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Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets is modeled after similar successful events held in New York; San Francisco; Portland, Ore.; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Bogota, Colombia. Neighborhoods across Seattle have requested to open streets for community festivals.

Additional information about Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets is available at <http://seattlecan.org/summerstreets>

**THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE
BEING HELD THIS YEAR:**

**THE GREENWOOD/PHINNEY CHAMBER'S ART UP/OPEN UP
SUMMER STREETS PARTY FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 6 TO 9 P.M.**
Phinney/Greenwood Avenue North from N 65th to N 87th streets

**CASCADE BICYCLE CLUB'S BIKE TO WORK DAY AND SUMMER
STREETS PARTY - FRIDAY, MAY 15, 4 TO 7 P.M.**
Bergen PI Park & 22nd Ave NW between Market St & Ballard Ave.

**WEST SEATTLE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA'S 5K RUN/
ALKI AND SEATTLE SUMMER STREETS PARTY - SUN, MAY 31, 9A.M. -6 P.M.**
Alki Avenue Southwest from California Way Southwest to 63rd Avenue Southwest

SEATTLE PARKS SUMMER STREETS PARTY
DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 14, 21 AND 28
Discovery Park (7th), Interlaken Park (14th),
Seward Park (21st), Magnuson Park (28th)

U-DISTRICT CHAMBER'S SUMMER STREETS PARTY
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
University Way Northeast between Northeast 50th and Northeast 45th streets.

PIKE PLACE MARKET'S FRESH FRUIT FESTIVAL AND SUMMER STREETS PARTY
SUNDAY, JULY 26, 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
Pike Street/First Avenue to Virginia

RAINIER VALLEY CHAMBER'S HERITAGE PARADE AND SUMMER STREETS PARTY SATURDAY, AUG. 8, 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
Location: Rainier Avenue South from South Orcas to South Alaska streets

CASCADE BICYCLE CLUB'S RESTORE OUR WATERS CASCADE SPAWNING CYCLING TOUR
SUNDAY, SEPT. 20, 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
Starts and ends at Myrtle Edwards Park, goes through Seattle Parks non-motorized areas of Seward, Interlaken, Gasworks, Commodore and Discovery Parks.

VISIT A PARK WITH PERMANENTLY OPEN STREETS AND CELEBRATE SEATTLE SUMMER STREETS MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Volunteer Park, Seward Park, Interlaken, Magnuson Lakefront Promenade, Arboretum, Discovery Park

Also during the months of May through September, Bicycle Sundays are being held along Lake Washington Boulevard every weekend. Seward Park's upper road and Carkeek Park Road west of the Environmental Learning Center are being closed to cars on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



WHAT ARE CLIENTS HAVE TO SAY

Dear Steve,

Going to the heart of the matter, we would simply say that anyone selling or buying a home needs you as their Realtor. If they work with anyone else, they are seriously shortchanging themselves.

Our experience has been that selling and buying a home constitutes a series of highly compressed and stressful decisions. Throughout this process, you were always available to offer guidance and advice. You eased our way from the initial consideration of selecting the correct selling price, to understanding lengthy documents, to the costly concerns of selecting the right people to perform necessary repair work.

We have never seen a professional person work with the high degree of expertise, honesty, optimism, diligence, and plain common sense that you exhibited throughout the sale of our former home, and the purchase of our new one. Beyond that, you are a pleasure as a person.

It is customary to wish a friend good luck, but you are one of the few who know how to work around a problem when luck sometimes appears to run out. So instead, we will wish you all the good fortune and success. We also leave you certain in the knowledge that those who are fortunate enough to work with you in selling or buying a home, will come to know exactly what we are describing in this letter.

With our warmest regards,

Sincerely

Ralph and Bonnie Brice.

Service that exceeds normal expectations, that was our experience with Roger.

We had listed our house and purchased our new house within days of each other and would be moving with no potential buyer(s) in sight. We were facing two mortgages and a loan from a retirement plan.

After explaining to a friend of mine that our house was on the market about four weeks with no activity (one brokers open and one public open during which not even one agent or buyer showed up to either) he suggested that we call Roger.

After rescinding the listing with our current agent and listing with Roger, we accepted an offer within two weeks.

Roger did all the right things to give the house lots of positive exposure and it worked. Thank you Roger!

