

# Welcoming Week: East King County

September 14-23, 2018

## Opening Weekend

### **ASK A MUSLIM OR TWO: LIVING WITH THE TRAVEL BAN**

**Friday, Sept. 14, 6-8:30pm**

Host: Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition, City of Redmond

Location: Redmond Community Center, 6505 176th Avenue NE Redmond, WA 98052

Dinner and dialogue. Table conversations with Muslim community members who will speak about the impact of the travel ban on their families. Space is limited; [RSVP required](#).

### **WELCOMING THE STRANGER: BOOK DISCUSSION**

**Friday, Sept. 14, 7-8:30pm**

Host: Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Justice and Racial Reconciliation Team

Location: Bellevue Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, Room S-223, Main Bldg, Bellevue, WA

Book discussion of Welcoming the Stranger by World Relief immigration experts Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang. All are welcome! [Please sign up](#).

### **MEET YOUR MUSLIM NEIGHBOR: ART AND CULTURE OF ISLAM**

**Saturday, Sept. 15, 11:30am-1pm**

Hosts: Muslim Community Neighborhood Association, King County Library System, Friends of Issaquah Library, ArtEast, Downtown Issaquah Association

Location: Issaquah Library, 10 W Sunset Way, Issaquah WA 98027

Through informal and face-to-face conversations, participants will leave with a better understanding of the experiences of Muslims. *Offered again 9/23, 2-3:30pm, Kirkland Library.*

### **WELCOME TO JUANITA**

**Saturday, Sept. 15, 12-3pm**

Host: Juanita Neighborhood Association, City of Kirkland

Location: Edith Moulton Park, 108<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and NE 137<sup>th</sup> Pl, Kirkland WA 98034

Newcomers and established residents are invited. Learn about community resources, enjoy music, dance from other cultures, and make new friends. Free food, prizes, and much more!

### **CRAFTS AND DANCE FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

**Saturday, Sept. 15, 1-3pm**

Hosts: City of Bellevue, Eastside Language Learners Alliance, Turkcha, Popcorn: Play, Party and Cook, Boundless Parenting Group

Location: Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Rd. Bellevue WA 98007

Dance demos, Chinese games, Kung Fu demonstration, soap making, henna and Rangoli. Join in the fun – all ages welcome!

## **SAMMAMISH COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR**

**Saturday, Sept. 15, 1-4pm**

Host: Sammamish Community YMCA, City of Sammamish

Location: Sammamish Community YMCA, 831 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, WA

Join us at the Y for an event with community vendors, Y demonstrations and informational resources.

## **THIRD ANNUAL WELCOME AMERICA HEALTH AND COMMUNITY FAIR**

**Saturday, Sept. 15, 2-4pm**

Host: Bellevue Family YMCA

Location: Bellevue Family YMCA, 14230 Bel-Red Rd, Bellevue WA 98007

Join us for this FREE and fun community event to connect newcomers and residents to each other and to available resources. Health screenings, food, games, music and so much more!

## **ROGER FERNANDES: STORIES OF THE PUGET SALISH**

**Saturday, Sept. 15, 2-3pm**

Host: King County Library System

Location: Kirkland Library, 308 Kirkland Ave, Kirkland WA 98033

Hear Salish tribal myths and legends, from the Snoqualmie, Muckleshoot/Duwamish, Tulalip, Suquamish, and the S'Klallam. Hear stories from our first residents and share your own.

## **COMMUNITY PICNIC: REDMOND DOWNTOWN PARK GRAND OPENING**

**Saturday, Sept. 15, 5:30-6:30pm**

Host: City of Redmond, One Redmond

Location: Redmond Downtown Park, 16101 Cleveland St, Redmond WA 98052

Downtown Park Grand Opening in Redmond: 5pm – 10pm. Community Picnic from 5:30-6:30: bring a picnic dinner from one of the Downtown Redmond businesses & meet your neighbors!

**Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> – 21st**

## **8 BORDERS, 8 DAYS SCREENING**

**Sunday, Sept. 16, 3-6pm**

Host: Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Justice and Racial Reconciliation Team

Location: Bellevue Presbyterian Church, 1717 Bellevue Way NE, UC303, Upper Campus Bldg

A single Syrian mother of two with few options places herself and her children on a raft to Europe. Documentary in Arabic with English subtitles. Discussion to follow film screening.

## **TEAS OF THE WORLD**

**Monday, Sep. 17, 1:30-3pm**

Hosts: King County Library System, Friends of Issaquah Library, Downtown Issaquah Association

Location: Issaquah Senior Center, 75 NE Creek Way, Issaquah WA 98027

Learn about tea's Chinese origins and how tea made its way through the world—to Japan, Korea, India, Taiwan and Africa. Taste and explore the history and culture of tea.

## **HELP WANTED? IMMIGRATION AND WORK**

**Monday, Sept. 17, 6:00-8:00pm**

Host: King County Library System, Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition

Location: Redmond Library, 15990 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St, Redmond WA 98052

Reflect on America's long-conflicted relationship with immigrant labor. Showing of "Destination America: The Golden Door" and community discussion to follow.

## **WELCOMING WEEK: MOVING BEYOND HELLO**

**A New Season of Cultural Conversations**

**Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1-2:30pm**

Host: City of Bellevue, Cultural Conversations Group

Location: Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10<sup>th</sup> St. Bellevue, WA 98008

Through storytelling and conversation for women, we will explore how to extend a welcoming invitation to the newest members of our community.

