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King County facing severe budget cuts under Trump *Biggest losers could be schools, the arts, homelessness and housing programs*

BY VOICE STAFF

Under the budget blueprint released March 16 by President Trump, King County residents would have fewer transit options, and fewer housing options for people who earn a lower income, and fewer supports for those most in need of human services.

"This is what happens when rhetoric becomes reality," said King County Executive Dow Constantine. "Given the hateful and wrongheaded ideas of this President, it's no real surprise that his first proposed budget is an assault on the environment, economy and mobility of King County, and on the most vulnerable among us.

"Nonetheless, the depravity of this proposal is shocking. I will team with our Congressional delegation and state leaders to fight these vicious cuts and restore sanity

to the federal government, but the budget announced today makes clear the scope of the struggle we face."

Members of Executive Constantine's Cabinet produced analyses of the potential local impacts of the proposed federal budget.

The President's cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are devastating and clearly ignore the impacts of climate change on our communities, natural resources and quality of life. Although the budget includes new funding for drinking and wastewater infrastructure, this funding falls significantly short of the existing needs of the entire country.

The proposed budget nearly eliminates funding to restore some of the most iconic water bodies and critical habitat in the country—including Puget Sound—that support

wildlife, fisheries and a maritime economy.

Proposed cuts of over \$15 billion to the Department of Health and Human Services budget potentially put many essential public health and safety-net clinical services at risk:

- Infectious disease control, including TB, HIV and STDs, and emerging diseases such as Zika and Ebola.
- Prevention of leading causes of illness, death and health care expenses, such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease and asthma.

Extensive cuts to several EPA and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs will affect our ability to protect local communities from contaminants in our air, water, soil, home and the products we purchase and consume.

Preparedness grants to local and state

health departments through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other agencies take deep cuts, risking rolling back our gains over the past 10 years in increasing community readiness for and resilience from disasters.

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray made the following statement in response to President Trump's planned federal budget:

"President Trump's proposed budget, which decimates support for public health, working families, seniors, and the environment, confirms my worst fear that he is reneging on his promise to be a champion for the underdog and instead abandoning the American people altogether."

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Rep. Pramila Jayapal shares her personal story with citizenship students



PHOTO BY MIRYAM LAYTNER

Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal made a special stop to a citizenship class at Neighborhood House Feb. 23. Sharing her own personal story, she told students how important it is for their voices to be heard. Congresswoman Jayapal is the first Indian-American woman in the House of Representatives and advocates for women's, immigrant, civil and human rights. She represents the 7th District in Congress.



111 years and still going strong

Seattle City Councilmember Lisa Herbold addressed a crowd of more than 500 donors and business leaders at Neighborhood House's 111th Anniversary Breakfast held March 15. Herbold reminded the audience that poverty is even more pervasive today than it was two decades ago. Mark Okazaki, the agency's executive director, said, "We must choose to build bridges that connect people, not walls that separate." More than \$183,000 was raised at the event.

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Health Notes

Rx A column devoted to your well-being

Spring into action everyday and for Earth Day, April 22

BY NEIGHBORCARE HEALTH

Research shows that spending time outside is good for your health. Doing so can help lower your blood pressure, improve your sleep and lower your stress levels. Spring has arrived, so take time to enjoy the longer days and (hopefully) sunnier skies. Step outside, take in vitamin D from the sun, breathe in some fresh air and put our dark, cold and wet winter weather behind.

Here are some easy and inexpensive spring activities to boost your health:

Take a walk

A stroll is a perfect activity for a spring day. Go during a break from work or school, after you finish your chores at home, or whenever you have a little extra time. Try one of Seattle's many outdoor stairways to make your walk a little more challenging (check out SeattleStairwayWalks.com). Even a short walk will help you feel more energized. For added benefit, ask a friend to join you. The social interaction and conversation will be good for both of you.

Take a hike

Hiking builds your muscles, exercises your lungs and clears your mind. Within an hour's drive of Seattle, you'll find beautiful trails suited for different abilities. Closer to home, you can ride the bus or your bike to many city parks with hiking trails, such as Seward Park, Lincoln Park and Discovery Park. Visit Washington Trails Association's website at WTA.org for ideas.

Plan a picnic

Eating lunch in the fresh air, surrounded by trees and other greenery can improve your concentration and creativity. Children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) often have a hard time staying focused. But a study in the American Journal of Public Health found that children with ADHD reported fewer symptoms when they spent time in green outdoor areas.

Ride a bike

With spring's longer and drier days, people feel more comfortable and safer riding their bikes. If you don't have a bike, check out Bike Works (<https://bikeworks.org> or 206-725-8867). The company helps make cycling accessible, affordable and welcoming to people of all backgrounds, abilities, incomes and ages. Don't forget to wear a bike helmet whenever you take a ride!

Plant a garden

Growing your own food has many benefits. You can harvest your own fresh fruits and vegetables and feel a great sense of accomplishment, and now is the time to plant seeds and starts! Children can also learn important lessons about healthy food. Plus, it's fun! Pots on a small balcony or deck with good sunlight work well. There are community gardens at some Seattle Housing Authority communities and P-Patches around the City of Seattle (call the Department of Neighborhoods at 206-684-0264 for more information on P-Patches). You can join with neighbors and friends to come up with other creative ways to create a garden together.

Volunteer

Join in on the celebration of Earth Day on April 22, and find ways to support and protect the environment. A healthy environment impacts our own health. Many organizations offer Earth Day volunteer opportunities. You can plant a tree, clear invasive weeds, or pick up trash in your neighborhood. Join your community to make a difference and connect with neighbors.

Whatever you prefer to do this spring, make an effort to get outside to improve your health and well-being.

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 almost 50 years. More information is available at www.neighborcare.org.

RAC president Lee Suitor to resign

BY VOICE STAFF

After having served only about six months as the Resident Action Council (RAC) president, Lee Suitor plans to resign at the April 12 meeting if the new pending bylaws pass.

