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New pilot program that helps low-income people find jobs is seeking participants

BY KATE KANIARU
Special to The Voice

Thanks to a new program created by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (USDA FNS), more low-income people will be able to find jobs.

Resources to Initiate Successful Employment (RISE) is a pilot program created in 2015 to enhance the current BFET (Basic Food Employment & Training) program. The BFET program exists to support clients receiving Basic Food to participate in training that can help them find jobs that earn enough money for their basic expenses.

Recently, administrators discovered that people who lacked housing, those who were recent immigrants, and people who were out of work for more than a year had needs that weren't being met.

In order to better support these clients, the RISE program will provide all the current BFET services, as well as personal coaching, mentoring and help finding public services. Additionally, clients will be taught strategies that can help them reach personal goals by attending a six-week class.

A typical class involves short lectures, and tips on how to develop a realistic budget, make healthy life choices, and develop good

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'A Different Journey' reaches its final destination: a published novel

Primeau Place resident celebrates novel's completion

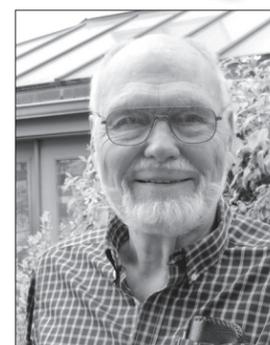
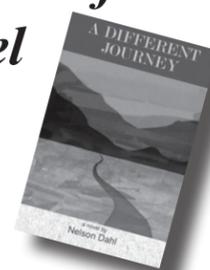
BY NANCY GARDNER
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Nelson Dahl always wanted to be a writer, but his college studies and paths took him on careers in the aerospace and railroad industries and hiking and traveling all around the world.

So rather than rely on writing as a source of income or profession, like many aspiring novelists, he experimented with pen and paper, and a manual typewriter, every now and then.

His persistence has paid off: in December, he completed his first novel, "A Different Journey," which tells the story of twin brothers: one who knows what his career

Nelson Dahl began writing his novel in the 1990s, and after many edits and revisions, he recently celebrated its publication. The 78-year-old wrote most of it using a manual typewriter.



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Seattle's newest homeless encampment provides fresh start for many *Rainier Valley's Othello Village shelters people who once lived in their cars and on city streets*

BY JONATHAN LUONG
The Voice intern

Draped in a florescent orange safety vest, Luiz Pereira is comfortably situated in a computer chair in the Othello Village security office. Just like the other houses in Othello Village, it bears more resemblance to a gardening shed than a tiny home.

But Pereira will be the first to tell you that the office is fine, "As long as I have my writing space, I could be in a cave for all I care," he says with a laugh. "I love being with everyone here. They've all become like family to me."

And for the last several weeks, that's exactly what he has done. When he's not busy checking people into the camp, helping tenants find supplies, or discussing philosophy with some of the neighbors, Pereira can be found scribbling away in his spiral notebook, a journal of sorts that contains his thoughts on everything from current events to mini book reviews.

Born in Brazil, Pereira traveled through nearly twenty countries before choosing the United States, and finally, Seattle, to call home. He found a job as security officer for



PHOTO BY JONATHAN LUONG

Tiny homes in Othello Village opened up to families and homeless residents in early March. The Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) owns the land and operates the new camp, and the City of Seattle will pay \$160,000 per year to supply water and garbage pick-up as well as on-site counseling. LIHI plans to expand the site's amenities and add tent platforms along with a kitchen and dining area. The city's other camps are located in the Ballard and Interbay neighborhoods.

Othello Village. This third city-sanctioned encampment, located in the Rainier Valley on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way close to a light rail station, opened March 8 and offers community washrooms and on-site counseling. Colorful tiny homes and tents will eventually accommodate up to 100 people who must pass background checks and follow a code of conduct.

Decorated with bright shades of orange and green, many passersby would not expect the brand-new tiny houses here to be homes for the homeless. This camp is nonspecific, meaning that it will offer shelter for families, singles, and couples, space permitting. There are currently a few houses available, each one measuring 8 feet by 12 feet.

While feedback from area residents and merchants has been mixed, community organizations including Rainier Valley Church, support the Village. Ed Choi, the church's leader, has helped organize volunteer groups from his congregation to serve hot meals to its residents.

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Health Notes

R A column devoted to your well-being

Are you keeping your mental health in check? Tips on keeping a robust frame of mind

By NEIGHBORCARE HEALTH

You know that it's important to get your flu shot and a medical checkup every year. But when was the last time you evaluated the state of your mental health?

While overall vivacity is dependant on the state of one's physical condition, mental "fitness" is just as important to maintaining a healthy disposition. So what can you do? Consider the following tools you can use to maintain a sound mind and body:

Practice being a social butterfly

Social interaction can be an important part of feeling supported. Connecting with friends and family can be good for both physical and mental health. Even small amounts of contact can make a difference.

Talking to a friend on the phone, sharing a joke, getting a hug from a loved one, and exchanging words of encouragement with neighbors produces positive feelings.

Parent-teacher organizations, church, sports teams, and community groups and organizations are great places to develop relationships with other people.

Get physical

Physical activity plays a major role in your mental and physical well-being. It is recommended that adults get 30 minutes of activity five times per week. Research

shows that walking even 10 minutes a day can make a difference.

Exercise can improve our energy levels, sense of well-being, sleep, and brain health. Participating in regular exercise also cuts the risk of depression and anxiety.

Mind your diet and sleeping habits

Sleeping and eating well can help you have more mental energy and strength. It can be hard to meet these goals well when you are busy, but getting between seven to nine hours of sleep each night and eating fresh fruits and vegetables, foods high in protein, is good for the mind and the waist.

