



# Seattle Office of Economic Development

Only in Seattle



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The *Only in Seattle* newsletter is designed to share resources and information with leaders in Seattle's neighborhood business districts.



## **2018 RACIAL EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN BUSINESS DISTRICTS**

In the program's fourth year, OIS is partnered with Equity Matters to offer a training focused on building racial equity and inclusion skills that are applicable to community economic development in business districts. The Racial Equity and Inclusion in Business Districts training focuses on key concepts such as relationship building, racial implicit bias, systemic racial bias, and how to be an individual and organizational ally. Stay tuned for additional workshops later in the year, and info on the 2019 cohort opportunity. The OIS team would like to thank representatives from the various districts that attended: Ballard, Belltown, Central Area, Chinatown/ID, Columbia City, Delridge, First Hill, Hillman City, Lake City, Little Saigon, Othello/MLK, South Park and White Center.



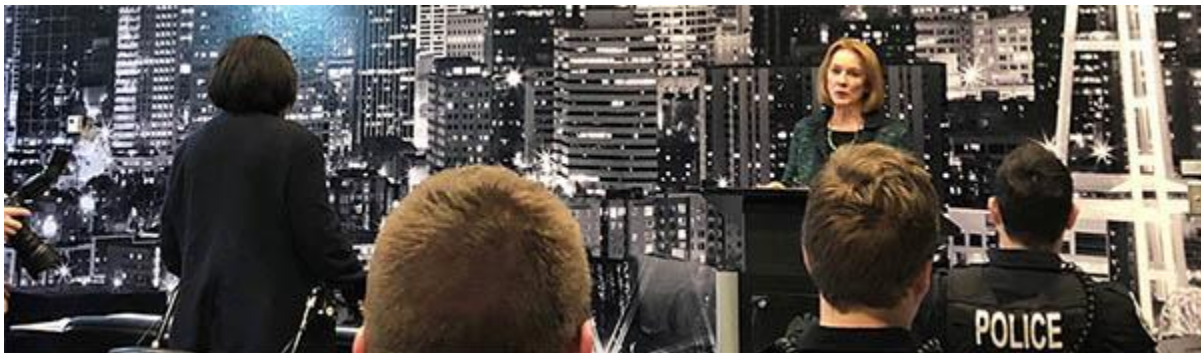
### **ARE YOU A SMALL BUSINESS? EMPLOYER RECRUITMENT SEASON IS HERE!**

Small businesses may be eligible to receive funding support to hire interns! Did you know that internships provide a valuable opportunity for youth to explore career paths and develop professional skills needed to thrive beyond school? Are you ready to unlock opportunities for young people? [Sign up now](#) to host summer interns through the Seattle Youth Employment Initiative. [Educurious](#) provides comprehensive on-boarding, training, and support throughout the process.



### **CULTURAL SPACE NEEDS SURVEY**

The more we know about your needs, the better we can create opportunities to serve you. The Office of Arts and Culture has spent five years designing policies, programs, and projects to address what we've heard about your cultural space needs. Your guidance to date has led us to look at how a new independent organization, created by the City but living independently, could serve you and your cultural space needs. Help us define this new organization and target the opportunities it represents. Please take this simple [survey](#) and let us know more about how you interact with cultural space.



### **MAYOR DURKAN ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS FOR CHIEF OF POLICE SEARCH**

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan has [announced ten community workshops](#) in all police precincts to assist the Police Search Committee with finding the best candidates for Seattle's next police chief. The workshops, including one for Seattle's young people, are open to all Seattle residents and are an opportunity to share thoughts about what characteristics and experience is needed in the City's next police chief. Mayor Durkan also announced the [Community Input Survey](#), an online resource for providing feedback, which offered the public the first opportunity to participate in the process.

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## THE LOCAL SCOOP



### **COMMERCIAL BUSINESS LEASING OPPORTUNITY IN THE NEW LIBERTY BANK BUILDING -- Due 4/13**

Africatown is working with Black Community Impact Alliance, Byrd Barr Place, Capitol Hill Housing and other developers and organizations to ensure access to affordable commercial space to continue the legacy of Black-owned businesses in the Central District. [Applications are available now](#) for a commercial space at the Liberty Bank Building, currently in construction and slated to be completed in early 2019. If you are a small or micro business looking for commercial space within the Central Area community, you are encouraged to [apply](#). The deadline for applications is April 13 and noon.



### **HOMESIGHT SECURES LAND FOR OTHELLO COMMUNITY**

[HomeSight](#), a nonprofit focused on homeownership and economic development, purchased 3.2 acres near the Othello Light Rail Station for use as the site of a new community center, as reported by the [South Seattle Emerald](#). The center will be named Othello Square based on the results of a poll conducted by the nonprofit. HomeSight is planning to lead the construction of a community center on the site which will feature classrooms, space for businesses, and 265 apartment homes. Of that total, 67 apartment units will be available to families making less than 80 percent of the area

median income. Several organizations will be housed in the new complex including the [MultiCultural Coalition](#), [Stem Paths Innovation Network](#), and [Rainier Valley Community Development Fund](#).