Suitor, a former classical music performer, conductor, composer and organist, said,

"I am resigning from the presidency of RAC as a result of a new set of bylaws which had a first reading to the general membership March 8 through public distribution."

"The bylaws specifically place the power and responsibility for Resident Action Council in the hands of the fifteen-member Leadership Team, leaving the people of Seattle Housing Authority without decision-making options over the Leadership Team. That is an oligarchy over which I cannot preside in good conscience."

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Be Safe

Could your life use a little spring cleaning?

BY JAKE HELLENKAMP
Project Coordinator

Just about every neighborhood has spaces that are covered with litter, painted with graffiti, or have become overgrown with bushes and are unusable for residents.

Each year in April and May, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) helps community groups plan Spring Clean events all over the city to make major improvements to these areas. Cleanups are a fun, great way to meet neighbors and are much easier to organize than you might think.

Here's a simple guide for planning your own neighborhood cleanup:

Identify the problem

Explore your community and figure out where you may want to start. Look for parks, pathways and public areas that are dirty and could use a little extra love. Take notes about what you see.

Get people organized

Start by talking with people who live near the areas that you'd like to clean. They might also be interested in improving the site. Next, start reaching out to other nearby homes, businesses and local organizations. Look for partnerships with neighborhood groups, schools or a Block Watch that can help you get the information out to lots of people. Ask everyone—you never know who will want to help!

Tip: make a list with volunteers' names, phone numbers and email addresses so you can contact people easily when you're ready to plan the cleanup.

Hold a planning meeting

Find a time that works for most of the people who said they would like to be involved and have a meeting at a local school, library, community center, church or home.

Share your ideas about the cleanup and listen to everyone's feedback about the best way to beautify the area. You may not be able to clean the whole neighborhood in one day, so start thinking about this group as a starting point for many successful community events.

Pick a date and time for the cleanup

Make sure that everyone understands



their jobs for the day of the cleanup and encourage them all to invite friends, family and others from the area.

Before the cleanup

Contact SPU to notify them of your cleanup event by calling 206-233-7187 or completing the online form at <http://bit.ly/2nrODnT>.

SPU will supply free gloves, bags, safety vests, and tools for painting out graffiti. They will also coordinate a time to collect all the trash and debris that you and other volunteers clean up.

Find a group of volunteers that will help you with outreach for the cleanup. Make a list of groups for them to invite and start promoting the event weeks before the actual cleanup.

Ask local businesses if they are willing to donate supplies, money or snacks to support your efforts! A clean neighborhood is good for business.

Day of the cleanup

Bring a sign-in sheet so that you can follow up with volunteers and invite them to future events. Bring snacks, water and all the supplies you will need. Gather everyone together for quick instructions about where each person should be cleaning and what exactly they'll need to do. If there are many volunteers, pick several other people to be leaders of groups.

Ask people to take pictures of before and after the cleanup so that you can document your progress. You can use these to "advertise" future events using social media, and share with anyone who donated supplies. Be sure to get a group photo!

The mission of Seattle Neighborhood Group is to prevent crime and build community through partnerships with residents, businesses, law enforcement and other organizations. Contact Jake at 206-323-7094 or jake@sngi.org.



Full Life.

Computer Skills Instructors Wanted

Full Life Care is seeking one or more Computer Skills Instructors with schedule flexibility on weekday afternoons or early evenings to offer periodic classes to adults in Seattle Housing Authority computer labs.

Primary class sites are the STAR Center at Center Park Apartments and the Westwood Heights Technology Center. Ideal candidates have experience teaching computer skills and have a working knowledge or interest in learning about assistive technologies that aide computer users with disabilities and are proficient in various social media.

The instructor will conduct classes on Intro to Computers, Intro to Office applications, the internet, email and additional topics to be determined by community interest. Earn \$30.00 to \$35.00 per hour, DOE. The Computer Skills Instructor will be considered self-employed and responsible for all taxes, etc. This project is expected to last between 25 - 50 hours over the next 9 months. For more information, or to apply, please send a resume and a cover letter to: Chloe Bethany, Full Life Care, Computer Lab Coordinator at Chloeb@fulllifecare.org; or phone 206-348-0032.

Seattle Parks and Recreation's newest greenspace is named Yesler Terrace Park

By SHA STAFF

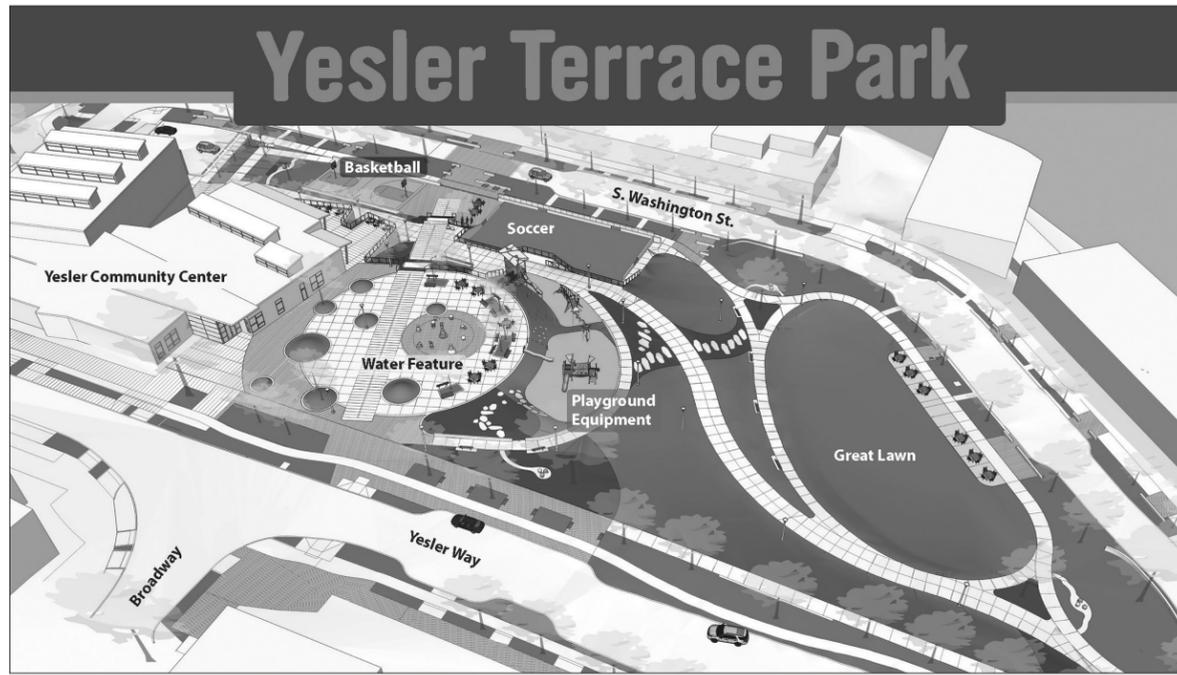
In March, Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) announced the official name of the new central park in the Yesler neighborhood as Yesler Terrace Park.