Know that help is available

If you feel like you're struggling, are feeling sad or hopeless, you're not alone. Almost half of all adults in the U.S. will struggle with mental health in their lifetime.

Sometimes these experiences can be scary and lonely but a mental health care provider may be able to help. Your primary care provider can help you find a mental health expert.

Neighborcare Health is the largest provider of primary medical and dental care in Seattle for low-income and uninsured families and individuals, serving our community for more than 40 years. More information is available at www.neighborcare.org.

More green spaces emerging at Yesler Terrace



PHOTO BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Yesler Terrace is looking greener all the time! Seattle Housing Authority staffers Richard Olson, Lori Stehlik, Frank Burns and Robb Bailey volunteered their time April 2 to build a garden shed. A P-Patch, including four raised beds, has been constructed near the corner of Boren Avenue and Yesler Way.

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Be Safe

Keeping seniors safe from criminal activities

By SEATTLE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

"To care for those who once cared for us is one of the highest honors."

—Tia Walker, *The Inspired Caregiver*

With Mother's Day just around the corner (May 8), we wanted to consider for a moment how we treat our aging friends and neighbors. They're just like everyone else — they have worked hard, taken care of their families, valued their neighborhood — and they deserve to feel safe and be respected.

Currently, 14 percent of nation's population is elderly. That's more than one out of every ten people. By 2040 the elder population is expected to reach 21 percent.

Are you or do you know someone age 65 or older and are concerned about his or her safety? That's not unusual, because as we age our vulnerability to becoming crime victims can increase due to a variety of reasons. This fear can lead to a sense of anxiousness and sometimes isolation and loneliness.

The National Crime Prevention Council lists the top four types of crimes committed against the elderly as the following:

- financial crimes
- property crimes
- violent crimes
- elder abuse

If you are a senior, there's no need to scare yourself into changing your lifestyle. But taking a quick self-assessment about why you might feel vulnerable, and considering the following basic crime prevention tips could help you stay safe.



It's always best to go out with family or a friend. But when you do venture out alone, walk in the middle of the sidewalk, not near doorways where strangers can lurk. Remember to sit at the front of the bus near the driver. We also recommend that you keep a loud whistle on a key chain that you can use in case of an emergency.

Take only the necessary cash and credit cards with you when you're out and about. If you keep your wallet in a purse, make certain that your purse is kept close to your body.

Ask to see delivery services or utility workers identification before they enter your home. Get to know your neighbors. Watching out for each other is important. If you suspect any suspicious activity, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1. Remember, any call to the police can remain anonymous and there are interpreters available if needed.

Exploitation and abuse of the elderly unfortunately does happen. You can report elder abuse by contacting the City of Seattle's Adult Protective Services at 206-341-7660. For additional resources, contact the city's Office for Senior Citizens at 206-684-0500.

Everyone should remember that by caring about our elderly, we ensure a safer community not only for today, but also into the future.

The mission of Seattle Neighborhood Group is to prevent crime and build community through partnerships with residents, businesses, law enforcement and other organizations. Contact SNG at 206-323-9666.

Community Notes

Seattle aims to engage more immigrant and refugee voters

The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) has launched the Seattle Votes campaign to identify barriers to civic engagement for Seattle's immigrant and refugee residents. The campaign consists of an anonymous survey that will provide data for community groups, agencies, King County, and the City to better understand the civic needs of specific immigrant and refugee communities within Seattle.

"Immigrants and refugees are a vital thread in the fabric of Seattle, with one out of five residents foreign-born," said Mayor Ed Murray. "Often these communities face significant obstacles to gaining citizenship and participating in elections. Through Seattle Votes, we will gain community-level data to help us better serve these communities, creating more opportunity for refugees and immigrants to participate in our democracy."

Immigrant and refugee residents are a growing and increasingly influential population in Seattle, with nearly 20 percent of residents being foreign born. However, evidence shows that civic engagement rates lag behind other groups. The lack of voter data has been a challenge for City and election officials to better understand what is needed to serve communities across Seattle.

The campaign will focus on immigrants and refugees who are at least 18 years of age residing in the Seattle-King County area. OIRA has a goal of 5,000 completed surveys and will partner with more than 100 local community-based organizations to reach immigrants and refugees.

"It's encouraging to see the City and Mayor Murray working to increase civic participation within refugee and immigrant communities," said Sahra Farah of Somali Community Services of Seattle. "We are enthusiastic in participating with Seattle Votes and look forward to partnering with the Office of Immigration and Refugee Affairs as we work to make voting easier for refugees and immigrants across Seattle."

If you were born outside of the United States and are at least 18 years old, you can help Seattle Votes by filling out a survey. After filling it out, ask your friends, family members and colleagues who are immigrants or refugees and are at least 18 years old to complete the survey. You can also share the electronic version of the survey on social media, email, and text messages.

You can find the survey at www.seattle.gov/seattlevotes or call the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs at 206-727-8515 for a print copy. It is available online or in print in 10 languages.

Google and Comcast will provide Wi-Fi to Seattle's low-income residents

BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

On March 30 at Yesler Terrace Community Center, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray announced the launch of the City's Digital Equity Initiative.

"Seattle is a city known for its technology and innovation, yet too many residents do not have sufficient internet access, a high-quality device or the skills necessary to participate fully in our high-tech economy and community," the Mayor said.

Joining him at the press conference were representatives from Google and Comcast, who each announced programs that will help make internet service more accessible to Seattle Housing Authority residents.

Google pledged \$344,000 toward internet connectivity and technology skills training for Seattle, including Wi-Fi access at 26 Seattle Parks' community centers, 31 computers for their technology learning labs, and a grant to SHA to provide up to three years of free internet service for Kindergarten through 12th Grade students and their families living at High Point, NewHolly, Rainier Vista, Yesler Terrace

and Lake City Court.

