



The Commission serves as the official state representative of the African American community - advising the Governor, Legislature and state agencies regarding policy development and implementation. The Commission also works to establish relationships with local governments and private sector organizations that promote equal opportunity for African Americans.

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Upcoming: CAAA Public Commission Meeting: Friday, March 11, 2019, 1 PM to 4 PM,
Lynnwood Public Library 19200 44th Ave W. Lynnwood, WA.

March 4, 2019

NOW YOU KNOW

Liberty Bank - Seattle's Black Owned Bank

The first black-owned bank opened May 31, 1968 in Seattle's Central District. Located at 24th and East Union, Liberty Bank grew out of need as mainstream banks participated in redlining practices - refusing mortgages or business loans to persons of color and withheld investment in the area.

The community bank with 518 stockholders, 80 percent of which were black, held approximately 1800 checking accounts and 1100 savings accounts by August of that same year. Liberty Bank operated for 20 years, funding projects such as the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, but closed in 1988 due to uneven profits and deficits. It reopened as Emerald City Bank but was later purchased and closed by Key Bank.

Efforts to preserve the Liberty Bank building grew, but landmark status was denied and the building demolished. In 2015, community partners announced affordable housing would be built on the site and an advisory board organized to finalize recommendations of how to best capture the bank's legacy. Included were the daughters of the bank's original founders, a former executive director and long-time community members.

On Saturday, March 23, 2019, the ribbon cutting for the new Liberty Bank Building is scheduled - boasting 115 new affordable homes and retail space for three local minority-owned businesses.

Sources: Blackpast.org; Libertybankbuilding.org; Seatletimes.com;

Second Chance to Change Your Medicare Advantage Plan Until March 31, 2019

The federal government added a second enrollment period: change your Medicare Advantage plan or move to regular Medicare until March 31, 2019.

If considering a different MA plan, be sure coverage is available for your circumstance before leaving your current plan. Also be sure to compare premiums. Need assistance with the plans?

The Statewide Health Insurance Benefit Advisors (SHIBA) is provided by Washington state at no cost. Contact them for assistance understanding your choices.

The **Washington State Department of Transportation** launched its **Mentor Protégé Program** in July 2018, and now with Sound Transit joining the effort, the program is expanding and being renamed as the Capacity Building Mentorship Program.

The Capacity Building Mentorship Program is geared toward construction and transportation firms, and is designed to foster partnerships among successful large enterprises (mentors) and emerging small and diverse businesses (protégés). The program provides opportunities for participants to improve their business practices, grow their firms and develop relationships with other companies.

Access more information about the Mentor-Protégé Program [here](#).

SMALL BUSINESS/ DBE/ CONTRACTORS

Highline High School Replacement, Burien, Washington
Skanska USA Building (GC/CM Contractor)

DBE Bid Workshops: Friday March 1st, 2019. Skanska invites all interested parties to attend optional online workshop(s) for information and requirements regarding upcoming Group 1 Bid Packages, including project and scope overview, bidding requirements and timelines, and project contract requirements.

This project is committed to providing maximum practicable opportunity for Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBEs); participation may be either on a direct basis or as a subcontractor or supplier. For Additional Information or Questions, please contact: Margot vanSwearingen, Project Manager, margot.vanswearingen@skanska.com

SUB-BIDS REQUESTED FOR Highline High School Renovations and Additions

Notice of Bid Package EC/CM 01 Release for Subcontractor Scopes listed below per RCW 39.10.380. Pursuant to RCW 39.10.380, Premier Power Electric is requesting bids in response to bid packages EC/CM-01 from prospective subcontractors on scopes of work on Highline High School Renovations and Additions project which include Fire Alarm and Detection Systems. Interested potential bidders can obtain an electronic copy of the package documents from the following link or by contacting Ross Monson at 360-789-3881.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/c28m6j1oqjibfxa/AACoG30363TTYMzkFQT1CO95a?dl=0>

Non-mandatory pre-bid site walk will meet at Highline High School Cafeteria

March 6th, 2019 at 4:00pm

225 S 152nd St, Burien, WA 98148

Bids are due no later than March 26th, 2019 at 1:00 PM. Bids shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to:

Premier Power Electric, Attn: Ross Monson

15675 Ambaum Blvd SW, Burien, WA 98166 No faxed or emailed bids will be accepted. If bids are submitted via mail or a courier service, the bids shall be received by Premier Power Electric no later than the bid due date noted above.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SISTER SPIT 2019 TOUR