### **WESTLAKE PARK FOUNTAIN WILL LIGHT UP STARTING THIS WEEK**

The [secondary art installation](#) gives people something to walk through year-round. *In the Absence of Natural Light*, designed by artist duo Lumina, will provide a different texture to pass through besides water: panes of different-colored lighting, designed to interact with the water when it's flowing or stand-alone during the months when the fountain is turned off. The project, implemented by Downtown Seattle Association, was funded with an Only in Seattle grant, and marks the first of a few projects that implement additional lighting in the park.



### **NPR'S "OUT OF THE BLOCKS" FEATURES SEATTLE'S CHINATOWN INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT**

Seattle's Chinatown International District is a bustling, pan-Asian neighborhood of immigrants from China, Japan, Vietnam, and the Philippines. It's also a mix of generations, where Americanized children navigate a complex family dynamic with their non-English speaking elders. Tradition is in a tug-of-war with modernity on the streets of Chinatown ID, where multi-generational family businesses stand side-by-side with the startups of young, artistic entrepreneurs. It all amounts to a beautiful, mutable monument to the American Dream. [This episode](#) was produced in collaboration with KUOW and made possible by a generous grant from The National Endowment for the Arts.

- Also, check out the [Dynasty Room's new temporary bar](#) that will serve Chinese and Korean street food.



### GO TO THESE WOMEN OWNED RESTAURANTS IN SEATTLE TODAY

As part of the call for the [Day Without A Woman](#) strike on International Women's Day 2017, organizers asked for people to avoid shopping except at small, women- and minority-owned businesses. To help you with that, [The Stranger](#) compiled this list of restaurants, cafes, and bars in Seattle that are owned by women (at least partially -- some of these are co-owned by men). We've updated this list for 2018 so you can continue in that mission.

- Also, check out the [People of Color \(POC\)-owned businesses crowd-sourced map!](#)

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



### TECHNOLOGY MATCHING FUND -- DUE 5/7

The City of Seattle's [Technology Matching Fund](#) program invites community organizations and nonprofits to apply for grants up to \$50,000 each. The grants are designed to help improve digital equity through projects that support the community. The City seeks applications for projects that increase access to free or low-cost broadband, empower residents with digital literacy skills, and ensure affordable, available, and sufficient devices and technical support. The fund gives matching dollars for community-driven projects. Community contribution to match can be a variety of sources, including but not limited to volunteer labor, materials, professional services, and cash.



### **DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS' NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND -- DUE 6/25**

The [Neighborhood Matching Fund](#) program was created in 1988 to provide matching dollars for neighborhood improvement, organizing, or projects that are developed and implemented by community members. Central to the fund is the community match, which requires awardees to match their award with contributions from the community (volunteer time, donated materials, donated professional services or cash). The Small Sparks Fund has a rolling application date, available year-round and providing funding up to \$5,000. The Community Partnership Fund is available three times a year and can fund projects from \$5,001 to \$100,000.

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## **INDUSTRY NEWS + RESOURCES**



### **FOOD APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM WITH FARESTART**

Take your basic food service skills, passion and dedication and rise to the next level as a line cook, server, bartender, corporate dining cook, catering cook or coffee shop lead. If you are looking to advance in your career, plan your course in the [Foodservice Apprenticeship Program](#). The program is endorsed by the Washington Hospitality Association.



### **WA NONPROFITS TRAIN-THE-TRAINER SERIES -- STARTS 4/4**

Strong nonprofits are vital to healthy communities. To stay strong, nonprofit leaders need opportunities to learn new skills and integrate new ideas into their daily practice. That is why Washington Nonprofits has made excellence in training a priority within its learning program. Train the Trainer is designed for consultants and learning staff in the nonprofit and public sector who want to strengthen their training practice. Over the course of three sessions, they will cover how to train, tips and tools for increased engagement, and how to know if you made a difference. [Register today!](#)

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## **NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS**



[Plate of Nations in Southeast Seattle](#) - March 23-April 8

[Georgetown Bites](#) - Saturday, March 31

[Chinatown International District Spring Clean](#) - Saturday, April 28

[Green Lake Food Walk](#) - Saturday, April 28

[Pioneer Square Spring Clean](#) - Saturday, April 28

[Neighborhood Small Business Week](#) - April 29 - May 5

[Madrona Mayfair](#) - Saturday, May 12

[University District Street Fair](#) - Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20

[Upstream Music Festival in Pioneer Square](#) - Friday-Sunday, June 1-3

[Honk Fest West in Georgetown, White Center and Columbia City](#) - Friday-Sunday, June 1-3