SPR asked the public to submit potential park names to the Parks Naming Committee last fall, in which they considered the following criteria: geographical location, historical or cultural significance, and natural or geological features as part of the criteria for naming the park.

The Park Naming Committee recommended Yesler Terrace Park to highlight the terrace view, recognize the connection of the park spaces, and clearly define the location of the park. The name was endorsed by the Yesler Terrace Community Council and other Yesler community members.

The park will serve as a gathering place for residents of Yesler and those who live and work in surrounding communities. The current design concept includes an interactive water feature, a great lawn, walking paths and areas for sports and recreation.

Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) transferred ownership of 1.75-acres of land to the City of Seattle for the park as part of its master plan for Yesler.



COURTESY OF SEATTLE PARKS AND RECREATION

First Hill residents will have a new park to enjoy in summer, 2018. Many people in the area surrounding Yesler Terrace Park are originally from Southeast Asia and the Horn of Africa. Those who helped plan the park in 2008 expressed desire for walking paths, open lawn, sporting areas and cultural spaces.

In addition to the central park, the Yesler neighborhood will feature several pocket parks, a Green Street Loop and a connected network of public open spaces included in the redevelopment master plan.

The 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy provides \$3 million toward the new park at Yesler. Additional funding has been secured from SHA, State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office Recreation

Grant, RAVE Foundation, Stim Bullitt Park Excellence Fund, Wyncote Foundation, and Pendleton and Elisabeth Carey Miller Foundation. The overall budget totals \$4,330,000.

Audry Breaux, longtime Yesler Terrace Community Council member and resident dies

By VOICE STAFF

Audry Breaux, a longtime resident of Seattle Housing Authority and Yesler Terrace, passed away March 7 at the age of 83.

Originally from Cajun country, New Orleans, the octogenarian loved cooking her native Louisiana Creole dishes, including deep fried catfish, cornbread, collard greens and Po'boy sandwiches.

Breaux, affectionately known by many as 'Nanny,' was a three-time cancer survivor and sports enthusiast, and during the 70s and 80s was a season ticketholder for the Seattle SuperSonics.

She loved to dance the jitterbug and once worked as a certified mixologist (bartender).

After moving to Seattle in 1957, she was a nurse at Madigan Army Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Harborview.

Relatives and friends gathered March 24 at Garfield Community Center to celebrate her life.



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Always the life of the party, Audry Breaux volunteered for 50 years at Neighborhood House. The former nurse loved watching the Seahawks and Mariners and was a resident of Yesler for half her life.

RAC Meeting April 12

Chris Klaeyen, a senior policy analyst with Seattle Housing Authority's (SHA) Policy and Strategic Initiatives, will present the major findings from the Assessment of Fair Housing, which the agency recently completed with the City of Seattle Human Services Department. The Assessment examines who SHA serves, and what communities and opportunities are accessible to its residents.

All SHA residents are encouraged to attend and join in on the discussion which starts at 1:30 p.m. A light potluck lunch will begin at 1 p.m.

RAC meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Jefferson Terrace Community Room, 800 Jefferson St. Attendees receive free bus tickets and RAC will reimburse carpool driver's mileage. If you have questions or need an interpreter call 206-930-6228.

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Seattle Housing Authority, 190 Queen Anne Ave N, 1st Floor

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Seattle Housing Authority, 190 Queen Anne Ave N, 1st Floor

One \$75.00 gift card drawing will be held at each workshop!

For more information call (206) 615-3366



Bailey Gatzert Elementary aces reading competition semifinals

BY SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

On Feb. 27, the team from Bailey Gatzert Elementary won their round of The Global Reading Challenge semifinals, besting six other schools.

The Global Reading Challenge is a Battle of the Books program presented by the Seattle Public Library for 4th and 5th graders enrolled in Seattle Public Schools. The program encourages children to have fun and enjoy reading. After reading ten books, children take part in a "Quiz Bowl" game to determine the winner for the City of Seattle.

Every student from Bailey Gatzert displayed amazing teamwork, grace under pressure, and deep knowledge of the ten books they read in preparation for the competition. The semifinals ended with a three-way tie, and their team, which they named the "Global Gang," managed to break the tie on the third question.

They advanced all the way to the City Final at the Central Library downtown on March 21 where they competed against the winners of eight other semi-final rounds.

All the students participating are winners, but let's celebrate what these bright and determined students accomplished! The students on the team include Sabrina Harrison, Huda Haji, Lezlye Lopez, Ruwayda Yaase, Isis Cota and Valeria Lopez.



