



The Commission serves as the official state representatives 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.

January 16, 2018

CAAA Public Commission Meeting Friday, January 26, 2018. 1 PM to 4 PM. General Administration Building Auditorium. 210 11th Ave SW, Olympia, WA. 98504

Dear Subscribers: The Commission on African American Affairs recently changed the service used to deliver our newsletter. Please add CAAA-Team@listserv.caa.wa.gov to your safe lists.

NOW YOU KNOW

Weeksville

Eleven years after the end of slavery in New York State, James Weeks, a free black man and longshoreman, purchased a tract of land. He encouraged other blacks to settle the property by selling lots to them. Naming the community after himself, Weeksville was founded in what is now the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, NY.

Although slavery was abolished in 1827, the right to vote was still tied to the ownership of land. The law allowed black men to vote after three years and owning \$250 of property, thus Weeksville became a voting bloc. By 1850, Weeksville grew to more than 500 residents—the second largest community for free blacks in America before the Civil War. The community housed two schools, two churches, a home for the elderly, an orphanage, hospital and one of the first black newspapers—the *Freedman's Torchlight*.

The community produced entrepreneurial success for many of its residents including doctors, ministers, tradesmen, teachers and laborers. In addition, the community served as refuge for southern blacks fleeing slavery and northern blacks fleeing racial violence such as the violent New York Draft Riots of 1863.

Weeksville continued to exist until the 1930's but slowly faded from memory as urban construction projects such as the Brooklyn Bridge overtook the area. However, a search for Weeksville in 1968 by historian James Hurley led to the discovery of four houses still in existence. Quickly declared landmarks, they were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Private and public community support led to the restoration of the property. A \$3 million restoration in 2005 led to the property being reopened as the Weeksville Heritage Center consisting of a 19,000 square foot education and cultural center adjacent to the restored homes.

Sources: *Blackpast.org; Brownstoner.com; Newyorker.com; NYU.Edu; TheWeeklynabe.com; Wikipedia.org*

Juvenile Justice System Improvement Task Force Meeting

Please join the Washington State Office of Juvenile Justice as they discuss key findings about prevention, diversion and detention efforts around juvenile justice issues in Washington State.

For the last 8 months, the Council for State Governments Justice Center Technical Assistance Team has partnered with the Office of Juvenile Justice to analyze data from the Administrative Office of the Courts, on-site and telephone focus groups to develop strategies aimed at improving outcomes and reducing racial and ethnic disparities for youth in the juvenile justice system.

Learn more at the Juvenile Justice System Improvement Task Force Meeting
Friday, January 26, 2018
1PM—4 PM
DSHS Office Building 2 Auditorium
1115 Washington Street, SE
Olympia, WA 98504

RSVP to Alice Coil at alice.coil@dshs.wa.gov

Puget Sound Regional Council Seeks Economic Development Board Members

PSRC is seeking **applicants** to serve on the Economic Development Board as presidential appointments. Economic Development Board members guide implementation of Amazing Place, the regional economic strategy.

Appointments are for two-year terms, beginning in February 2018.

Selected by the EDD Board President, appointees will help guide implementation of the regional economic strategy, Amazing Place. In December, the board took action to adopt its first two implementation efforts. Presidential appointees will use their expertise to further these and future economic development opportunities identified by the board.

The regional Economic Development Board is the federally designated economic development district for the central Puget Sound region covering King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties. Its members include representatives from private business, local governments, tribes and trade organizations. The Economic Development Board meets quarterly, beginning in March, on the first Wednesday of the month from 1-3 p.m. PSRC is currently seeking applicants to serve on the Economic Development Board as presidential appointments.

Interested individuals should apply by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 19, 2018. Find the application form here.

Any questions may be directed to Ruth Wezeman at RWezeman@psrc.org.