## **ART OF CHINA**

**Tuesday, Sept. 18, 6-8pm**

Hosts: King County Library System, Friends of Issaquah Library, Downtown Issaquah Association, ArtEast

Location: Issaquah Library, 10 W Sunset Way, Issaquah WA 98027

Drop-in event celebrating arts of crafts of China including a demonstration of Chinese calligraphy. This is a bilingual program.

## **TRADITIONAL INDIAN ART OF RANGOLI**

**Wednesday, Sept. 19, 10am to close**

Hosts: King County Library System, Friends of Issaquah Library, Downtown Issaquah Association

Location: Issaquah Library, 10 W Sunset Way, Issaquah WA 98027

This event will include a demonstration of the Rangoli art form and the opportunity to participate in a community art project. Come any time during the day.

## **EMPLOYER MEET AND GREET**

**Thursday, Sept. 20, 12-1:30pm**

Host: Hopelink

Location: Bellevue Hopelink, 14812 Main St, Bellevue WA 98007

Job, career information, and lunch with a focus on common immigrant questions. Employers representing different sectors are excited to connect with job seekers.

## **ALEBRIJE (SPIRIT ANIMAL) WORKSHOP**

**Thursday, Sep. 20, 4-5:30pm**

Hosts: King County Library System, Friends of Issaquah Library, Downtown Issaquah Association, ArtEast

Location: Issaquah Library, 10 W Sunset Way, Issaquah WA 98027

Learn about the history and create your own alebrije (Mexican spirit animal) like Dante from the movie Coco! Bilingual program. Presented by local artist Amarata Sandys.

### **TalkTime WELCOMING EVENT**

**Thursday, Sept. 20, 6:30-8pm**

Hosts: Westminster Chapel, Bellevue Family YMCA

Location: Westminster Chapel Atrium, 13646 NE 24<sup>th</sup> St, Bellevue WA 98005

Make new friends while practicing English conversation – all levels welcome. A small dinner is included. Be our guest, become our friend at TalkTime!

### **BRAZILIAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP**

**Friday, Sept. 21, 5:30-7pm**

Hosts: Northwest Arts Center, Kirkland Arts Center

Location: Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> St, Bellevue WA

Learn to play traditional and contemporary Brazilian grooves. Enjoy playing as an ensemble with Brazilian musician, Eduardo Mendonça.

### **WORLD CELEBRATION**

**Friday, Sept. 21, 6:30-8pm**

Host: Sammamish Community YMCA, City of Sammamish

Location: Sammamish Community YMCA, 831 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, WA

Enjoy shows and activities from various cultures around the world.

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**

Friday, Sept. 21, 6:30-8:30pm

Host: Bellevue Rotary

Location: Bellevue Downtown Park and Inspiration Playground, 10201 NE 4th St, Bellevue, WA

Activities in honor of the International Day of Peace including a candlelight celebration.

## **Closing Weekend and Ongoing Events Throughout the Week**

### **CELEBRATING ISLAMIC CULTURE**

**Saturday, Sept. 22, 2-4pm**

Hosts: Muslim Association of Puget Sound, Redmond Library

Location: Redmond Library, 15990 NE 85<sup>th</sup> St, Redmond WA 98052

Arabic calligraphy, henna hand painting, a hijab tutorial, and kids arts and crafts. All ages welcome.

### **TRAVEL THE WORLD WITH STORIES**

**Sunday, Sept. 23, 1:30-2:30pm**

Hosts: King County Library System, Friends of Issaquah Library, Downtown Issaquah Association

Location: Issaquah Library, 10 W Sunset Way, Issaquah WA 98027

Explore artifacts from around the world with stories from West Africa, Russia, Latin America, India, China, Ireland, Native American Indians and more! Presented by Live Paint.

## **GROWING FOOD WITH MAYORS AND OTHER LOCAL OFFICIALS**

**Sunday, Sept. 23, 2:00-4:00pm**

Hosts: The Bellevue Urban Garden (TBUG), Global Social Business Partners (GSBP), Farmer Frog  
Location: Park at Spirit Ridge Elementary School: 16401 SE 24th St. in Bellevue for a free shuttle to the farm.

Let's grow food together! Enjoy an afternoon of inter-city exchange on the 2.7 acre garden in Lake Hills Bellevue. Learn about the history and future vision of the farm

## **WELCOME AMERICA CITY OF BELLEVUE STORIES DISPLAY**

Sept. 12-Oct. 5

Host: City of Bellevue, COB Employee Resource Group Employees of Bellevue for Racial and Cultural Equity

Location: Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue WA 98004

This special exhibit is a celebration of our community's rich diversity through beautiful portraits and stories told by people from around the world who are our City of Bellevue staff.

## **A GREAT UNBRIDGEABLE DISTANCE**

Sept. 14-23

Host: Mandy Greer

Location: Bellevue Downtown Park at the Formal Gardens, 10201 NE 4<sup>th</sup> St, Bellevue, WA

Live performances nightly and communal weaving activity in the Formal Gardens at the northeast corner of the park. Explore themes of loss, resilience, belonging, and connection.

More event details at: [www.ERICmembers.org/events](http://www.ERICmembers.org/events)

**Welcoming is more than a week of celebrations. Join the movement.** Contact Debbie Lacy at the Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition for more information: [debbie@ERICmembers.org](mailto:debbie@ERICmembers.org).

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Please Note: All YMCA's and King County Library System branches are hosting events beyond what's listed here. See what's happening in your neighborhood!

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