The Bailey Gatzert "Global Gang" on the first day of semifinals at the downtown Central Library.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL CROTEAU

The Global Reading Challenge is made possible by funding from The Seattle Public Library Foundation, Pemco Insurance, Wells Fargo Bank, Northwest Literacy Foundation, the Ballard and Fremont Rotary clubs, and Toni Myers.

Community Notes

New data shows economic benefits of immigrants in Seattle

BY CITY OF SEATTLE

In February, the City of Seattle joined with the bipartisan immigration advocacy coalition New American Economy (NAE) in their nationwide release of new research on the contributions of immigrants in the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Metropolitan Area. The research, dubbed Map the Impact highlights the significant economic contributions of immigrants and the critical need for immigration reform. For instance, immigrants paid \$6.5 billion in state and local taxes and held \$16.9 billion in spending power in 2014.

In his State of the City speech, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray made the link between Seattle's welcoming city values and the city's economic success, success that is shared across the nation. "We are a welcoming city for thousands of new Americans, and, together with the other nine largest welcoming cities in America, account for one-third of the country's gross domestic product."

Map the Impact provides business, civic, and cultural leaders with new data on immigrant populations in all 435 Congressional Districts and 50 metro areas. Featured in an interactive map at <http://www.newamericaneconomy.org/locations/> that also includes state- and sector-specific data, NAE quantifies every locality's foreign-born population, tax contributions, spending power, home ownership, and voting power, among other items.

In the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Metropolitan Area, Map the Impact shows:

- There are 613,667 foreign-born residents who make up 16.7 percent of the area's population.
- Immigrants own 131,178 homes and help to build the area's housing wealth.
- Immigrants make up 28.2 percent of the tourism, hospitality and recreation industry.

Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs director Cuc Vu believes the data can be an effective tool in the larger toolbox to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform.

"This information can be effective in educating voters about the contributions that immigrants and refugees make to our economy," says Vu. "Despite the anti-immigrant rhetoric from the Trump Administration and Congress, the truth is that immigrants – from farmworkers to tech workers – will continue to enrich Seattle's economy and contribute to the success of America."

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If you'd like to submit an article, or if you have a question about anything you've read in this publication, please contact Editor Nancy Gardner at 206-461-8430, ext. 2051 or by email at nancyg@nhwa.org.

All submissions are subject to editing for accuracy, style and length.

Bits & bytes

Beware the tax man and this season's phishing scams

Editor's note: Computing and its caveats is a popular topic, and to help address some of your concerns we'll be featuring this column periodically. Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) resident and computer lab instructor Ben Wong wants to hear from you. If you have a topic you'd like him to tackle, contact him care of The Voice.

BY BEN WONG
SHA resident

"Phishing." It's a weird word, but because it seems to have stuck around, it's good to know what it means. Phishing is tricking people into giving away information (passwords, Social Security numbers, bank account numbers) by sending them email disguised to look like it's legitimate.

Usually phishing attacks are crafted to look like they're from somebody we'd consider important (your bank, your employer, the government) advising you to take urgent action.



Learn to be a savvy surfer so you don't fall hook, line and sinker for online scams.

One example of a popular phishing message is, "There is a problem with your account, please click this link to confirm your username and account." The link would lead to an official-looking website that actually sends any information you type to the bad guys.

Most phishing attacks are easy to recognize, but they are sent to a huge number of people with the presumption that at least one person will fall for it. Like with real fishing, they're putting out bait to see who bites.

During tax season phishing goes way up as crooks hope to snag your tax refund. Fortunately, the IRS provides some tips for how to sniff out the scams.

The IRS will not contact you by way of email, text message or phone. They will respond to you electronically if you ask them a question electronically, but when the IRS initiates contact, they will always send a letter in the mail first. As IRS Commissioner John Koskinen says, "If you're surprised to be hearing from us, you're not hearing from us."

If you receive a phone call from someone who seems aggressive or asks for personal information (bank account, birthdate, Social Security number), hang up. The IRS will never call to demand immediate payment or ask for your bank information.

How to detect phishing

Urgency. Phishing emails typically stress that a response is needed immediately. When you receive unexpected, urgent requests, that's a signal to slow down and think before you click.

Sloppiness. Many phishing attempts are sloppy (misspellings, use of an unofficial company logo) or just seem off. For example, why would a bank you don't do business with ask you to verify your identity? But don't assume an email that looks legitimate and is error-free is authentic; phishing is getting more sophisticated every day.

Pay attention. Many web browsers including Google Chrome, Safari and Firefox block known phishing sites. Test your browser by visiting <http://itisatrap.org/firefox/its-a-trap.html>. If the website is blocked, your browser will protect you from many, but not all, phishing attacks.

Some email apps, such as Gmail and Mozilla Thunderbird, will try to warn you of messages that look like phishing. Again, this is helpful, but won't catch everything.

Advanced users can check where a link goes before clicking on it. Hover your mouse cursor over a link but do not click. Most web browsers will show you a long URL. The important part is the hostname, which is the words (separated by periods) between "https://" and the next slash "/". If the last two words of the hostname are what you'd expect (for example, "irs.gov/", "becu.org/", or "amazon.com/") then it is likely a legitimate site. However, if it ends in anything else, ("amazonbuy.com/", "theamazon.com/", or "irs.gov.form1040.ws/", beware.

What to do if you get a phishing email

Do not click within a phishing message. Some computers are at risk of malware (malicious software) just from clicking on a link or opening an attachment.

If you think the message might be authentic, contact the sender through other means, such as a phone call. You can usually find the phone number and genuine web address on bills or other letters you've received.

Report and send the message to authorities. If you use Gmail, you can click the button that says "Report as Phishing."

Send the questionable message to the real organization. For IRS scams, contact phishing@irs.gov or 800-366-4484.

