Fest



PHOTOS BY LISA DRESSLER

Members of the NewHolly community enjoyed the Family Fun Fest and Health Fair July 15. The Seattle Filipino Youth Activities Drill Team (above) performed as part of event entertainment in the Gathering Hall. Outside, community members (at right) toured a fire engine.

"The Family Fun Fest and Health Fair at NewHolly had a fabulous turnout," said Senior Property Manager Lisa Dressler. "Thank you to all the vendors and volunteers who came out to help make this event a great success!"



Upcoming events at the NewHolly Library

The NewHolly Branch of the Seattle Public Library offers fun and educational events for both children and adults. Here's a sample of what the library has in store for the month of August.

Thursday, Aug. 4

Children's Story Time, 11 - 11:30 a.m.
It is story time at the NewHolly Branch! Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with

our children's librarian.

Saturday, Aug. 6

Bookmaking for Kids, 3 - 4:30 p.m.
Learn a unique and fun book-making technique with talented and creative instructors from the Seattle Center for Book Arts. All materials and supplies provided; parents and older siblings are welcome to stay and help. Drop-ins welcome. For children ages 6-12.

Scholar

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man year because college was just way too expensive. But I am not bitter about financial issues holding me back.

"I decided to take this year off to build my résumé. At SCCC I took an overload of courses throughout the whole year (four classes at 20 credits each quarter vs. the average full-time course load of three at 15 credits), worked part-time in retail, and interned."

Li works at Lucky Brand Jeans, where she's a sales associate, and she's a marketing intern with Chop Suey, the Capitol Hill entertainment venue.

Does Li's "year off" mean she can relax and take it easy?

"I honestly do not have much spare time," she said. "During the school year, I was in school Monday through Friday while interning 14 hours a week and working retail an average of 18 hours a week. I would work more if I could, but my hours have been cut.

"I'm working very hard to build my résumé for future New York employers and saving money for my future rent in the city. I plan on moving to my own apartment when I get out of school in order to save

a lot of money on room and board for the following school year.

"Ever since high school, I've been interested in fashion merchandising. I competed in the annual DECA competitions for my school." DECA is a nationwide nonprofit organization for students with career interests in marketing, entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality and management.

"I'm going to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology in the fall as a fashion merchandising major with a minor in economics."

FIT, part of the State University of New York network, is one of the top fashion schools in the country; its graduates include Nina Garcia, Carolina Herrera, Calvin Klein and Michael Kors. Enrollment is over 10,000.

Li was awarded both a \$2,500 Housing Authority Insurance Group (HAIG) scholarship and \$1,000 'Big Dream' scholarship.

Did her having been awarded these scholarships make a difference?

Yes it did, said Li.

"Money has been an issue my whole life, and I do not want that to hold me back from my full potential. The HAIG and 'Big Dream' scholarships are such a blessing because I need every cent that I can get."

Monday, Aug. 8

Baby Story Time, 1:30 - 2 p.m.
It's story time at the NewHolly Branch! Bring your babies, ages 0-12 months, to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with the children's librarian.

Sheeko Xariiro Ku Bixi Doonta Afka Somaaliga Ayaa Lagu Qaban Doonaa Lay-bareeriga New Holly (Somali Story Time at the New Holly Branch), 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Fadlan Keen Caruurtaada Si Ay U Qaataan Waqti Xiiso leh, Iyo Sheeko Xariiro Ku Bixi Doonta Afka Soomaaliiga. (It is Somali Story Time at the New Holly Branch! Bring your children to enjoy stories, rhymes, and fun in Somali!)

Thursday, Aug. 11

Children's Story Time, 11 - 11:30 a.m.
It is story time at the NewHolly Branch! Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with our children's librarian.

Monday, Aug. 15

Baby Story Time, 1:30 - 2 p.m.
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Thursday, Aug. 18

Children's Story Time, 11 - 11:30 a.m.
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Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with our children's librarian.

Monday, Aug. 22

Baby Story Time, 1:30 - 2 p.m.
It's story time at the NewHolly Branch! Bring your babies, ages 0-12 months, to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs and fun with the children's librarian.