According to the City, more than 93,000 homes in Seattle, or about 15 percent of the population, do not have internet access.

"With these grants, we hope to increase internet access for those who need it most, whether to do their homework, connect with loved ones or to access important services," said Darcy Nothnagle, head of external affairs for the Northwest at Google.

SHA will contact the families that are eligible for the free internet service through the Google grant.

Comcast announced that it is extending discounted internet service to all SHA public housing residents who live in a Comcast service area and who are not current subscribers or within the past three months prior to applying for the discount.

Called Internet Essentials, the program offers internet-only service for \$9.95 per month, plus tax. Comcast is also offering computers for \$149.99 plus tax and free internet training. For more information or to sign up, residents should call 877-572-0287 or visit www.InternetEssentials.com.

SHA wants your input for the 2017 budget

BY SHELLY YAP
Seattle Housing Authority

Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) is working on our 2017 budget. Residents, as well as others, can help us choose priorities for next year by completing our online 2017 Budget Priorities Survey. Just visit our website, www.seattlehousing.org, and click on the 2017 Budget Survey link on our homepage.

The survey will only take a few minutes for you to tell us what you think is most important within seven program categories and across seven objectives. Please complete the survey by the May 31 deadline, so we can include your views in making our budget choices for 2017.

We care what you think and your opinions are important! In addition to this survey, SHA residents had the opportunity to address building and community-specific concerns and priorities in meetings that were hosted by Housing Operations earlier this year. Whether you had a chance to participate in one of those meetings or not, we welcome your response to the online survey.



Shelly Yapp, SHA's chief financial officer

While we don't have enough resources to address every concern, your participation is needed to help us understand what your priorities are and to help us make informed decisions.

Thank you very much for your continued interest and engagement.

Study to examine Yesler redevelopment impacts on residents' health and well-being

BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

 A new study funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will investigate how things like access to health care and social services will affect the quality of life for Yesler Terrace residents. Public Health – Seattle & King County (PHSKC) and the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) are leading the study.

When it became evident in recent years that the Yesler Terrace infrastructure and its 561 housing units that were built in the 1940's needed to be replaced, SHA began a conversation with residents and community stakeholders about the future of Yesler.

The redevelopment now underway is transforming Yesler into a mixed-income community with more housing, new parks and open spaces, increased transportation options, enhanced community services and greater economic opportunities.

Previous research has indicated that such community redevelopment initiatives can create healthier, more equitable neighborhoods and positive health outcomes. But there are significant knowledge gaps in how to measure the impacts on health of specific strategies related to community redevelopment.

Yesler provides a unique opportunity to examine direct correlations between redevelopment and residents' health. The study will look at multiple data sources over five years, 2012 to 2017, a period that covers pre-redevelopment through occupancy of new housing and expansion of collaborative community services.

Researchers will investigate three primary issues:

- What is the combined impact of the Yesler redevelopment strategies on residents' health and well-being?
- What is the impact of the Yesler redevelopment on economic opportunities, education, crime/safety, and social connections?
- Which subgroups of Yesler residents



PHOTO BY NANCY GARDNER

Raven Terrace, the second new residential building in SHA's redevelopment of Yesler Terrace, opened earlier this year. A new study will look at how residents' health and economic conditions are impacted by these housing improvements.

are most likely to benefit from these redevelopment strategies and how can strategies meet all residents' needs?

Importantly, this study will use insight from individual resident experiences with data from a host of partners in order to assess the health impacts of changing physical, social and economic conditions.

"We are committed to strategies and partnerships that make housing just the first step in healthier, more equitable communities for people with low incomes," said Andrew Lofton, executive director of SHA. "This study will help guide our work and make sure we are focusing on the most effective building blocks for improving residents' lives."

"This is an incredible opportunity to work with partners to make progress toward

closing the health equity gap," said Patty Hayes, director of Public Health – Seattle & King County. "It is through innovative collaborations with residents, public health, affordable housing and social services that we will expand opportunities for all our community members to live healthier lives."

Principal researchers for the study are Stephanie Farquhar from PHSKC and John Forsyth from SHA. When the study is concluded results will be made available to study partners and the public.

SHA elections results

BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY



Sunrise Manor

Sunrise Manor Resident Council Board held elections March 28. Here are the results:

President: **Paul Chu**
Vice President: **Natacha Frazier**
Secretary: **Kristin Grobey**
Treasurer: **Claire Ness**
Sergeant at arms: **Marcia Tandy**

Lictonwood

Residents of Lictonwood held their first council elections April 14. The elected officers are:

President: **Edward Hoey**
Vice President: **Rutia Curry-Douglas**
Secretary: **Darryl Johnson**
Treasurer: **Abdullahi Hussein**
At-large: **Maria Fabian and Tami Williams**

We Are Seattle

Stories from Families, Immigrants, Refugees, & the Agencies that Serve them

Tuesday, May 17th
5:30-7:30 pm

Seattle Public Library
Central Library
1000 Fourth Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104

City of Seattle invites youths to help plan and spend \$700,000

Ideas sought from 11-25 year-olds about how to improve communities

 <p>Collect Jan - Feb</p> <p>Community members of all ages brainstorm ideas for potential projects</p>	 <p>Develop March - April</p> <p>Youth (ages 11-25) develop ideas into concrete proposals</p>	 <p>Vote May 23rd</p> <p>Youth (ages 11-25) vote on the projects they want implemented</p>	 <p>Fund June and beyond</p> <p>The City funds and carries out the winning proposals!</p>
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BY CITY OF SEATTLE

What would you do with \$700,000 of Seattle's City budget? Youth Voice, Youth Choice is a new City budgeting initiative in which young people, aged 11-25, will decide how to spend a portion of the City's budget.