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- Training process & funds Information & Referral
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When: Wednesday April 6th & April 20th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Where: 500 SW 7th Street, Suite # 100 Renton WA 98057, Room A

For more information about program details and dates for next month's Job Club, please contact one of the facilitators below:

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West Seattle Bee Festival May 20

BY VOICE STAFF

The 2017 West Seattle Bee Festival will be held on Saturday, May 20th, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

This one-of-a-kind, free neighborhood festival takes place at High Point Commons Park, home to the West Seattle Bee Garden. The park is next to Neighborhood House at 6400 Sylvan Way SW.

See and learn more about bees from Puget Sound Beekeepers. Find out how you can help bees survive and thrive.

Find out more at www.westseattle-beegarden.com

Neighborhood House offers free citizenship classes
Free classes are offered in Kent, White Center and West Seattle

BY NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Neighborhood House offers free citizenship courses and other services to residents of King County. The next session of classes begins in **early April** and will continue for about eight weeks.

The beginning and intermediate-level classes will be offered at two sites in Seattle and King County: Wiley Center in Greenbridge and Birch Creek in Kent. Tutoring classes will be held at High Point in West Seattle.

Eligible clients are legal, low-income, permanent residents of the United States who live in the general area. More classes will be offered throughout the year.

The group studies American history, naturalization questions and other components of the citizenship exam. Courses include practice in writing, reading and mock interviews.

Also offered is free assistance with N-400 applications, fee waivers and medical waivers. Documents required for enrollment include a green card, social security card, driver's license, DSHS letter and/or low-income verification.

Class sites and more information include the following:

High Point Center in West Seattle
6400 Sylvan Way SW, Seattle, 206-588-4900; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m. (tutoring sessions).

Wiley Center at Greenbridge
9800 Eighth Ave SW, Seattle, 206-461-4554
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-2:00 p.m. (intermediate level) and 2-4 p.m. (beginner level).

Birch Creek Career Center
13111 274th SE, Kent, 253-277-1667
Mondays and Wednesdays from 12-2 p.m. (beginner level) and from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (intermediate level).

For more information about Neighborhood House citizenship classes, or to enroll, contact instructor Marissa Graff at marissag@nhwa.org or phone 206-734-0366.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Lessons learned from the past: experts chronicle how Seattle's homelessness came to be

By KRISTIN O'DONNELL
SHA resident

Is homelessness something new to Seattle? Is it getting worse? How did homelessness become a state of emergency here?

At the March 15 History Café at the South Lake Union Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI), a panel of expert historians, activists and advocates answered these and other questions.

Lack of jobs and affordable housing isn't new to Seattle. Between 1913 and 1915 a group of homeless men provided food and shelter in a vacated hospital. In 1915 they served 381,975 meals and provided 159,935 beds. By 1915, World War I related shipyard work was plentiful and well-paid. The hotel closed.

By 1931 it was difficult to find work at all. Banks failed. People lost homes, businesses and farms. Men built shacks on land near where the stadiums in SoDo now stand. The settlement was called Hooverville and eventually covered nine acres with almost a thousand shacks.

A Hooverville was a shanty town built by homeless people in the U.S. during the Great Depression. They were named after Herbert Hoover, who was President of the United States during the onset of the Depression and widely blamed for it.

There were hundreds of Hoovervilles across the country during the 1930s and hundreds of thousands of people lived in these slums.

Neither Seattle's 1913 makeshift shelter nor Hooverville housed women or children. There were orphanages for children, although not all the children in them were orphans. There were, almost certainly, women without homes. They weren't being counted or noticed.

During the first decades after the war visible homelessness was rare in Seattle. Much war worker's housing became public housing, which provided homes for very poor families. Many single room occupancy hotels rented small rooms with a bathroom down the hall for a few dollars per night.

Then, in the '70s, things changed. After two tragic fires, the City of Seattle passed stringent fire ordinances, and many of the cheap hotels closed. In the decades since then, many buildings have been demolished or repurposed as offices and condos. State mental institutions closed, with a promise of community care that was never delivered.

Between 1978 and 1983, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) budget was reduced from 83 billion per year to a little more than 18 billion, and construction of new public housing came to a standstill and building

Here's a picture of Hooverville, near Seattle's waterfront, around 1930. The homes were occupied by depression-trapped people. The homes were made out of cardboard, scraps of metal, wood from crates, or whatever materials could be found.



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of homeless shelters began.

Since the 1980s family and child homelessness has been steadily increasing. Minorities and former foster youth are more often the ones who become homeless. According to panelist Tim Harris of Real Change News, government funding policies have created the "Homelessness Industrial Complex" which tries to help individuals after they become homeless but does little to fix why homelessness occurs.

New rapid rehousing plans, which will give families temporary vouchers to pay rent to private landlords are a temporary fix

for many who don't have enough income to afford rent. When area rents rise, so does homelessness. Seattle rents continue to rise. What is needed? Much more affordable housing, according to the MOHAI panelists.

History Café is a free event which takes place on the second Wednesday of most months from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

April 29, Seattle Youth Empowerment Day at MOHAI is free to teens 13 to 18. More info can be found at www.mohai.org.

Around the Sound

New Rental Commission established to help residents

By CITY OF SEATTLE

Legislation introduced by Seattle City Council members Tim Burgess, Lisa Herbold and Mike O'Brien has passed, creating the Seattle Renters' Commission (SRC).

The Commission is designed to give renters—approximately half of Seattle residents—a stronger voice at City Hall.

The 15-person volunteer commission will address topics ranging from housing affordability and neighborhood rezones to transportation and access to open space.

"As rents continue to rise, it's increasingly urgent that renters are given a forum to engage city government with a strong and organized voice. Half of households in Seattle are renters, with renters making up more than 80 percent of residents in certain neighborhoods, and that number is only climbing. That's why we are creating this Commission, a kind of community council for renters," said Councilmember Tim Burgess (Position 8, Citywide), the prime sponsor of the legislation.