Sheeko Xariiro Ku Bixi Doonta Afka Somaaliga Ayaa Lagu Qaban Doonaa Lay-bareeriga New Holly (Somali Story Time at the New Holly Branch), 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Fadlan Keen Caruurtaada Si Ay U Qaataan Waqti Xiiso leh, Iyo Sheeko Xariiro Ku Bixi Doonta Afka Soomaaliiga. (It is Somali Story Time at the New Holly Branch! Bring your children to enjoy stories, rhymes, and fun in Somali!)

All Seattle library locations closed Aug. 29 - Sept. 5

All Library locations will be closed Monday, Aug. 29 through Sunday, Sept. 4 due to citywide budget cuts, and on Monday, Sept. 5 for the Labor Day holiday.

Regular Library operations will resume Tuesday, Sept. 6.

YESLER HAPPENINGS

NEWS ABOUT THE YESLER TERRACE COMMUNITY

Yesler Terrace has a supporting role in “Coiled” webcomic

By TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

The Yesler Terrace neighborhood is playing what may seem an unlikely role in a sci-fi webcomic.

The world of “Coiled” includes a winged jaguar, headsets that analyze brain waves, references to the rivalry between inventors Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla, and a space station that exists in a virtual realm. It is a very fun and at times quirky piece of science fiction. (In one early scene, an obviously paranoid general creates a map of said space station out of silverware.)

The webcomic is the work of writer Peter Gruenbaum and illustrator Amanda Kingsley, and it’s one of literally thousands that can be found on the web.

“If you don’t know about them, you don’t realize how huge they are,” said Gruenbaum of webcomics.

A technology writer and teacher by day, Gruenbaum had previously worked in the Yesler Terrace computer lab, which is how the neighborhood found its way into “Coiled.”

He had originally written the story as a novel for young adults. But after getting about two-thirds of the way through, he realized the format wasn’t working.

The idea of creating it as a webcomic had intrigued him, and with the unfinished draft of the novel, he had a template for the story.

There was just one problem — he didn’t consider himself to be a very strong artist.

Enter Kingsley, an illustrator from Port Townsend. Kingsley, who had drawn editorial cartoons for a local newspaper, answered an ad Gruenbaum placed seeking help in creating a webcomic.

After exchanging e-mails and discussing the project, Kingsley and Gruenbaum began collaborating on Coiled in the spring of 2010.

Despite communicating exclusively via phone and e-mail when working on a page and rarely meeting in person, their partnership has flourished.

“I respect his ear a whole lot for the writing, and he has great ideas about what frames work well,” Kingsley said. “It’s turned out to be a wonderful surprise that we work well together.”

Of Kingsley’s ability to illustrate a panel from a written script, Gruenbaum said, “It’s amazing how good a job she does of getting what’s in my head and getting it out there on the page.”

The comic is published online at www.coiledcomics.com, at a rate of one panel per

week — a manageable rate for Gruenbaum and Kingsley, if a bit slow for regular readers. Plans are in the works to print a hardcopy of the first part of the series later this year.

Gruenbaum said he has an outline for the main plot arc. To keep up with the pace of publishing online, the duo tries to work about three chapters ahead.

The main protagonist of the story is Joshua, a 12-year-old boy living in Redmond with his father, and who is drawn into a search for his missing mother. The return address on an envelope addressed by his mother leads him to an apartment in Yesler Terrace.

There he meets and befriends two East African teens, Ayana and Bakka, who, Gruenbaum hints during our interview, will join Joshua on an adventure into a virtual world that will drive the main plot of the story.

The characters of Ayana and Bakka are based on people that Gruenbaum met during the time he spent as a teacher in the Yesler Terrace computer lab.

Ayana is a bright, charming and outspoken Somali girl, who happens to live at the address on Joshua’s envelope.

Bakka is a bit of a prankster and has a mischievous streak. From an Oromo family, he likes to adopt an embellished accent, though he’s never left the United States.

In creating the characters of Ayana and Bakka, Gruenbaum relied in part on his experience working in Yesler Terrace. He and Kingsley also researched their respective cultures. While they tried to be faithful to both cultures, they also let the characters develop on their own.

“I try to portray it as real as I can, but I don’t pretend to be an expert in those particular cultures,” Gruenbaum said.

To recreate the Yesler Terrace of their series, Gruenbaum and Kingsley visited the neighborhood. Kingsley took numerous photographs, hoping to capture the look and feel of the community.

Though not the only star of the series, “Coiled” returns frequently to Yesler Terrace. The diversity of the location is one of the things that appealed most to Kingsley, who grew up in Seattle’s Central Area.