In January and February, ideas to improve Seattle were collected from the community.

In March and April, youth volunteers worked to turn those ideas into project proposals.

Now, we're headed into Vote Week. If you're between the ages of 11-25 and live, work, or go to school in Seattle, join us for

Vote Week **May 21 - 29** to make your voice heard. You'll be able to choose projects ranging from park improvements to youth programs to arts funding.

To help make a difference in your community, cast your vote by coming to an in-person polling site or voting online. The projects that receive the most votes will be funded by the City of Seattle.

For more details and how to vote, visit www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/programs-and-services/seattle-participatory-budgeting.

Free SHA seminar will help you learn how to beat the heat



BY SEATTLE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Most Seattleites love it when the sun finally reveals itself, usually sometime after July 4, the unofficial start of our summer.

However, too much of a good thing can be hazardous, and people can get sick or even die in the summer heat because they literally can't handle it. This is especially true if they suffer from existing respiratory or cardiovascular-related health conditions.

If you are someone who has trouble handling the hot weather, you may want to learn how to cope with extreme temperatures and how you can help your friends and neighbors beat the heat, too.

Seattle Housing Authority Residents Preparing (SHARP) is sponsoring a free workshop about how to recognize the symptoms of heat exhaustion, how to stay comfortable when it gets really warm, and how to keep furry friends like felines safe and healthy.

Organizers will also discuss the impact of summer heat on various medications.

Many medications, including those for anxiety and mood disorders, increase one's sensitivity to the sun and heat, and thus increase one's susceptibility to heat exhaustion, or heat stroke. Certain classes of medications can also cause a higher risk

of sunburn, skin rashes, or skin irritations due to the body's interaction between the medication and sun exposure.

They'll also share information about where you can go if your home gets too warm.

Please join us **Wednesday, May 18 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.** in the Community Room at Center Park, for this informative session that will also include interactive games, lunch, and door prizes.

Center Park is located at 2121 26th Ave. S.

To register, please contact any of the following SHA community builders and let them know if you require transportation assistance, an interpreter or have dietary issues:

Ellen Ziontz, 206-239-1625, ellen.ziontz@seattlehousing.org

Andy Chan, 206-239-1530, andy.chan@seattlehousing.org

Courtney Hillman, 206-910-2648, courtney.hillman@seattlehousing.org

Once upon a time in Yesler Terrace



PHOTOS BY NANCY GARDNER

University of Washington student Alisa Kean (above) reads to a Neighborhood House preschool classroom in Yesler Terrace April 5 as part of Reading Week. Volunteers like Kean have been reading to preschoolers in fall and spring for 15 years, and judging from the big smiles (above, right), and attentive audience, (right) the students love listening to guest readers.

Kids in Neighborhood House's preschool classrooms were treated to a number of guests who read them stories and tales during Reading Week, April 4-7.

Alisa Kean, a UW student, said she enjoys helping out in the community, and often finds opportunities through VolunteerMatch.org, which

helps connect people to charitable programs and causes, from animal rescues to veterans and military families.

"I just love working with kids," Kean said.

High Point, NewHolly, Rainier Vista and Yesler Terrace all participated in Reading Week this year.

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The face of homelessness: it's not always what you think

Green Lake Plaza resident shares his story of living on Seattle's streets



Glenn Slemmer spends much of his time now growing gardenias. The former medical researcher spent eight years living in shelters and in the greenbelt area next to Harborview Medical Center. Despite earning a Ph.D. and owning a home near Green Lake, he lost everything and says it can happen to anyone.

By NANCY GARDNER
The Voice editor

It's hard to imagine how a former cancer researcher with a Ph.D. can wind up living on the streets of Seattle for eight years, but that's exactly what happened to Glenn Slemmer, a resident of Green Lake Plaza.

The 77-year-old's story proves that losing everything can happen to virtually anyone. *The Voice* asked Glenn how he lost everything, what advice he would give to people who might be facing similar circumstances, and how he thinks Seattle can help prevent others from becoming homeless. Here's what he had to say.

The Voice (V): When were you homeless?

Glenn (G): Between 1987 and March, 1995 I lived in shelters and outside.

(V): What happened?

(G): My medical research was highly specialized [experimental pathology], and

grant funding became really hard to secure. While waiting to find my next job, I thought I could support myself through investing in the stock market, but I couldn't, and lost all of my possessions and my home, which was appraised for \$500,000.

(V): What worried you the most when you were living on the streets and shelters?

(G): I wasn't afraid, but the fact that I had no privacy in the service centers or shelters was the most bothersome aspect.

(V): What do you think Seattle can do to help its citizens who are struggling?

(G): Place social workers in service centers and shelters, and get people who are trained to work with the homeless. Offer more training opportunities like FareStart.

(V): How can others get help?

(G): Try DESC's social workers, inquire with church leaders, and by all means, don't be afraid to ask for help.

Resources for those facing homelessness

DESC (Downtown Emergency Service Center)

An emergency shelter where vulnerable adults living with mental health disorders and chronic homelessness can stay for the night.

206-464-1570; www.desc.org
515 Third Ave., Seattle

Urban Rest Stop

A facility where homeless individuals and families can use restrooms, laundry facilities and shower at no cost. Free toiletries are provided.

206-332-0110; urbanreststop.org
1924 Ninth Ave., Seattle

Farestart

Trains homeless individuals for jobs in the culinary industry.

206-443-1233; www.farestart.org
700 Virginia Street, Seattle

Saint Martin De Porres Shelter

This shelter is for single men age 50 and older and is open from 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., 365 days per year.