The SRC will be expected to:

- Provide information, advice and counsel to the City Council, Mayor and City departments about a range of issues impacting life in the city, from transportation to education and public safety;
- Monitor the enforcement and effectiveness of legislation related to renters and renter protections; and
- Provide periodic advice on priorities, policies and strategies for strengthening and enhancing the enforcement and effectiveness of renter protections.

The Council members were inspired to create the SRC after they were approached with the idea by Zachary DeWolf of the Capitol Hill Community Council. The legislation was developed in partnership with the Capitol Hill Community Council, Capitol Hill Housing, Tenants Union, Washington CAN, Associated Students of the University of Washington, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance and LGBTQ Allyship.

The Council- and Mayor-appointed SRC members will consist of people living in an array of rental housing types, including students, low-income renters, LGBTQ renters, people with past felony convictions, and people in subsidized housing. It's also expected that members be geographically representative of Seattle. SRC meetings will be open to the public.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

Providing eligible seniors with fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers markets

Eligibility for \$40 worth of vouchers:

- Age 60+ (or age 55+ if you are Native American)
- Low income (no more than \$1,850 monthly income for one person or \$2,504 for two people—add \$644 for each additional person)

How to apply:

Beginning April 10, 2017, print an application from the website listed below. Mail your completed application—no later than May 12, 2017—to:

**Senior Farmers Market
Nutrition Program**
140 Lakeside Avenue, Suite A-180
Seattle WA 98122

Your form will be entered into a random selection process. If your name is selected, you will receive your checks by mail by July 1, 2017.

Need help?



Call 206-962-8467
or toll free
1-844-348-5464

communitylivingconnections.org



www.agingkingcounty.org/SFMNP/



Aging and Disability Services, the Area Agency on Aging for King County, plans, coordinates, and advocates for a comprehensive service delivery system for older adults, family caregivers and people with disabilities in King County.
www.agingkingcounty.org

TRANSLATIONS

TRANSLATED ARTICLES FROM THE VOICE

Programa de nutrición del mercado de agricultores para personas de la tercera edad. La inscripción comienza el 10 de abril de 2017 /By Jonny Fernandez

La inscripción para el Programa de Nutrición del Mercado para la tercera edad del 2017 comenzará el lunes 10 de abril y continuará hasta el 12 de mayo. Las solicitudes estarán disponibles en línea a partir del 10 de abril en:

www.agingkingcounty.org/what-we-do/healthy-aging/#sfmnp.

El Programa de Nutrición del Mercado de Agricultores, provee a las personas de la tercera edad de bajos ingresos \$ 40 = en cheques/cupones que pueden usarse para comprar productos frescos en lugares aprobados de los mercados de agricultores.

Para ser elegible para el cupón del Mercado de agricultores mayores, usted debe:

- Cumplir con la elegibilidad individual (vivir en el Condado de King, tener 60 años de edad o más (si es Nativo Americano 55+) y cumplir con los requisitos de bajos ingresos).
- Proporcione una dirección postal válida del Condado de King (se acepta PO

Box) indicando claramente el número de apartamento, si corresponde.

- Debe firmar el formulario de solicitud.
- Cumplir con la fecha límite de la solicitud (el correo debe llevar el sello de correos antes del 12 de mayo).
- Cumplir con las pautas de ingresos del 2017 (185% del Nivel de Pobreza Federal) que es \$22,311 anual o \$1,859 ingreso mensual para una persona; \$30,044 al año ó \$2,504 ingreso mensual para dos personas; ó, para hogares más grandes, agregue \$644 por cada persona adicional.

El Condado de King acepta solicitudes y distribuye cupones por correo solamente. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Community Living Connections al 206-962-8467 o 1-844-348-5464. Los cheques/cupones serán enviados por correo Julio 01.

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CHƯƠNG TRÌNH DINH DƯỠNG TỪ CHỢ NÔNG SẢN CHO NGƯỜI GIÀ 2017 VIỆC GHI TÊN BẮT ĐẦU NGÀY 10 THÁNG 4 /By Long Luu

Việc ghi tên cho Chương trình dinh dưỡng từ chợ nông sản sẽ bắt đầu từ ngày Thứ Hai 10 tháng Tư cho đến ngày 12 tháng 5. Mẫu đơn có sẵn trên mạng bắt đầu từ ngày 10 Tháng 4 ở www.agingkingkingcounty.org/what-we-do/healthy-aging/#sfmnp.

Chương Trình Dinh Dưỡng Từ Chợ Nông Sản dành cho người già cung cấp \$40 tín phiếu để có thể dùng để mua rau quả tươi ở các chợ nông sản được chấp thuận.

Để được hợp lệ nhận các tính phiếu của chương trình dinh dưỡng từ chợ nông sản cho người già, quý vị phải có:

- Hội đủ điều kiện hợp lệ (sinh sống trong quận King, phải 60 tuổi trở lên (nếu là người gốc gia đó thì 55 tuổi trở lên) và phải là người có lợi tức thấp)

- Phải cung cấp địa chỉ xác thực ở trong quận King
 - Phải ký tên vào mẫu đơn
 - Phải nộp đơn đúng hạn (nếu nộp qua đường bưu điện, phải có dấu bưu điện đóng vào ngày 12 tháng 5)
- Phải hội đủ mức lợi tức qui định cho năm 2017 (185% tiêu chuẩn nghèo liên bang) có nghĩa là \$22,311 cho một năm, hoặc \$1859 cho một người mỗi tháng; hoặc \$30,044 mỗi năm hoặc \$2,504 cho hai người, hoặc nếu là gia đình đông người, thì cộng vào \$644 cho mỗi người.

Quận King chỉ nhận đơn và cấp phát tín phiếu qua đường bưu điện mà thôi. Nếu muốn biết thêm thông tin, hãy liên lạc đường dây Kết Nối Cuộc Sống Cộng Đồng ở số 206-962-8467 hoặc số 1-844-348-5464

10 апреля начинается запись в программу, помогающую пожилым людям делать покупки на фермерских рынках/ By Irina Vodonos

Запись в программу, которая поможет пожилым людям делать покупки на фермерских рынках в 2017 году (Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program), начнется в понедельник, 10 апреля, и закончится 12 мая. Бланк заявления будет доступен в интернете на страничке www.agingkingcounty.org/what-we-do/healthy-aging/#sfmnp начиная с 10 апреля.