“That area is such a mixing pot of immigrant populations coming in from all over the world,” Kingsley said. “It’s particularly a new take on things for Joshua, our protagonist, who’s from Redmond.”

“I think it’s a particularly rich part of the fabric of Seattle.”

To read “Coiled,” visit coiledcomics.com.

Volunteers raise the roof



PHOTO BY TYLER ROUSH

From left, Seth Klinkers of Virginia Mason and Crothall Healthcare, Gary Nevins of Bastyr University, Kimmy Klinkers of Jacobs Engineering and Kenneth James of GLY Construction assemble the roof of a new play structure in the Yesler Terrace Head Start play area.

Coalition of healthcare volunteers complete makeover of Head Start play area

By TYLER ROUSH
The Voice editor

It was a chilly Saturday, marked by overcast skies and the occasional drizzle of rain. A typical July day in Seattle, at least for this summer.

But despite the cool temperatures and intermittent showers, Yesler Terrace was humming with the work of dozens of volunteers, here to complete a one-day makeover of the Neighborhood House Head Start play area.

“It’s a wonderful thing to be able to help the community, especially those who are less fortunate,” said Bob Axley, of Wood Harbinger, Inc., a paint roller in his hand. After speaking for a few more moments with a reporter, he returned to applying a fresh coat of paint on an exterior wall.

Axley was one member of a large group of volunteers assembled through a partnership with Seattle University, Swedish Medical Center and the Washington State Society for Healthcare Engineering (WSSHE).

While a few volunteers worked with paint brushes and rollers, others busily assembled play structures, smoothed out bark chips or swept away loose sand and gravel.

Though Head Start won’t be in session for another month, one could easily imagine preschoolers enjoying the brand-new

play area.

Robert Blakey of CB Richard Ellis and president of WSSHE, said that choosing to support the Neighborhood House Head Start program was a natural fit, because the agency has been “a beacon of hope and opportunity in this community since 1906.”

The Yesler Terrace Playground remodel was “an opportunity for us to throw a little light in their direction, in a period when there are a lot of stormy seas around us.”

The Head Start makeover extended beyond the playground and into the classroom, as well. The group painted both classrooms, and even donated new appliances for the kitchen.

When they approached Neighborhood House about remodeling the Head Start play area, the agency explained that the current classroom building would be demolished in a few years to make way for the planned redevelopment of Yesler Terrace, with the Head Start program moving to what is now the old steam plant building.

That information did not deter the group, said Ray Li, Neighborhood House’s director of strategic initiatives.

“They were onboard from the start,” Li said.

Diane Monroe, of Highline Medical Center, said the success of the project reflects the ability of a motivated and determined group to achieve results.

“It’s the power of numbers to make a big impact,” Monroe said, “and it’s a lot of wonderful people (coming together).”

Correction

In the article “Chimes of freedom: Yesler celebrates Juneteenth” in the July 2011 issue, a quote was erroneously attributed to Seattle Housing Authority Deputy Director Al Levine. The quote was made by Deputy Director Andrew Lofton.

Choice Neighborhood site visit raises hope, stirs excitement

By SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY STAFF

On June 21, nine evaluators from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development visited Seattle to tour the Choice Neighborhoods site, which includes Yesler Terrace.

Choice Neighborhoods is a HUD program that would provide \$27 million to kick-start the redevelopment process in the Yesler Neighborhood. If successful in getting the grant, Seattle Housing Authority

would begin construction in about a year on new housing east of Boren Avenue.

“We all tried to impress upon the evaluators the ability of this grant to serve as a catalyst for redevelopment in the Yesler Neighborhood,” said Seattle Housing Development Director Stephanie Van Dyke. “We are excited at this opportunity and hopeful that they saw the potential that exists here to transform the neighborhood.”

The day began with an information session for the evaluators, attended by

Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn, City Council President Richard Conlin and King County Executive Dow Constantine. All three voiced support for the Choice Neighborhoods project and the redevelopment of Yesler Terrace.

The introductory session was followed by a tour of Yesler Terrace that also included Little Saigon, the area between 12th and 14th Avenues east of Yesler Terrace and the Harborview Hospital area.

After lunch in Little Saigon, evaluators

gathered at Yesler Community Center to learn more about the community’s plans for use of the Choice Neighborhoods grant. This information session focused on housing, neighborhood and people. Guest speakers included former Seattle Mayor Norman Rice and other prominent community members who are part of the effort to transform the neighborhood.