206-323-6336
1561 Alaskan Way South, Seattle

Novel

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will be, the other whose path is not as clear-cut. Dahl describes it as essentially a story about a man with a problem who's searching for a solution.

"I wish I'd lived the life of the main character," Dahl says. "I'm still searching."

After his initial draft of the novel sat in a box for 20 years, he decided to take another look at it, and began revising it with encouragement from his friend and neighbor, Judith Enders. The two met through the Primeau Place book club, which boasts other budding writers and members who just love to read. The two struck up a friendship and Enders quickly became his editor.

"Even when you think you've done all you can do, an editor comes along and changes things," Dahl says, but admits that changes were essential.

"We had daily arguments about word usage," says Enders. "Nelson had distinct views about commas. That was a big bugaboo. And it was the first time I'd ever edited anything that long [550 pages], and the only reason we stuck with it is because of our friendship."

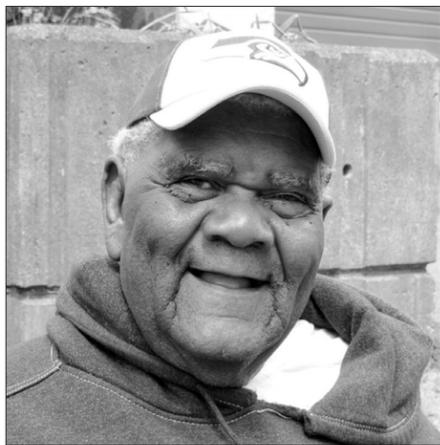
On April 12, Primeau Place book club members and friends gathered to help celebrate the novel's completion, and of course to discuss "A Different Journey."

Several residents said Dahl has inspired them to pursue their own dreams of becoming published authors much more seriously.

While he says he's not sure it will sell, the whole process has enabled him to live vicariously through the characters he created.

What you're saying: *The Voice* asks readers...

What does Memorial Day mean to you?



Originally called Decoration Day after the American Civil War of 1868, Memorial Day is a day for remembering those who've died while serving in our country's armed forces.

Commonwealth countries which are members of the British Empire, including Canada, call the holiday Remembrance Day.

On the 30th of this month, many people will visit cemeteries, attend memorials and mark graves with flowers and American flags.

For others, Memorial Day weekend signals the near-end of the school year and beginning of summer.

The Voice asked readers how they observe Memorial Day.

Name: Harry

Name: Lynda

Name: Troy

Where do you live? Jefferson Terrace

Where do you live? Lake City House

Where do you live? Olive Ridge

What does Memorial Day mean to you?

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What does Memorial Day mean to you?

"It makes me think about the members of my family who have passed away. My dad was killed in the Korean War in 1950. But I had a chance to spend more time with my mom, who passed away in 2002 at the age of 95."

"Sometimes I go to the cemeteries and put flowers on the graves of two of my friends. Sometimes here at Lake City House we have a barbecue. It's also the same weekend as the Northwest Folklife Festival at Seattle Center, and I occasionally go to that."

"If I was back home in Missouri, I'd be decorating graves of all of my extended family members, including my parents, grandparents and siblings. Memorial Day also makes me think about fallen soldiers."

Content guide

Don't see your neighborhood section? Consult the guide below to find the logos that correspond to your community.



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Rainier Vista News



Yesler Happenings

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

UW students help SHA find ways to improve its communities

By JULIANNA ALSON
Special to The Voice

During February and early March, you may have seen or talked with graduate students in the University of Washington's School of Public Health.

We spent time in the NewHolly, Rainier Vista and Yesler Terrace communities as the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) asked our class to recommend ways to address youth violence by learning how youth violence connects to overall community health. We were also asked to identify youth violence initiatives in other cities and create a resource guide of local organizations that can help prevent youth violence.

Our class wants to thank Phillippia Goldsmith, Jen Calleja and Maria Ursua as well as the many residents, community organizations, and SHA staff that helped us with our research. Thanks to your help, we created a guide of youth and family services near the SHA sites which community builders can share with those interested.

Key discoveries

- Youth violence is caused by social conditions which create unequal power relationships. Some policies and practices that create unequal power include youth detention at school, people being displaced from their neighborhoods, not receiving adequate healthcare, and income disparities.
- Residents want to help solve their own solutions, have the chance to be leaders and make decisions for their communities, and help forge stronger community ties. Strengthening relationships and resident leadership are some of the most effective ways to create violence-free communities.

Recommendations to SHA

- Invite respected community leaders who can help guide conversations about oppression, privilege, and power. Youth violence prevention is part of a bigger conversation about fairness and justice. All people working on youth violence should understand the history of injustice and current issues.

- SHA should fund youth-to-youth tutoring programs to help foster positive relationships. They can give residents resources to lead programs for adults to make stronger community connections. SHA can address relevant social issues, such as funding and promoting alternatives to discipline and detention.
- Give residents the chance to take leadership roles and make decisions for their communities. SHA should support the community in identifying its challenges and solutions by providing spaces where residents can gather to identify, discuss and ultimately find solutions to problems they face.
- Increase collaboration across sites and with community organizations: SHA should provide additional resources to staff who work directly with residents to collaborate on supporting community needs.
- Information about organizations for youth and families, community events and leadership opportunities should be in languages and styles that all residents can understand. Residents should be able to design communications from SHA, like community organization flyers, thus ensuring cultural appropriateness.

As outsiders, we can't possibly know the whole story. We know that we should not be the ones asking the questions or leading the solutions: SHA should give residents those opportunities and resources so they can take control of their futures.