Juliana Delgado Lopera



Baruch Porras Hernandez



Austin Hernandez



Katie Fricas



Katherine Agard



Cristy C. Road



Itoro Udofia

In 2019, the Sister Spit tour, celebrating its 22nd year on the roads of the U.S., features seven artists who offer intersectional perspectives to issues of race, size, class, gender, and sexuality. Join us for readings from Juliana Delgado Lopera, Baruch Porras Hernandez, Austin Hernandez, Katie Fricas, Katherine Agard, Cristy C. Road, and Itoro Udofia.

**Thursday
March 7
7:30 - 9 p.m.**
for adults

*This event will be held after regular hours,
no other library services will be available.*



Olympia Timberland Library

313 8th Avenue Southeast

360.352.0595

TRL.org

Keepers of the Flame NW works with community partners to address health disparities that impact communities of color, particularly the impact of HIV/AIDS in the African American community. We aim to eliminate stigma while increasing opportunities for individuals and families to lead healthy lives and to build a stronger sense of community.

**Saturday, March 9th
11 AM
LaQuinta Inn
1425 E 27th St. Tacoma, WA**

**RSVP by March 1
253-906-0278
ABCTMumford@gmail.com**

GIRL CON

The Girl Scouts create an opportunity for girls grades 6-12 to connect with other girls and meet with leaders in STEM, business, activism, education and the arts.

Saturday, March 9, 2019

4 - 8:30pm

Riverside Place

1110 W Riverside, Spokane, WA

**Free for girls grades 6-12. For more information
visit girlconNW.com**



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

Keepers of the Flame NW LUNCHEON



Saturday, March 9th

11:00 a.m.

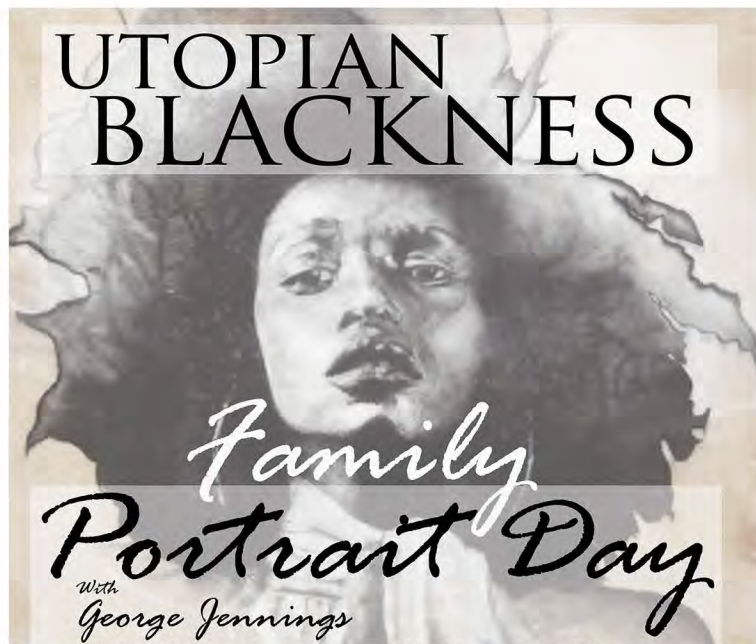
La Quinta Inn

1425 E. 27th St., Tacoma, WA

SPEAKER: DR. MICHELE ANDRASIK

RSVP BY MARCH 1 TO ANN MUMFORD:
253.906.0278 | ABCTMUMFORD@GMAIL.COM

Our Mission: Working together with community partners to address health disparities that impact communities of color, particularly the impact of HIV/AIDS in the African American community. We aim to eliminate stigma while increasing opportunities for individuals and families to lead healthy lives and to build a stronger sense of community.



GEORGE JENNINGS



MARCH 9, 2019 | 3-5PM
FREE EVENT



In the spirit of the Jeremy Bell: Utopian Blackness exhibit, learn to draw your portrait from portrait artist George Jennings.

Join us in the spirit of the Jeremy Bell: Utopian Blackness exhibition for a fun workshop to share with your family and friends. Learn to draw your portrait from art instructor and professional portrait artist George Jennings. This is a free workshop, but attendance will be capped at 25 people, so please register to secure your spot.