По этой программе малообеспеченным пожилым людям выдаются специальные талоны на сумму 40 долларов, которые можно использовать для приобретения свежих фруктов и овощей на фермерских рынках, участвующих в программе.

Чтобы принять участие в программе, необходимо:

- Быть жителем округа Кинг в возрасте 60 лет и старше (55 лет и старше для североамериканских индейцев) с низким доходом (см. ниже)
- Указать почтовый адрес в пределах округа Кинг (абонентский ящик тоже подойдет), включая номер квартиры, если вы проживаете в многоквартирном доме

- Подписать заполненный бланк заявления
- Своевременно подать заявление (почтовый штампель на конверте должен быть датирован не позднее 12 мая)
- Иметь доход, не превышающий 185% от федеральной черты бедности: на 2017 год эта сумма составляет 22 311 долларов в год или 1 859 долларов в месяц на одного человека, 30 044 доллара в год или 2 504 доллара в месяц на двоих. Если в семье более двух человек, прибавьте 644 доллара в месяц на каждого дополнительного члена семьи.

Администрация округа Кинг принимает заявки на участие в программе и рассылает талоны исключительно по почте. За дополнительной информацией обращайтесь в службу Community Living Connections по телефону 206-962-8467 или 1-844-348-5464. Талоны будут отправлены участникам программы к 1 июля.

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- የግለሰብ መስፈርት (ዕድሜ 60 እና ከዚያ በላይ፤ የኪንግ ካውንቲ ነዋሪ (ለነባር ኦሪጋኖን ንግድ 55+)፤ የአነስተኛ ገቢ መስፈርቶችን ማሟላት ይጠበቅበታል)።
- ተቀባይነት ያለው የኪንግ ካውንቲ ኣድራሻ (የፖስታ ሳጥን ቁጥር) እና

ቁጥር ከአለው የመኖርያ ህንጻ ቁጥር ይጥቀሱ።

- የማመልከቻ ቅጹን መፈረም አለብዎት።
- የ2017 የገቢ መመሪያን ማሟላት አለብዎት (185% የፈደራል የድህነት ደረጃ) ይህም ለአንድ ሰው በአመት ገቢው \$22,311 ወይም በወር \$1,859 ከሆኑ ፤ ለሁለት ሰው ገቢ ከሆኑ ደግሞ \$30,044 በአመት ወይም \$2,504 በወር፤ ብዙ ሰው ከሆኑ ደግሞ በተጨማሪ ሰው ላይ \$644 ይጨምሩበት።

ኪንግ ካውንቲ ማመልከቻዎችን የሚቀበለውና ሾቸር የሚልከው በፖስታ ብቻ ነው። ለተጨማሪ መረጃ እነዝህን የማህበረሰብ ግንኙነት መስመሮችን ይደውሉ 206-962-8467 ወይም 1-844-348-5464። ሓምሌ 1 ሾቸር በፖስታ ይላክሉታል።

Barnaamijka Quudinta Waayeelka ee Suuqa Beeraleyda sana-daka 2017 oo Bilaabanaya 10ka April/By Mahamoud Gaayte

Isdiiwaangelinta barnaamijka quudinta waayeelka ee suuqa beeraleyda ee sanadka 2017, ayaa bilaabaneysa Isniinta, 10ka bisha April wexeyna soconeysaa ilaa 12ka bisha May. Arjiyada waxaad ka helikartaan baraha internetka www.agingkingcounty.org/what-we-do/healthy-aging/#sfmnp. Laga bilaabo 10ka April.

Barnaamijkan kor kuxusan ayaa u qoondaynaya waayeelka danyarta ah boono \$40 ah, taas oo eey ku iibsan-karaan dalagyada beeraha kasoo go'a (Qudaar) ee goobaha suuqyada beeraleyda.

Sidii aad uheshid boonadan waa inaad buuxisaa shuruudaha hoos ku taxan:

- Lixdanjir ama kaweyn kuna nool King County (Native American 55+) waana in aad buuxisaa shuruudaha danyarnimada
- Waa in aad latimaadaa cinwaan

(address) shaqaynaya oo King county ah(P.O Box waa OK) xus lambarka guriga

- Waa in aad saxiixdaa arjiga
- Waa in aad gudbisaa arjiga xiliga loogutalagalay (kama dambays 12ka May)
- 2017ka shuruudaha dakhiliga (185% heerka fakhriga federaalka) kaas oo ah \$22,311 sandkii ama \$1,859 bishii dakhliga hal qof; \$30,044 sandkii ama \$2,504 bishii laba qof; ama, qoysaska blaaran, ku dar \$644 qofkii kastaba.

King County wexey aqbaleysaa arjiyada lagusoo diro bostada oo keliya, sidoo-kale boonoyinga wexey kusoo direysaa boostada. Wixii faahfaahin dheeraad ah la xiriiir Community Living Connections lambarka 206-962-8467 ama 1-844-348-5464.Boonoyinka waxaa boostada lasoo dhigayaa bisha Julay Ideeda.

OUR COMMUNITIES

STORIES FROM OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Rainier Vista homeowners show support for SHA residents

Rainier Vista homeowners recently delivered a letter offering support to Seattle Housing Authority residents and others in the community. The statement below, which was translated into two additional languages, was signed by more than 200 people.