PSRC seeks and encourages diversity in its boards.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTOR AND APPRENTICESHIP NETWORKING FAIR JANUARY 20, 2018

For additional information please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity: Ms. Yolanda Brooks 360-522-0856 or e-mail: brooks@wsdot.wa.gov

LOCATION:
 NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
 19300 108TH AVE SE.
 KENT, WA 98055
 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
WWW.THENBCF.ORG



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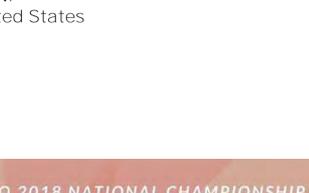
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Local 76-493: Jazz and the Racial Integration of Seattle's Musicians' Union



Mid-century Seattle possessed a rich music scene that was sharply divided along racial lines. Barred from playing in many of the big clubs, members of Seattle's Black Musicians' Union—the 493—created a vibrant jazz scene along Jackson Street. Hear from long-time union members about the significance of this musical moment and the ensuing racial integration of the Musicians' Unions. Enjoy live jazz performed by current members of the Local 76-493. This program is presented in partnership with the Northwest African American Museum.

January 23, 2018 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
[Museum of History & Industry](http://www.museumofhistoryandindustry.org)
 860 Terry Ave N.
 Seattle, WA 98109 United States

Let's Explore Africa Quiz Competition!

Saturday, January 20, 2018
 11 AM to 2 PM
 University of Washington
 Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies
 Thomson Hall Room 301
 Seattle, WA 98195-3560

Sponsored by the University of Washington African Studies Program. This is the Washington State Competition on the road to the 2018 National Championship in Orlando, Florida. Free admission and refreshments! Eligible contestants are 4th through 8th grade students. Anyone can attend. Interested in competing? Register at www.letsexploreafrika.net

School To Prison Pipeline Panel Discussion

Consider that 40 percent of students expelled in the U.S. each year are black and 70 percent involved in school arrests are black and Latino. For far too many students, disproportionately students of color, entering the gateway to incarceration begins with a referral from the classroom to the courtroom. This phenomenon funnels students out of school and into the streets and the juvenile correction system perpetuates a cycle known as the "School-to-Prison Pipeline," depriving children and youth of meaningful opportunities for education, future employment, and participation in our democracy.

The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world and more than 60 percent of those inmates are African-American and Latino—despite the fact they make up only 30 percent of the country's population.

How did we get here and what will it take to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline?

SVP's CEO, **Solynn McCurdy**, will moderate a conversation with a panel of local experts from the region. *Please join in to learn about the school-to-prison pipeline* and how you can contribute to creating pathways—not pipelines—in schools & communities. Register via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 – 6:30pm to 8:30pm
 SVP Offices 220 Second Ave S Ste. 300 SEATTLE, Washington 98104

EMPLOYMENT & CAREER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Listed are a few of the newest employment announcements. A more comprehensive list of jobs is available on webpage—www.caa.wa.gov. Resources and job fair information for job seekers available at worksourcewa.com. Click on 'career tools' and 'workshops and hiring events' for timely, state-wide information.

WASHINGTON STATE OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
[Actuary 3](#), Tumwater, WA. Open continuous
[Insurance Enforcement Specialist / Staff Attorney](#), Tumwater, WA. Open continuous

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
[Maintenance Technician 2](#), Klickitat County. Open until filled
[Communications Manager](#), Vancouver, WA. Open until filled
[Fiscal Analyst 1](#), Olympia, WA. Closing 1/22/2018
[Fiscal Analyst 2](#), Olympia, WA. Closing 1/30/2018

CITY OF TACOMA
[Automation & Mechanical Engineering Supervisor](#). Open continuous

SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE [openings](#); **CLARK COLLEGE** [openings](#); **BATES COLLEGE** [openings](#)

CINTAS HIRING EVENT: An opportunity for individuals who pre-apply to see the job in action and interview that same day. These events have seen tremendous success in job seekers quickly finding employment.