Finally, we strongly recommend that SHA use financial and material resources to support community-led solutions to help conquer youth violence.

By empowering residents and equipping them with the tools needed to find solutions and resolve conflicts, community ties will be ultimately strengthened.

Alson and her classmates, members of the UW School of Public Health, Class of 2016, conducted the research. The students, who are pursuing master's degrees, plan to become problem-solvers, leaders and advocates in community health.





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Around the Sound

RISE

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Help shape the future of transit in King County

By KING CO. EXECUTIVE OFFICE

King County Executive Dow Constantine wants the public to share ideas on Metro's long-range plan to create a transit system that provides passengers with faster, more reliable options to get to more destinations.

Metro Transit created an online survey and will co-host a series of open houses with Sound Transit to get public input on a plan, called Metro Connects, that will set the course for what transportation will look like in 25 years as King County's population continues to grow.

"I invite everyone to share their ideas as we finalize the long-range plan that will shape the future of transportation in our region," he said.

The online survey can be accessed at www.kcmetrovision.org/metro-long-range-plan-survey/.

One million trees planted by 2020

King County Executive Dow Constantine today launched a partnership to plant one million trees by the end of 2020 to confront climate change while improving the health of natural habitats and communities countywide.

"By mobilizing the community to plant one million trees across King County, we will reduce carbon pollution and produce healthier forests, streams and neighborhoods," he said.

The One Million Trees campaign is part of King County's ambitious five-year action plan to reduce carbon pollution and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate.

communication skills in the workplace. Those who successfully complete the strategies for success class can either begin their job searches or will be placed in unpaid internships or paid employment.

Unlike most employment programs, RISE clients can take whatever time they need to acquire the necessary skills and get over the hurdles they've encountered without being pressured to get a job immediately.

In this pilot program, participants will be included in one of two groups. In the control group, clients will receive the current BFET services, and in the RISE treatment group clients will work with a RISE case manager. Clients can only be in one group during the three-year period of the pilot.

As an immigrant, I understand the struggle of dealing with challenges like not having adequate job skills, a lack of employment history, and inadequate social skills. Surrounding myself with mentors helped me overcome these difficulties and I was able to successfully land a job helping people who face many of the obstacles I once did.

The RISE program will continue through 2018 and organizers expect to serve 7,000 people.

Kaniaru is lead employment specialist for the RISE program at Neighborhood House. If you want to participate, contact her at 206-461-4554 or katek@nhwa.org, or contact one of these participating agencies: Highline College, North Seattle College, Career Path Services, FareStart, Multi-Service Center, Puget Sound Training Center, Seattle Goodwill, TRAC Associates and YWCA (Renton and Seattle).

TRANSLATIONS

TRANSLATED ARTICLES FROM THE VOICE

Seattle procura involucrar a más votadores inmigrantes y refugiados/ By Leahla Contreras

La Oficina de Los Asuntos de Los Inmigrantes y Refugiados (The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, OIRA) ha lanzado una campaña publicitaria que se llama Seattle Votes (Votos de Seattle) cuya meta es identificar las barreras que dificultan la participación cívica para los residentes de Seattle que también son inmigrantes y refugiados. La campaña consiste en una encuesta anónima que prestará data que ayudará a grupos comunitarios, agencias, el condado de King, y el ayuntamiento de la ciudad en su esfuerzo para entender las necesidades cívicas de comunidades específicas de inmigrantes y refugiados dentro de Seattle.

“Los inmigrantes y refugiados forman una parte vital de la sociedad de Seattle, pues uno de cada cinco residentes es de origen extranjero,” dijo el alcalde Ed Murray. “Frecuentemente estas comunidades se enfrentan a grandes obstáculos a la hora de

obtener la ciudadanía y votar en elecciones. A través de Seattle Votes, recogeremos data al nivel de la comunidad que nos servirá para mejor asistir a estas comunidades, y a la vez crear más oportunidades para que los refugiados e inmigrantes participen en nuestra democracia.”

La campaña se enfocará en los inmigrantes y refugiados mayores de 18 años que residen en el área del condado de King y Seattle. OIRA tiene como meta coleccionar 5,000 encuestas rellenas y hará equipo con más de 100 organizaciones comunitarias locales para ponerse en contacto con los inmigrantes y refugiados.

Cualquier inmigrante o refugiado que viva en Seattle o el condado de King que desea rellenar la encuesta, o cualquier miembro de una organización interesada en hacerse socia de Seattle Votes, por favor visiten el sitio de internet siguiente: www.seattle.gov/seattlevotes.

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Городские власти хотят привлечь избирателей из числа иммигрантов и беженцев/ By Irina Vodonos

Бюро по делам иммигрантов и беженцев (OIRA) запустило кампанию «Сизтлголосует», цель которой - выявить преграды, мешающие гражданской активности иммигрантов и беженцев, проживающих в Сиэтле. В центре кампании - анонимное анкетирование с целью сбора информации, которая поможет общественным организациям и городским и окружным властям лучше понять нужды различных иммигрантских общин Сиэтла, связанные с гражданской активностью.

«Иммигранты и беженцы - неотъемлемая часть населения Сиэтла. Каждый пятый житель нашего города родился за пределами США», заявил мэр Сиэтла Эд Мюррей. «Иммигранты и беженцы зачастую сталкиваются с серьезными трудностями, пытаюсь получить гражданство и принять участие в выборах. Кампания «Сизтлголосует» предоставит нам необходимые данные о различных иммигрантских общинах. В свою

очередь, это даст нам возможность более эффективно помогать этим общинам и создать дополнительные способы для того, чтобы беженцы и иммигранты участвовали в нашем демократическом процессе.»