[Georgetown Carnival](#) - Saturday, June 9

[Fremont Solstice Parade](#) and [Fair](#) - Friday-Sunday, June 15-17

[Capitol Hill Pridefest](#) and [March](#) - Saturday, June 23

[Downtown Seattle Pride Parade](#) - Sunday, June 24  
[Seattle Street Food Festival in South Lake Union](#) - Saturday-Sunday, July 7-8  
[Ballard Seafood Fest](#) - Friday-Sunday, July 13-15  
[West Seattle Summer Fest](#) - Friday-Sunday, July 13-15  
[Seafair Indian Pow Wow in Magnolia](#) - Friday-Sunday, July 14-16  
[Chinatown ID Dragon Fest](#) - Saturday-Sunday, July 14-15  
[Morgan Junction Festival in West Seattle](#) - Saturday, June 16  
[Capitol Hill Block Party](#) - Friday-Sunday, July 20-22  
[Bite of Seattle in Queen Anne](#) - Friday-Sunday, July 20-22  
[White Center Jubilee Days](#) - Saturday-Sunday, July 21-22  
[West Seattle Grand Parade](#) - Saturday, July 21  
[Phinney/Greenwood Seafair Parade](#) - Wednesday, July 25  
[Seafair Torchlight Parade in Downtown](#) - Saturday, July 28  
[Umoja Fest and Parade in the Central Area](#) - Friday-Sunday, Aug. 3-5  
[Seafair weekend](#) - Friday-Sunday, Aug. 3-5  
[Magnolia Summer Fest](#) - Friday-Sunday, Aug. 3-5  
[Lake City's Summer Fest and Pioneer Parade](#) - Saturday, Aug. 4  
[South Lake Union Block Party](#) - Friday, Aug. 10  
[Delridge Days](#) - Saturday, Aug. 11  
[Rainier Valley Heritage Parade and Festival](#) - Saturday, Aug. 11  
[Hillman City Classic Car Show](#) - Saturday, Aug. 11  
[Magnolia Car Show](#) - Sunday, Aug. 12  
[Belltown Crush Block Party](#) - Saturday, Aug. 25  
[SODO Summer Session](#) - Saturday, Aug. 25  
[Celebrate Little Saigon](#) - Sunday, Aug. 26  
[Kawabe Summer Fest in the Central Area](#) - Sunday, Aug. 26  
[Chinatown ID Night Market](#) - Saturday, Sept. 8  
[San Gennaro Festival in Georgetown](#) - Friday-Sunday, Sept. 7-9  
[Wallingford Wurst Festival](#) - Saturday, Sept. 15  
[Ballard Oktoberfest](#) - Saturday, Sept. 16  
[Fremont Oktoberfest](#) - Friday-Sunday, Sept. 21-23  
[Sustainable Ballard](#) - Saturday, Sept. 22  
[Bite of Broadview in Phinney/Greenwood](#) - Friday-Sunday, Sept. 28-30  
Capitol Hill Hilloween - Saturday, Oct. 27  
West Seattle Harvest Festival - Sunday, Oct. 28  
Rainier Beach Boo Bash at the Beach - Wednesday, Oct. 31  
Queen Anne Trick or Treat on the Ave - Wednesday, Oct. 31  
Ballard Trick or Treat - Wednesday, Oct. 31  
Fremont Trolloween - Wednesday, Oct. 31  
Magnolia Village Trick or Treat - Wednesday, Oct. 31  
Downtown Holiday Market - Friday, Nov. 23  
Downtown Holiday Tree Lighting and Macy's Parade and Starlight - Friday, Nov. 23  
[Small Business Saturday](#) - Saturday, Nov. 24  
Columbia City Holiday Fest - Saturday, Dec. 1  
Magnolia Winterfest - Saturday, Dec. 1  
West Seattle Hometown Holidays - Saturday, Dec. 1  
Pioneer Square Howlidays - Saturday, Dec. 8



## RECURRING EVENTS

[Ballard Art Walk](#) - First Saturdays

[Belltown Art Walk](#) - Second Fridays

[Capitol Hill Art Walk](#) - Second Thursdays

[Columbia City Beat Walk](#) - Second Sundays, from June - October

[Georgetown Art Attack](#) - Second Tuesdays (except June)

[Pioneer Square Art Walk](#) - First Thursdays

[SODO Flea Market](#) - Second Saturdays

[South Lake Union Saturday Market](#) - Saturdays, May-September

[Uptown Art Walk](#) - Third Thursdays

[West Seattle Art Walk](#) - Second Thursdays

Interested in adding your event to this list? Please send event details to [onlyinseattle@seattle.gov](mailto:onlyinseattle@seattle.gov).

Looking for ways to stay in the know about Seattle events? Here are a few tips:

- Sign up for the [Only in Seattle](#) Newsletter and follow the [Bottom Line blog](#)
- Subscribe to the following City calendars for reliable city-wide events and information:
  - [Special Events Calendar](#)
  - [Public Outreach and Engagement Calendar](#)
  - [Parks and Recreation Calendar](#)
  - [Arts and Cultural Affairs Calendar](#)
  - [Transportation Calendar](#) and [3-week Construction Look Ahead](#)
  - [Neighborhoods Calendar](#)
  - [Seattle Center](#)

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