Sincerely,

Peter and Moira Tueffers

SOLD HOMES

The following is a list of homes that sold in our Maple Leaf Neighborhood over the last month. Do you wonder what your house is worth? The décor, the features and condition all have a bearing on the price a house will command. We have seen the interiors of most of the homes in this list. If you are selling your home, please let us help you. We would be happy to view your home, prepare a market analysis and discuss the details with you. We can provide you with useful information, such as a sales price that might be realistically expected in today's market.

ADDRESS	BED	BATH	AGE	STYLE	SOLD PRICE
9510 8th Ave NE	4	1.75	1940	2 Story	\$325,000
1536 NE 95	3	1.75	1941	1 Story w/Bsmnt.	\$347,000
557 NE 90th St	2	1	1933	1 Story	\$359,000
1240 NE 102 St	3	1.75	1928	1 Story w/Bsmnt.	\$412,000
9122 5th Ave NE	4	3	1930	2 Story	\$492,000
840 NE 82nd St	4	1.75	1926	2 Stories w/Bsmnt	\$630,600

BUILDING PERMITS

\$105,897; Construct 2-story addition to existing single family residence per plan. 1526 NE 92nd St.

\$380,092; Construct additions and alterations to existing single family residence per plan. 1027 NE 88th St



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Need help buying or selling your home?

Contact Us!

Additional Community and Real Estate information for the Maple Leaf Neighborhood is available online at <http://www.MapleLeafHouse.com>

REGISTRATION FORM
WINDERMERE REAL ESTATE COMPANY
2009 TANGLEFOOT 5 K FAMILY FUN RUN
MAY 30, 2009 MAGNUSON PARK
Benefiting: Windermere kids at the Y!

GRAND PRIZE
(Random drawing --- Must be present to win)
TWO ROUND TRIP AIRLINE TICKETS TO SAN FRANCISCO

LARGEST FAMILY GROUP PARTICIPATING
Dinner for entire family participating in race at Boca Di Beppo

FASTEST- MALE/FEMALE AND YOUTH UNDER 18
Value \$100 each

BEST "DRESSED" DOG
Fabulous "doggie" basket"

RANDOM DRAWINGS
Variety of values, including 1 week of Y camp at Magnuson Park,

Your registration is tax free and all proceeds go to the YMCA summer camp and after school programs at Magnuson Park.

FAMILY (2 ADULTS PLUS KIDS AND DOG): \$ 100
OR INDIVIDUALLY:
Adult: \$ 50
Child/teen: \$ 25
Dog: \$ 10
Total to be charged: \$ _____

MAIL, FAX OR EMAIL FORM TO
Windermere Real Estate Company
Attention: Steve Laevastu
10004 Aurora Ave N Seattle, WA 98133

Seattle Events

Calendar

CARNIVAL OF EGGS
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2009
10 A.M. TO NOON | COST: FREE
CARNIVAL FUN!

EGG HUNTS for Ages 1-12. Outdoor Bouncy House, Carnival Games, Arts & Crafts, Snacks, Free Picture with Honey Bunny, Outdoor Bouncy House, and More!!!
Lakeview Free Methodist Church 9412 15th Ave NE (206) 522-1465 www.lakeviewfm.org

CHERRY BLOSSOM & JAPANESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL
APRIL 17-19, 2009 - SEATTLE CENTER
Held at Seattle Center in April... this annual Event celebrates Japanese Culture and the USA's relationship with Japan.

There's a lot for you to experience during these 3 Days: watch a Go Tournament, visit Arts & Crafts Booths, dine on traditional Cuisine. You'll even be able to see Exhibits and Performances.

All Events are free... and take place at the Center House and Flag Pavilion.

SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL
MAY 11-16, 2009 - SEATTLE CENTER -
The Seattle International Children's Festival began as a small Arts Event for kids... and has now grown into the largest Performing Arts Festival for families in the United States. The annual Six-Day Event... featuring artists from Africa... Asia... Europe and the America's, has introduced more than 500,000 people to the sights, sounds, music, movement and theatre arts of our brothers and sisters worldwide.

The International Children's Festival is held on the grounds of Seattle Center in the downtown Seattle district, offering a wide-variety of Activities for the young & young-at-heart.

ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION
MAY 3, 2009 CENTER HOUSE
Delve into the cultures of Asia with spectacular lion dances, youth drill teams, martial arts, taiko drums and incredible artists from around the state at the Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration. Experience this diverse culture that includes China, the Philippines, Samoa, Japan, the South Pacific Islands and Cambodia. The festival kicks off Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Seattle. Presented by the Asian-Pacific Directors Coalition.

COUNCILMEMBERS ANNOUNCE A PATH FORWARD FOR VOTER-OWNED ELECTIONS IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE - Seattle City Councilmembers announced today a timeline to develop a publicly financed elections program for local campaigns in the city of Seattle. The plan proposes development of a proposal over 2009 and early 2010 with a possible ballot measure placed before voters in 2010. If voters approve a measure, candidates could participate in a program as early as the 2011 election cycle.

Public financing, sometimes called "voter-owned" elections, allows a candidate to qualify for public funds to run an electoral campaign if he or she is able to demonstrate a broad base of community support. Candidate participation would be optional. Participants would agree to standards such as limits on private fundraising, a limit on using personal funds, or limits on third-party funding assistance. Programs currently operate in many cities, including Portland, OR, San Francisco, CA, and Albuquerque, NM.

Councilmember Sally J. Clark, chair of the committee that will develop the proposal, said, "I'm looking forward to creating a program that helps a diverse cross-section of Seattle residents to run for local office. Plenty of smart, qualified people would love to run, but the price tag has run so high in recent cycles that otherwise great leaders sit out. Money shouldn't determine who runs and serves."

Councilmember Nick Licata said, "I ran for City Council back when Seattle still had voter-owned elections, and I'm excited to develop a model that works for 21st century campaigns. Voter-owned elections connect people with government. I look forward to hearing Seattleites' ideas as we develop a program in the months ahead."

In 1992, Washington voters adopted Initiative 134, which killed Seattle's former voter-owned elections system. The Washington State Legislature adopted legislation in 2008 which allows municipalities to create their own public financing programs, subject to voter approval.

In early 2008, the City Council and Mayor convened a Campaign Public Financing Advisory Committee (CPFAC) to review financing models in other jurisdictions and make recommendations. The group issued a final report in June, 2008, and the proposed timeline and program planning will work from the CPFAC's findings.

Through 2009 and early 2010, Council will conduct public outreach, review voter-owned elections models in other jurisdictions, determine potential costs and financing plans, and develop a final proposal for voters to consider.

Council President Richard Conlin said, "I have long supported the idea of voter-owned elections as a way to increase citizens' access to the democratic process. I am very pleased that the Council is moving forward."

"I strongly support a new system of voter-owned elections. It will create a more level playing field, attract new candidates, and build public confidence in the political process," said Councilmember Tim Burgess. "I know from my own personal experience that 'dialing for dollars' is a distraction from the work I should be doing as a public official. It's time we step up and introduce strong reforms."

Councilmember Jean Godden said, "I feel strongly that public financing will level the playing field for candidates and offer voters greater and more diverse choices. I'm wary to implement a new model until the economy rebounds, however."

"We've supported this for a long time," said Councilmember Tom Rasmussen. "I'm looking forward to taking advantage of this great opportunity that the Legislature has given to us."

Councilmember Bruce Harrell said, "Ultimately, it will be the voter's decision and any program must weigh the benefits of making it less costly for potential candidates to run, against the costs to implement the program and the effects such a program will have on other city services."

"I strongly support the idea of restoring public campaign financing to City elections as long as campaign spending limits are a part of the package," said Councilmember Jan Drago. "We must bring sanity back to campaign spending."

Archives of previous meetings, news releases and copies of legislation are available on the Council's website at www.seattle.gov/council. Council meetings are cablecast live on Seattle Channel 21 and Webcast live at www.seattlechannel.org/viewer_live.asp. Questions about Council news releases can be directed to Kimberly Reason, Council Communications, at 206-684-8159, or by e-mail at kimberly.reason@seattle.gov.

MAYOR ORDERS ROLL BACK AND FREEZE OF CITY EXECUTIVE SALARIES FOUR DEPARTMENTS WILL BEGIN FURLOUGHS TO CUT BUDGETS

SEATTLE - Mayor Greg Nickels said today that he has informed more than 100 senior city executives that they will have their salaries frozen at or rolled back to 2008 levels and that four executive offices will begin instituting furloughs for their employees.