كأعضاء في مجتمع ريديير ويندوز فيستا الجديد، نحن نشعر بحزن وغضب من قبل الإجراءات ضد المهاجرين، وعلى وجه التحديد ضد المسلمين، القادمة من إدارة ترامب. هذه الإجراءات ليست طبعية وتعارض مع مبادئ أمريكا ذاتها الكراهية المناف للعدل كما نشاهد تصاعد موجة الخوف في أمتنا ونستمتع إلى خطاب وتذكير قلوبنا. اليوم، نريد أن نقول بصوت الصاغر عن هذا الرئيس، تتصدع عال وواضح أنه إذا هم يستهدفون المسلمين الأميركيين، أو أي فرد من مجتمعنا المتنوع، فهم يستهدفون كل واحد منا لأننا كلنا نقف معاً كفريق واحد

قديري رعاية. وايضا كأصدقاءنا وجيراننا. نحن نعرفكم كأهات وآباء وم نحن نعرفكم كإخواننا وأخواننا. انتم نحن ونحن انتم. أمريكا ليست أمريكا بدونكم

نحن نحبكم، ونتعهد لإظهار حبنا في كل ركن من أركان حياتنا. لنسبيريديا بيد نحو وال العنف يكونون من مخلفات الماضي، حي مستقبل حيث العنصرية والكراهية يتم الاحتيال بالذات والدين واللون والعرق، ويرث أولادنا فرحنا. نحن مستعدون لدعمكم في الطرق التي تطلبوها منا بإخلاص،

As members of the New Rainier Vista community, we are saddened and outraged by the blatant anti-immigrant, and specifically anti-Muslim, actions coming from the Trump administration. These actions are not normal and go against the very tenets of what America is about.

As we watch the rising tide of fear in our nation, as we listen to preposterous hate speech and rhetoric from this President, our hearts are cracked wide open. Today, we want to say loudly and clearly that if they target Muslim Americans, or any member of our diverse community, they target all of us; for we stand together as one.

We know you as mothers and fathers and caregivers, as our friends and neighbors. We know you as our brothers and our sisters. You are us. America is not America without you.

We love you, and we pledge to show our love in every corner of our lives. May we walk hand in hand into a future where racism, hate, and violence are relics of the past, where differences are celebrated, and our children inherit our joy. We stand ready to support you in the ways you ask us to.

Inagoo xubno ka ah Bulshada Rainier Vistada cusub, waxaad aad uga xunahay, ugana careysanahay gefafka aan lala gaban ee lidka ku ah dad ka soo galootiga ah gaar ahaan Muslimka, ficiladaas oo ka imaanaya maamulka Trump. Ficaladani ma ahan kuwa caadi ah, waxa ayna lid ku yihiin mabaadiida ay America ku taagan tahay.

Sida aynu ka arkayno hirarka cabsi gelinta ee qarankeena, sida aynu ka maqlayno qudbadaha iyo hadalka nacaybka ku dhisan ee caqliga diiday ee ka soo yeeraya Madaxweynahan, waxay nagu rideen qalbi jab. Maanta waxaan rabnaa in aan cod xoog leh ku cadayno haddii ay bar tilmaameedsadaan Muslimiinta America ama shaqsi ka tirsan bulshadeeda kala duwan, in ay anaga oo dhan na bartilmaadsaneed; waxaanu isku nahay mid qura.

Waxaanu idiin garanaynaa in aad tihiin hooyooyin, aabayaal iyo daryeelalayaal, saaxibadeena iyo derinkeena. Waxaan idiin garanaynaa in aad tihiin walaalahaheena. Naga mid baad tihiin. Americana la'aantiin America ma ahan.

Waynu idin jecel nahay, waxaan balan qaadaynaa in aan idiin muujino jacayl dhinaca walba oo nolosheena ah. Waxaynu gacmaha iskugu qabsanaynaa mustaqbal uu kala faquuqa, nacaybka iyo rabshaduhuba yihiin wax laga soo gudbay, kala duwanaanshana loo damaashaado oo caruurteenan ay naga dhaxlaan farxad. Waxaan u taaganahay in aan idiin garab istaagno si

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"We knew we couldn't count on the new administration to partner on our progressive agenda to fund transit, build affordable housing, and be proactive about health and human services. These massive cuts to more than a dozen federal agencies, including completely eliminating the Housing and Urban Development's housing block grant program, are downright dangerous, putting the economy and human lives at risk."

The Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) similarly issued a statement from Executive Director Andrew Lofton in reaction to the president's proposed budget.

"The 2018 budget proposal the President

sent to Congress today includes a 13 percent cut – more than \$6 billion – to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HUD is already underfunded for public housing and vouchers to help people afford rent in the private market, which form the safety net that keeps millions of veterans, seniors, children and many others in our country from homelessness. Congress must stop these budget cuts from being enacted."

"SHA currently serves more than 34,000 people. Its annual operating budget, which is funded through HUD, is \$180 million. The federal budget at this point is only the President's proposal, and we don't know where the numbers will be at the conclusion of the full budget process. For perspective, however, if a 13 percent cut to our HUD

funding were to happen, it would mean \$24 million less to provide housing and services to people in need in the Seattle community."

"\$24 million is nearly half of the annual cost of maintaining and operating our 8,000 residences, which provide housing for more than 15,000 people. It is the annual equivalent of 2,400 rental assistance vouchers providing affordable housing for almost 5,000 people. \$24 million dollars is four times the current SHA budget for essential services for tenants such as youth tutoring, job training and employment, support for aging residents and health related services."

"There is a myth, and a great deal of false rhetoric, about people living in public housing or using vouchers. Some government leaders have suggested that people just lack the motivation to work and meet

their own needs. Nothing could be further from the truth. More than two-thirds of the low-income people we house are elderly, disabled or children. Among the remaining third are hardworking individuals who simply cannot earn enough to pay today's rents, let alone garner enough resources to buy a home. They are vulnerable for myriad reasons and need our help."

"On behalf of the community and individuals we serve, the Seattle Housing Authority implores members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to consider the immediate and the hidden consequences for our entire society of decimating the HUD budget. It's not only inhumane, it's shortsighted. America is better than this."