NorthWest African American Museum
2300 S. Massachusettes Ave. Seattle, WA
www.naamnw.org



Film screening: "Bound: Africans vs. African-Americans"

Objective: Restart the dialogue between Africans and African-Americans in the Seattle/greater King County area. Come be a part of the solution.

We want to dispel the myths and stereotypes the media has fed us for years about the two groups and show we are really ONE. We want create an environment of working together for one common cause and developing the unity necessary to improve our collective quality of life.

For this to happen we need the cooperation and participation of as many African communities in the area as possible and as well as many as possible African-Americans to come out and be a part of this history making event; shifting the landscape of the Black Community in Seattle forever.

We will have groups discussions focusing on "SOLUTIONS" after the film and there will be a reception with food from local African and African American restaurants. Informal dress code is African themed if you are able, we would love to take a picture to share this history making event.

Saturday March 9th, 2019 @ 4pm
Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute - 104 17th Ave S Seattle, WA 98144
Register at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) - free admission

JUSTICE NIGHT

Speak with an attorney. Free Consultations in these areas: LFOs (Legal Financial Obligations), Housing, Juvenile Law, Family Law, Seal/Expunge/Vacate Convictions, Police Accountability. **NO CRIMINAL LAW.**

5:30 pm

Center for Justice

35 W Main, Spokane 99201

Cost: Free

Sponsored by Center for Justice. For more information call 509.835.5211 or visit their website at www.cforjustice.org

Mathematical Problem Solving Workshop

South Sound Circles one-day workshop in mathematical problem solving - a valuable benefit for math teachers and individuals in the community working to close the achievement gap in mathematics.

Saturday, March 16 at the University of Puget Sound.

No particular background in mathematics needed. Workshop is aimed at the middle school level, but individuals working with youth of all ages can benefit.

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM with refreshments available at 8:30 am. South Sound Circles will host lunch. Register/questions contact David Scott at scott@pugetsound.edu or 253-879-3565.

Space is limited -please respond by Tuesday, March 12.

Please share this announcement with others.

IDAY.DREAM

INSPIRING YOUTH TO DREAM OUT LOUD.

16
MAR

COMMUNITY SERVICE
NW HARVEST | 12:00 PM

23
MAR

#YOUTH DAY OUT
HIKING - TBD | 12:00 PM


24
MAR

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER
KENT STATION | 4:00 PM

erMyWall.com

RSVP TO: INFO@IDAYDREAM.ORG

1ST QUARTER EVENT



NORTHWEST AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM PRESENTS

JOIN US ON THIS FUN-FILLED DAY

HBCU SUNDAY


SUNDAY MARCH 17TH 2PM - 6PM

Wear your favorite HBCU Attire
Free Admission - Donations Encouraged


Point & Drive Documentary produced and directed by Brandi Mitchell

Panel Discussions and Q&A with HBCU Alumni

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:



Book Signing
Point and Drive For Life by Brandi Mitchell



NORTHWEST AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM
2300 S. MASSACHUSETTS ST.
SEATTLE, WA 98144

EMPLOYMENT/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Correctional Officers. www.jobs.doc.wa.gov keyword: CO1

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Social Service Specialist 3, In-training. King County—multiple locations, open continuous.

DCYF Jobs

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Explore career options with DSHS! Many career types available. Apply today!

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Fiscal Analyst 1, Olympia, WA. Closing 3/7/2019

WASHINGTON STATE MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Food Service Manager 2, Bremerton, WA. Apply now

Washington Youth Academy, Bremerton, WA. Apply now.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Administrative Assistant 2 Policy and Legislative Affairs division, Olympia, WA. Closing 3/17/19.

Insurance Technician 3 Licensing and Oversight Program. Closing 3/10/19.

WASHINGTON STATE CONSERVATION CORPS

Crew Member (6-month positions), seeking 18-25 year olds or veterans of any age. Start day March 20, 2019

WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL

Associate Director of Marketing & Communications, Olympia, WA. Closing 3/7/2019

CITY OF TACOMA OPENINGS

CITY OF SEATTLE OPENINGS

CITY OF SPOKANE OPENINGS

CITY OF VANCOUVER OPENINGS

COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES OPENINGS

BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CLARK COLLEGE

TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF SPOKANE

OLYMPIC COLLEGE