News on whether or not Seattle is awarded the grant will come in September. Seattle is competing with five other cities for the grant: Boston, Chicago, Atlanta, New Orleans and Tampa.

TRANSLATIONS

TRANSLATED ARTICLES FROM THE VOICE

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NGÂN SÁCH LIÊN BANG GÂY KHÓ KHĂN CHO CƠ QUAN SEATTLE HOUSING

Khi mà những quản lý viên của cơ quan Seattle Housing thực hiện ngân sách, thì họ nghiệm thấy được những ảnh hưởng của việc cắt giảm ngân sách từ liên bang. Đối với ngân sách cho năm 2012, những nhân viên kế hoạch tiên đoán là sẽ có sự thiếu hụt đến \$10.3 triệu, nếu phải chi tiêu cho mọi dịch vụ ở mức hiện tại. Để cân bằng ngân sách giữa thu và

chi, thì ngân sách đòi buộc cần phải giảm chi. Để cân bằng ngân sách và được ban giám đốc điều hành thông qua vào tháng 9 tới đây, thì cơ quan đang tìm nhiều cách khác nhau để cắt giảm chi tiêu. Mỗi phân bộ được yêu cầu cắt giảm 8.5 phần trăm. Dự thảo ngân sách sẽ được đệ trình vào tháng 9. Các ý kiến phê bình sẽ được đón nhận trong vòng 30 ngày và 1 cuộc điều giải công cộng sẽ vào tháng 9. Ban giám đốc điều hành phải thông qua

ngân sách trong tháng 10 là hạn chót, theo qui định của Bộ Phát Triển Gia Cư và Đô Thị -HUD.

CẮT GIẢM TIỀN BƯU PHÍ DÀNH CHO CƯ DÂN KHI GỬI BÌ THƯ HỒI BÁO

Ảnh hưởng ngay trước mắt của việc cắt giảm ngân sách là cơ quan Seattle Housing Authority sẽ không cung cấp bưu phí cho các bì thư để gửi trả tiền nhà, cơ quan Seattle Housing Authority sẽ tiết kiệm \$35 ngàn đô mỗi năm, bằng cách chấm dứt cấp tiền bưu phí.

Bởi vì khi tiết kiệm mỗi thứ một ít, thì có thể giúp duy trì những dịch vụ để phục vụ cho cư dân. Kể từ ngày 1 tháng 8, chúng tôi sẽ không gửi kèm theo hóa đơn tiền nhà phòng bì có sẵn bưu phí nữa. Nhưng hiện tại, chúng tôi sẽ tiếp tục cung cấp phong bì có ghi sẵn địa chỉ để trả tiền nhà, và yêu cầu cư dân phải dán tem vào phong bì để gửi đi.

Проблемы федерального бюджета достигли Жилуправления Сиэтла

Когда управляющие Жилуправления Сиэтла составляют свой бюджет, урезки федерального бюджета дают себя знать.

Если услуги и затраты останутся теми же, то бюджет на 2012 год предвидится с дефицитом в \$10,3 миллиона. Для того, чтобы сбалансировать доход и затраты, бюджет по части затрат должен быть урезан.

Для того, чтобы представить сбалансированный бюджет Совету уполномоченных в сентябре, агенство рассматривает различные пути урезки

расходов. Каждый отдел получил задание урезать расходы на 8,5 процента.

Предложенный бюджет будет представлен в сентябре. Публичные предложения будут приниматься в течении 30 дней и публичное слушание будет проведено в сентябре. Совет уполномоченных должен принять бюджет в октябре, чтобы уложиться в срок, определённый отделом городского жилищного развития, для представления бюджета.

Снижение затрат на оплаченную заранее пересылку ответного конверта при оплате квартплаты.

Немедленный эффект от этой урезки

скажется на жителях тем, что жилуправление не будет больше вкладывать конверты с

оплаченной пересылкой в конверты со счетами за квартплату. Жилуправление может сэкономить более 35 тыс. в год только этим способом. Так как каждая маленькая экономия поможет сохранить услуги для жителей, начиная с 1-го августа мы не будем больше вкладывать предоплаченный конверт в конверт со счетом за квартплату. Пока что мы будем продолжать вкладывать конверт с адресом для оплаты квартиры и просим жителей наклеивать марку на конверт.