Кампания сосредоточится на иммигрантах и беженцах возрастом от 18 лет и старше, проживающих в Сиэтле и округе Кинг. OIRA поставило цель охватить анкетированием 5 000 человек. Для этого городские чиновники привлекут более 100 общественных организаций, работающих с иммигрантами и беженцами.

Если вы - иммигрант или беженец, проживающий в Сиэтле или округе Кинг, и хотели бы пройти анкетирование, заходите на сайт www.seattle.gov/seattlevotes. Здесь же размещена информация для общественных организаций, заинтересованных принять участие в кампании «Сизтлголосует» в качестве партнеров.

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THÀNH PHỐ SEATTLE NHẢM ĐẾN VIỆC THU HÚT NGƯỜI BỎ PHIẾU GỐC DI DÂN VÀ TỊ NẠN/By Long Luu

Văn phòng Sự Vụ Người Di Dân và Tị Nạn (OIRA) vừa khởi xướng cuộc vận động “ Cư Dân Seattle Bầu Phiếu” để nhận ra những trở ngại trong việc thu hút cư dân Seattle gốc di dân hay tị nạn. Cuộc vận động bao gồm việc thăm dò ẩn danh mà nó sẽ giúp cung cấp thông tin từ các nhóm trong cộng đồng, từ các cơ quan, từ quận hạt King và từ trong thành phố để hiểu rõ hơn nhu cầu dân vụ của nhóm di dân hay tị nạn trong thành phố Seattle.

“Người di dân và người tị nạn là một sợi tơ sống động của tấm vải Seattle, với cứ 5 cư dân Seattle thì có 1 người sinh đẻ từ nước ngoài” thị trưởng Ed Murray đã nói như thế. Thường thì các cộng đồng này phải đối diện với những trở ngại để có được quốc tịch và dự phần vào các cuộc bầu cử. Qua (cuộc vận động) “Cư Dân Seattle Bầu Phiếu”,

chúng tôi sẽ có thông tin từ cộng đồng để giúp phục vụ các cộng đồng tốt hơn, tạo ra nhiều cơ hội cho người di dân và tị nạn tham gia vào (sinh hoạt) dân chủ của chúng ta”

Cuộc vận động sẽ nhắm đến người di dân và tị nạn có tuổi ít nhất là 18 và cư ngụ trong Seattle – khu vực quận King. Văn phòng Sự Vụ Người Di Dân và Tị Nạn (OIRA) đưa ra mục tiêu là thực hiện 5000 cuộc thăm dò, và sẽ hợp tác với 100 cơ quan địa phương để tìm đến người di dân và tị nạn.

Những người di dân và tị nạn sinh sống ở Seattle và ở các khu vực trong quận hạt King mà muốn dự phần vào cuộc thăm dò, hay các tổ chức cơ quan muốn là thành phần của “Cư Dân Seattle Bầu Phiếu” đều được khuyến khích vào trang mạng www.seattle.gov/seattlevotes.

Seattle oo diiradda saartay codayaasha qaxootiga iyo muhaajiriinta ah/By Mahamoud Gaayte

Xafiiska arimaha qaxootiga iyo muhaajiriinta (OIRA) ayaa ku dhaqaaqay olole la magacbaxay (Seattle Votes) kaas oo laxiriira sidii loo ogaanlahaa cagabadaha kahortaagan qaxootiga iyo muhaajiriinta In ay codayaan. Waxyaabaha ololahan lagu qabanayo ayaa ka mid ah afti iyo xog ururin sidii loo heli lahaa xog ay ka ambaqaadaan kumunitiyada kala duwan, hey'adaha, King county iyo magaalada Seattle taas oo fududayneysa fahanka baahida gaarka ah ee uu leeyahay kumyuniti kasta oo qaxooti ama muhaajir ah oo deggan Seattle.

“muhaajiriinta iyo qaxootigu waa dun adag oo kamid ah falkada Seattle, me-sha shantiiba hal qof yahay mid dibadda ku dhashay,” ayuu yiri duqa magaalada Ed Murry. “badanaa Kumyunitiyadaasi waxaa ka horyimaada caqabado hakiya

In ey qaataan dhalashada kadibna codayaan xiliga doorashooyinka. Seattle Votes waxa uu noo suurta gelindoonaa helitaanka mujtamac siman oo ka qayb qaadankara diimuqraadiyadeena.”

Ololahani waxa uu diiradda saaraya qofkasta oo qaxooti ama muhaajir ah oo ugu yaraantii jira 18 sano, degana magaalada Seattle iyo guud ahaan degaanka King County. OIRA ayaa yoolkeedu yahay 5,000 oo afti oo dhamaystiran in ey hesho iyada oo kaashaneysa 100 hey'adood oo ah kuwa lashaqaya kumyunitiyada qaxootiga iyo muhaajiriinta ah.

Qaxootiga iyo muhaajiriinta degan degaanka King County oo jecel in ey ka qayb qaataan aftidan iyo hay'adaha lashaqaya bulshadaasi oo doonayaa in ey lashaqayaan OIRA waxa ey booqa-nkaraan www.seattle.gov/seattlevote.

OUR COMMUNITIES

STORIES FROM OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Meals on Wheels menu now includes halal and Asian food

By DALE HOOVER
Special to The Voice

For older adults and those who care for them, Meals on Wheels can be a source of comfort and relief. Operated by Sound Generations (formerly Senior Services), the service brings meals and groceries directly to people throughout King County. Those who can't shop for themselves or have difficulty preparing food can rely on up to fourteen meals prepared for them each week. While there is a suggested donation of \$3 per meal, no one is turned away if they're unable to contribute.

Clients can choose from more than thirty-five different options, and many happily do, but what if none of those options reflect the cuisine of one's culture, or fit the requirements of one's faith?

