

September POWER Outage Back to School Roundtable

Monday, September 1st

Darby's Café, 211 5th Avenue in downtown Olympia

Join us for this roundtable discussion about going back to school. Do you have information, resources to share? Do you need information, resources? We'll hold a discussion about: going to college as a low-income parent, resources for getting kids ready to go back to school, and more!

- Did you get a college degree as a single parent? How'd you do it?
- Are you trying to go to college while receiving TANF? What are the rules?
- Do your kids need more supplies than you can afford?
- Have you found creative ways to get the kids what they need?

As always we'll start with a potluck at 5:30. Bring something to share if you are able. Please let us know if you'll need childcare and we'll make it available at the POWER office.

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If you can't make it but have questions or helpful hints, reply to this email. We'll bring your voice to the meeting.

Below:

1. Former POWER intern wants your opinion on Apple Health plans.
2. Call to artists from the City of Olympia for an Artesian Well mural.
3. Petition President Obama to close corporate tax dodge loopholes.
4. Enterprise for Equity upcoming orientation in Olympia.
5. Safeplace is hiring.

1. "I'm new back to the area, and trying to figure out which Apple Health program to join with - I'm currently pregnant with my first baby and am looking for the most natural approach for birthing options. I'm wondering what folks' experiences have been with different plans, or if anyone has had a really wonderful experience with a certain plan including non-traditional options."

"Does anyone have any recommendations as far as a particular plan to go with being better or worse - Molina, Amerigroup WA, Coordinated Care Corp, Untied Healthcare, or Community Health Plan? For a new family-to-be (I'm 6 months pregnant!), alternative/liberal minded, and looking for non-traditional delivery if possible. I've always found that asking my community most-often yields the greatest results, so any and all information or advice you have will be greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!"

Kara-Liv Anderson
k_liv42@yahoo.com

2. Call for Artists – Artesian Commons Mural

The Artesian Commons is a park of many uses. Thousands of Thurston County residents visit this public space on a regular basis to fill up from Olympia's famous Artesian Well. Visitors enjoy patronizing the local food trucks during their lunch breaks and for late-night snacks.

The park opened on May 4, 2014 and is evolving nearly every week. The goal is to create a vibrant urban park that appeals to a variety of user groups. One of the key components of accomplishing this goal is to create an environment that is both inviting and aesthetically pleasing. The Parking & Business Improvement Area (PBIA) has agreed to take on the challenge of adding art to the space.

The PBIA wishes to fund a mural on Petworks wall facing the Artesian Commons.

COMMUNITY VALUES

Since Artesian Commons is an important public space for the community, the PBIA wants to ensure the completed work speaks to the vision of a variety of stakeholder groups. A few of the vision trends that have been identified are:

- Flow of water and the Artesian well showing how many people utilize this resource
- Dynamic color schemes and/or imagery representing urban gathering spaces and recreation
- The site's history as a train station
- An urban oasis

Submissions incorporating one or more of these visions are encouraged, although fresh ideas will also be considered! Artists should be specific in their concept and its meaning.

The chosen artist will meet with representatives from Community Youth Services, Downtown residents, and neighboring business owners to hear their feedback on your design concept. The PBIA will help facilitate this meeting. We hope that this will be a valuable exercise in collaborative placemaking which enhances the effectiveness and quality of the finished product.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications must be submitted to the Community Planning & Development front counter staff on the 2nd floor of City Hall (601 4th Ave E, Olympia, WA 98501) before September 15, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

All Applicants are required to submit a complete application that includes:

- Contact Information

- Artist bio and/or artistic resume
- Digital images of previous works submitted on a CD (jpg or tiff files only)
- Conceptual drawing of the proposed mural
- Description of the concept of the proposed mural
- Description of any previous work that incorporated youth with design or concept

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must provide proof of insurance before beginning installation

SELECTION CRITERIA

Artist selection will be based on artistic merit, community impact, relation to identified values (see above), and managerial capability using the following evaluation criteria of:

- Quality and strength of submitted work samples
- Experience working with community in some capacity
- Adaptability to the collaborative process of design
- Demonstrated knowledge of the unique consideration of exterior murals
- Ability to create a unique and engaging artwork appropriate in concept, materials and scale
- Availability to complete work before or by the end of September, 2014.
- Ability to maintain mural for a minimum of 12 months (touch up graffiti/vandalism)
- Component that incorporates youth in design or work

PROJECT BUDGET

The total budget for this project is \$5,000.

The mural budget must include all artist fees and costs associated with design, fabrication, travel, transportation to the site, insurance, permits, and installation.

Payments will be made directly to the artist upon completion of the project. Requests for preliminary funds for supplies will be considered.

TENTATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE

Date Activity

August 15, 2014

Begin accepting applications

September 15, 2014

Submission Period Ends at 5:00 PM

September 16-19, 2014

PBIA Clean & Safe reviews applications

September 19, 2014

Artist is Selected

Late September, 2014

Artist meets with stakeholder groups to discuss design

Late September/Early October, 2014

Mural Installation Begins

October, 2014

Completion of Mural

QUESTIONS?

Contact Brian Wilson, bwilson1@ci.olympia.wa.us

3. Sign the petition from Daily Kos and CREDO telling President Obama to stop Burger King and other corporations from skipping out on paying their taxes:
https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/931/sign_petition

Walgreens made international headlines when it considered using a loophole called a “tax inversion” to dodge billions of dollars in taxes. But thanks in part to the grassroots activism from CREDO, Daily Kos and a broad progressive coalition—the company backed down.

Now, Burger King—and countless other American companies—are actively considering doing the same thing. And a dozen major corporations exploited this loophole in 2014 alone.

President Obama could eliminate much of the tax incentive for companies to move overseas by simply invoking a law that has been on the books for decades. He said he wants to crack down on corporate tax dodgers, but has yet to take this basic step.

[Add your name to the petition urging President Obama to sign an executive order eliminating the tax incentive for U.S. companies to move their corporate headquarters overseas.](#)

Keep fighting,

Chris Bowers, Daily Kos

4. Did you know that E4E offers loans to graduates from \$500-\$25,000?

FREE Orientation

Get to know Enterprise for Equity's programs.

This one-hour meeting provides information about the Business Planning Program, entrepreneurial support services, and our organization. It is also a time for us to get to know interested participants and answer questions. Prerequisite for full Program.

Next orientation is Monday September 8th from Noon-1pm.

Register Here: <http://www.enterpriseforequity.org/intake/>

If you are unable to attend an Orientation, please call **360-704-3375** to make an appointment with our staff.

Coming Soon!!

Business Readiness Workshop

Grow a Profitable Business!

During this two day workshop our experienced trainers & guest experts will help participants determine what is required to move their business forward.

You'll learn about regulations, risks, costs, plus the rewards, commitment, and hard work necessary to succeed in E4E's Business Planning Program and eventually in your own business.

- **Understand how to create a financially sustainable enterprise**
- **See what it takes to write a strategic business plan for a profitable business**
- **Learn the importance of Financial Planning, Record keeping & Marketing Skills**
- **Find out if you're ready to take the next steps for your entrepreneurial success!**

For More Information and to Register Call [360-704-3375 ext 3](tel:360-704-3375) or email

office@enterpriseeforequity.org

5. POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Facilities Assistant

Hours: 10 hours/week (9 hours/week at shelter & 1 hour/week at business office)

Wage: \$11.95/hour

Benefits: No benefits are provided.

Applications Due: No later than 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 9, 2014

To Apply: Please submit a one-page cover letter addressing how you meet the qualifications of the position, a current resume and a list of three professional references to Sandy at 314 Legion Way S.E., Olympia, WA 98501 or e-mail to sandys@safeplaceolympia.org. Please include your application as an attachment, not as an e-mail text. Use *Facilities Assistant Application* in the subject line.

Key Responsibilities

- v Perform assigned housekeeping duties at the shelter and business office. Weekly clean common areas and assigned bathrooms; sweep, mop and vacuum floors; and dust.
- v Facilitate weekly house meeting with shelter residents to discuss communal living issues, housekeeping needs, and the weekly grocery shopping list.
- v Work with supervisor to ensure that advocates stock needed cleaning, kitchen, and laundry supplies.
- v Perform weekly room checks at the shelter.
- v Perform chore checks with shelter residents.
- v Assist with staff laundry as needed at the shelter.
- v Occasionally help the Facilities Program Coordinator with donations.
- v Perform minor yard maintenance (watering plants, weeding, etc.)
- v Perform duties as described in a culturally responsive manner.

Minimum Qualifications:

- v High school diploma or general education degree (GED).
- v Basic knowledge of cleaning methods and products.
- v Technical experience/knowledge of the following equipment to perform job duties: ladder, vacuum, cleaning and polishing chemicals.

- v Experience working with small groups.
- v Excellent problem-solving skills.
- v Good written and verbal communication skills.
- v Must have a valid driver's license.
- v Must have (or be willing to obtain) a telephone.
- v Commitment to the need for client and agency confidentiality.
- v Agreement with the SafePlace philosophy statement.

Preferred Qualifications:

- v Bilingual in English and Spanish.
- v Basic computer skills, including word processing, and knowledge of Internet and e-mail.
- v Knowledge of domestic and sexual violence issues.
- v Have a car and maintain automobile liability insurance.

SafePlace is an equal opportunity employer. Our agency is committed to a culturally and ethnically diverse workplace.