

# WELCOME AMERICA

SEPTEMBER 15–24, 2017

<div><div></div><div><div>WELCOMING WEEK</div><div>EAST KING COUNTY EVENTS</div></div></div>			
EVENT	TIME	HOSTS	LOCATION
<b>WELCOMING 101</b>	Friday, Sept. 15, 2-4 p.m.	Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition	Redmond Library
Overview of the Welcoming Framework, updates about local efforts, and opportunities to join/form welcoming teams. Registration: <a href="http://walkourtalk.eventbrite.com">walkourtalk.eventbrite.com</a>			
<b>DANCE BASICS</b>	Fridays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 6, 6:15-7:30 p.m.	King County Library System	Crossroads Community Center 16000 NE 10th St. Bellevue, WA 98008
Free dance class for adults: Bachata & Merengue, Salsa, Tango, Cha-Cha & the Waltz. Sign up with King County Library or call 425.450.1775.			
<b>WELCOMING KIRKLAND</b>	Saturday, Sept. 16 1-4 p.m.	Juanita Neighborhood Association, City of Kirkland, and KirklandSafe	Heritage Hall, 203 Market St. Kirkland WA 98033
Information about social services, adult education, clubs/groups, faith communities, businesses, and more. Come to network, make friends, and enjoy local music and dance performances.			
<b>MOVE &amp; GROOVE WITH COMMUNITY!</b>	Saturday, Sept. 16, 6:30-8 p.m.	Wellness Professionals Network and the Bellevue Family YMCA	Bellevue Family YMCA, 14230 Bel Red Rd. Bellevue, WA
Free community dance party. Freestyle dance and some instructor led dances.			
<b>PICNIC IN THE PARK</b>	Sunday, Sept. 17, 12:30-3 p.m.	Indivisible Kirkland Kenmore and Friends	Crestwoods Park, 1818 6th St. Kirkland WA 98033
A fun community picnic for all. Enjoy the end of summer with your neighbors.			
<b>8 BORDERS, 8 DAYS SCREENING</b>	Sunday, Sept. 17, 6:30-9 p.m.	First Congregational Church of Bellevue, MAPS-AMEN	First Congregational Church, 11061 NE 2nd St., Bellevue, WA 98004
Documentary about a Syrian refugee family. Arabic with English subtitles. Discussion to follow.			
<b>ESSENTIALS FOR JOB SEEKERS: TIPS FOR NEWCOMERS</b>	Monday, Sept. 18, 1-3 p.m.	Hopelink and the Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition	Hopelink, 11011 120th Ave NE, Kirkland WA 98033
Employer panel with advice for newcomers and native born residents; interactive conversation.			
<b>ASK A MUSLIM OR TWO: COMMUNITY DINNER &amp; CONVERSATION</b>	Monday, Sept. 18, 6-8:30 p.m.	Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition, Adams Interpreting and Mediation Service, and the City of Bellevue	Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St., Bellevue WA 98008
Special event for non-Muslim women and men interested in hearing the experiences of Muslim women who wear the hijab. Registration required: <a href="http://askamuslim.eventbrite.com">askamuslim.eventbrite.com</a> .			
<b>CONVERSATION CIRCLE</b>	Mondays, starting Sept. 18, 6-7:30 p.m.	English Language Learner's Alliance	Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St., Bellevue WA 98008
Ongoing conversation classes. Practice English and meet new people!			
<b>COMMUNITY VOICES: A WELCOMING WEEK ART PROJECT</b>	Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	City of Bellevue Northwest Arts Center	Bellevue Boys and Girls Club, 209 100th Ave NE
Participate in a community art project.			
<b>TAMIL STORY TIME</b>	Tuesday, Sept. 19, 12:15-12:45 p.m.	King County Library System	Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Bellevue WA 98008
Free drop in story time in Tamil for infant, toddlers, preschool age youth and their parents. Everyone is welcome. Meet your neighbors!			
<b>COMMUNITY MATTERS: YOU BELONG</b>	Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6:30-8 p.m.	Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition and the Wellness Professionals Network	Redmond Regional Library, 15590 NE 85th St. Redmond WA 98052
Community conversation: How can we create a stronger sense of belonging for ourselves and others?			
<b>CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS: I AND WE CULTURES [A Women Only Event]</b>	Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1-2:30 p.m.	City of Bellevue Cultural Conversations	Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St Bellevue, WA 98008
Enjoy storytelling and conversation about "I" and "We" cultures. Open to all women. RSVP is appreciated: <a href="mailto:cross@bellevuewa.gov">cross@bellevuewa.gov</a>			
<b>RUSSIAN STORY TIME</b>	Wednesday, Sept. 20, 10:30-11 a.m.	King County Library System	Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Bellevue WA 98008
Free drop in story time in Russian for infant, toddlers, preschool age youth and their parents. Everyone is welcome. Meet your neighbors!			
<b>CONVERSATIONS ON EQUITY</b>	Wednesday, Sept. 20, 5-7 p.m.	Eastside Pathways, Bellevue School District, City of Bellevue, and Leadership Eastside	Realogics Sotheby's International Realty, 15 Lake St. Suite 200, Kirkland WA 98033
Conversation to deepen individual understanding and commitment to the work towards a more equitable Eastside. All are welcome. Registration: <a href="http://bit.ly/EastsidePathways">bit.ly/EastsidePathways</a>			
<b>ISSAQUAH WELCOMES YOU</b>	Wednesday, Sept. 20, 6-8:30 p.m.	King County Library System, City of Issaquah, and Cultural Nexus	Issaquah Library, 10 W. Sunset Way, Issaquah WA 98027
Bring the whole family and join us for a celebration of the many different cultures that make up our community of Issaquah. Multilingual event.			
<b>MEDITATION AND CHAIR YOGA</b>	Thursday, Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	India Association of Western Washington	North Bellevue Community Center
Meditation at 10:30 and Chair Yoga at 11:30. Free and open to all.			
<b>2nd ANNUAL WELCOME AMERICA HEALTH FAIR</b>	Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	International Community Health Services and the Bellevue Family YMCA	Bellevue Family YMCA, 14230 Bel Red Rd. Bellevue, WA
Health screenings, healthcare and legal information. Games around the world for the kids. Free and all are welcome!			
<b>PLAYING FOR CHANGE</b>	Saturday, Sept. 23, 1-3 p.m.	City of Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network	Bellevue Library
Photo exhibit of friendships across cultures, activities to meet and connect with people from our diverse community.			
<b>A MUSICAL JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD</b>	Saturday, Sept. 23, 3-4:30 p.m.	King County Library System	Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St Kirkland, WA 98034
Take a trip with this talented trio, the Marianna Group, and explore many different countries through music.			
<b>YMCA WELCOMING WEEK CELEBRATION</b>			
Inquire at your local Y or visit <a href="http://WelcomingWeek.org">WelcomingWeek.org</a> for information on events and activities.			