"With the continued turmoil in the economy nationwide, we will face some difficult decisions to reduce our city budget and it is important that our executives lead by example," said Nickels.

Department directors and executives, including the mayor, will forgo the 2009 cost-of-living adjustment of 4.5 percent, and their salaries will be frozen at 2008 levels.

The mayor also announced today that four executive offices will begin furloughs for employees whose salaries are not frozen. With the exception of clerical employees, workers in the Mayor's Office, Finance Department, Office of Policy Management and Office of Intergovernmental Relations will take seven days without pay in 2009.

The furloughs and wage freezes are expected to save about \$675,000 in 2009, helping to minimize the number of layoffs that may be required.

The cost-cutting measure is part of an ongoing effort to reduce city expenses in the current economic downturn. Previously, Nickels asked departments to identify additional 2009 general fund reductions of up to 3 percent. The Mayor's Office will begin reviewing the proposals next week, and discuss implementation with City Council.

The city will release its latest revenue forecast in early April. Sales tax revenues were down 8.5 percent in November 2008 and 11.4 percent in December 2008, compared to 2007. After the nation's economy took a steep downturn last fall, the mayor and City Council worked together to adjust the 2009-2010 budget without cutting critical public safety or human services programs. The Council approved a 2009 general fund budget of \$912.5 million.

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CELEBRATE SEATTLE SUMMER STREETS SCHEDULE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVALS STARTS IN APRIL

SEATTLE - Mayor Greg Nickels today announced this summer's schedule of street festivals. Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets will open up streets to pedestrians and bicyclists, offering people a way to have fun, celebrate the spirit and personality of their neighborhood, and support local businesses. Each event is organized by a local group.

"The community is leading the way, putting together events that bring us all together," said Nickels. "Biking, walking, drawing chalk pictures, taking in the sights or shopping and eating at local establishments, Celebrate Seattle Summer Streets is a great way to spend time with family and friends."

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET'S SWAN LAKE APRIL 9-19, 2009

Pacific Northwest Ballet's Swan Lake, sumptuous with scenic, costume and lighting design and detail, made its world premiere in September 2003, as the Company's historic grand entrance into Marion Oliver McCaw Hall. for info: <http://www.pnb.org/season/>

CATS THE PARAMOUNT THEATRE WED - SUN APRIL 15 - 19, 2009

There's no better way to introduce your family to the wonders of live theater than with the magic, the mystery, the memory of CATS. What began as a musical about cats after Andrew Lloyd Webber picked up a book of poems in an airport bookshop has become one of the longest running shows in Broadway's history. Winner of seven Tony Awards including Best Musical, CATS features 20 of Andrew Lloyd Webber's timeless melodies, including the hit song, "Memory."

STG PRESENTS JERRY SEINFELD THE PARAMOUNT THEATRE THU & FRI APRIL 23 - 24, 2009

Due to popular demand, America's premier comedian is hitting the road in a return to his first love - stand-up comedy. Recently hailed as "the master stand-up comic of his generation" and "the best comedian of our time" in a Washington Post article by Tom Shales, Seinfeld has an uncanny ability to joke about the little things in life that relate to audiences everywhere. Seinfeld now sets his sights on performing his material across the country in 2009.

SEATTLE SPORTS SCHEDULE

SOUNDERS FC HOME GAMES

<http://www.soundersfc.com>

WIZARDS	4/11	7:30PM
EARTHQUAKES	4/25	7:30PM
REAL SALT LAKE	4/28	7:00PM
GALAXY	5/10	12:00PM

MARINERS MLB HOME GAME

<http://seattle.mariners.mlb.com>

<i>Mariners home opener</i>		
v.s. LAA	4/14	3:40PM

v.s. LAA	4/15	7:10PM
v.s. LAA	4/16	7:10PM
v.s. DET	4/17	7:10PM
v.s. DET	4/18	6:10PM
v.s. DET	4/19	1:10PM
v.s. DET	4/21	7:10PM
v.s. DET	4/22	7:10PM
v.s. DET	4/23	3:40PM
v.s. OAK	5/1	7:10PM
v.s. OAK	5/2	6:10PM
v.s. OAK	5/3	1:10PM
v.s. TEX	5/4	7:10PM
v.s. TEX	5/5	1:40PM