These are the questions we asked ourselves when discussing how we could be more inclusive to the people we serve. Since 1967, we'd been serving a wide variety of meals, including vegetarian and kosher options. As King County has continued to grow, our menu would similarly need to reflect our community's diversity.

Introducing a halal menu was a deliberate and community-driven process. Before making any decisions, we spoke with dozens of leaders in the Muslim community about how to best serve their populations.

One of the first steps was obtaining certification through American Halal Foundation (AHF)—an international certifying body that came recommended by Muslim community leaders.

Next, we created a menu of seven different halal certified options including beef, turkey, and tuna served with a variety of different fruits, vegetables, rice, and bread.

Now several years in, the halal program has been introduced to The Muslim Housing Association, Somali Community Services of Seattle, East African Community Services and Seattle Housing Authority.

Our Asian cuisine is a pilot program offered through Legacy House, a nonprofit that serves low-income seniors in the International District.

Available within the city of Seattle only, the Asian meal program may expand to other areas soon.

For more information, visit www.soundgenerations.org.

YWCA's new program helps women pursue careers in manufacturing

By MIKE SCHWARTZ
Special to The Voice

What do you picture when you think about manufacturing? If you picture a dark, dirty factory where men struggle with imposing machinery, sweating under back-breaking labor, then you would not be alone.

When the YWCA of Seattle-King-Snohomish Counties thought about starting a new program to recruit and enroll women into manufacturing training, this was the perception that many of us had. We realized that women were not entering the field because of this perception.

While women represent half of the total workforce, they constitute less than a quarter of the manufacturing workforce. We also knew that local manufacturers were struggling to fill their openings due to retiring baby boomers and faced challenges drawing the next generation of workers to the field.

Manufacturing jobs are plentiful in the Puget Sound, since our region has a large

concentration of aerospace, maritime, lumber, food production, and tool-making jobs. Many of our employer partners have told us they are very interested in hiring women for positions including assemblers, welders, and aerospace composite technicians. And yet, women are not applying for these jobs.

Careers in manufacturing offer women many things such as the opportunity to be creative and use technology to build important products, high pay and great benefits, excellent advancement opportunities, and a large degree of workplace flexibility.

Through a grant from Boeing, the YWCA hopes to change the perception and reality from 'man's work' to 'men and women's work.'

Our new program, Manufacturing Career Pathways for Women, is designed to encourage women to enroll in manufacturing courses at area colleges.

If you are, or know, a woman who has an interest in manufacturing or wants to learn more, contact Angela Cabatbat, manufacturing career navigator at 206-336-6979.

without homes, I don't know that this is the solution."

Sharon Lee, director of LIHI, said as a whole, the community is supportive.

"We've seen great results in Ballard and other neighborhoods and many of our encampment residents are able to find employment because of the new community that they have," Lee says.

For many of Othello's 80 residents, that effort at forming community and reaching out means everything.

"I don't feel stigmatized or anything like that," said Michael, a resident. "I'm able to look at people for who they are, and they do the same for me."

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"We always talk about how much we value diversity in the Rainier Valley," Choi says. "Well, the homeless in our community are a part of that, and a collective effort from everyone is needed to help them."

Not everyone agrees with Choi, however. In numerous meetings dating back to the end of the summer, Othello residents met with city officials and expressed concerns about the village.

"I'm worried about the potential for problems there because of the encampment," says Pete Mahowald, a longtime resident. "While I support helping people in our city

fourth annual
West Seattle Bee Festival

FESTIVAL

Saturday May 21

West Seattle Bee Garden
SW Graham St. & Lanham St. SW

10AM Honey Run Sign up 9-30AM

10AM make costumes for the Kids & Pet Parade at 11AM

11- 2 Vendor & Info Fair
Plant - Seed - Garden Tool Swap!

12PM Bee Hive Demo & Bee Garden Tours

Food Trucks!
Patty Pan Grill
Wicked Pies

Music!
Face painting, games and more!!

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The Seattle Public Library



Build, invent and learn with hands-on STEM activities at SPL's 'Tinkerlab'



The Seattle Public Library is launching a weekly all-ages program called Tinkerlab that introduces science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts through play, experimentation and discovery. Each week offers self-directed STEM challenges with building and inventor kits to play with and topical books and resources on display. Tinkerlab is geared for all ages.

Tinkerlab activities are available at three Library branches: Delridge, High Point and South Park.

Library programs are free and open to the public. Free parking is available at each of the Library locations. Dates, times and locations for the workshops are as follows:

Tinkerlab Drop-In

Drop in and work on a fun STEM-based craft or challenge and tinker around with construction and builder kits. Activities are available for tinkerers of all ages.

- 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Monday through June 27 at the **Delridge Branch**, 5423 Delridge Way S.W., 206-733-9125.
- 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Wednesday through June 29 at the **South Park Branch**, 8604 Eighth Ave. S., 206-615-1688.
- 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Thursday through June 30 at the **High Point Branch**, 3411 S.W. Raymond St., 206-684-7454.

Tinkerlab Commons: Stop Motion Animation

Create stop motion animations using toys, props, the Library's iPads and imagination. Stop motion animation is a filmmaking technique that makes inanimate objects appear to move on their own, as depicted in the "Shaun the Sheep" TV series or the "Wallace and Gromit" films.

- 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 12 at the **High Point Branch**, 3411 S.W. Raymond St., 206-684-7454.
- 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 23 at the **Delridge Branch**, 5423 Delridge Way S.W., 206-733-9125.
- 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 at the **South Park Branch**, 8604 Eighth Ave. S., 206-615-1688.

For more information, call the Library at 206-386-4636.