

**Immigrant
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IAC NEWS

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IAC Update

Here's the latest news from the IAC:

- The big news this month is our First Annual Summer Health and Resource Fair which will take place at the Olympic College Student Center in Bremerton on Saturday, August 29th. The event will run from 10am to 3pm and everyone is invited! This free event will feature informational booths from many community service providers as well as entertainment, vendors, food, and some basic health services. We are still accepting applications from organizations and vendors who would like to participate in the fair; applications are available on the IAC website. Information and services at the fair will be provided in both English and Spanish and we are looking forward to a huge turn out for our first of what we hope will be an annual event that will allow us to connect those in need with a wide range of community service providers in a fun, festive atmosphere.
- On Wednesday, August 26th we will make our annual trek to the Kitsap County Fair. This event was started by Lorene a few years ago when she took some of her ESL students to the fair as a field trip. This was so popular that each summer more and more people started to join in. This year we will meet at the East entrance of the Pavilion at 11am on Wednesday. All are welcome to come with us as we guide the group around the fairgrounds and explain what different parts of the fair are. The kids particularly like the animal barns and the crafts workshops. We are also accepting cash donations so that we can provide ride tickets and other fun fair things (like cotton candy) to the people who come with us. Donations can be made at our Center or through the donation link on our website.
- A special thank you goes out to Martitha May, our Chairperson, who has been working tirelessly on our summer fair. In addition to coordinating the event, she will also be publicizing our Fair on Univision and Seattle Spanish-language radio stations. Thanks Martitha!
- Be sure to join us at the next Mesa Redonda de Kitsap meeting which will be held on August 12th at 8:30am at the Norm Dick Government Center in the WSU classroom on the 4th floor. Note: be sure to park in a two-hour parking space (not in the building's parking lot) so you won't get a parking ticket!
- Our August IAC Board meeting will be held on August 28th at 1pm at a location to be announced (see our website for details). At this meeting we will discuss last minute details of our summer resource fair and our budget.

Did You Know?

- The Seattle Center has a great line up of cultural events during the month of August. The Arab Festival will take place on August 1st and 2nd, Brasil Fest will take place August 16th, and the Tibet Fest will take place August 22nd and 23rd. These “Festal” events are always free, fun, and feature a number of food vendors and entertainers to share in the celebration of each immigrant community’s special holidays.
- The Bremerton Goodwill is hosting a Back to School Fashion Show and Sale on August 15th beginning at 11am at their store at 4209 Wheaton Way in Bremerton. This is an excellent opportunity to check out the newest school fashions and save big bucks on back to school clothes for the kids.
- The Literacy Council of Kitsap’s 4th Annual Race For Literacy Kid’s Dash, one mile run, and 5k will take place on August 15th at 9am at View Ridge Elementary School in Bremerton. Go to their website at www.kitsapliteracy.org for more information or to download a registration form.
- You’ve heard of “rock the vote”, now there is an event called “rock the bulb”. This event allows you to exchange up to 10 old fashioned light bulbs for new CFL bulbs at no charge. This event will take place on August 1st and 2nd at Lowes in Silverdale, August 8th and 9th at Lowes in Bremerton, and August 15th and 16th at Lowes in Pt Orchard. This is an excellent opportunity to acquire free light bulbs that not only last longer than the older type light bulbs but also use a lot less energy thus saving you money. Go to www.rockthebulb.com/events/ for more information.
- The Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs is now accepting nominations for their annual CHA Community Award. This award will recognize an individual or organization for their outstanding achievement and meaningful service to the Hispanic/Latino community. For a nomination packet or for more information, go to <http://cha.wa.gov/english/documents/CHAComunityAwardNominationPacket.pdf>. Note that nominations must be received by September 1, 2009.
- The SmileMobile will be in Port Angeles on August 3-7 and in Forks on August 10-21. This organizations provides free basic dental care for children at many locations around our state. To make an appointment for service, or if you are a dentist and would like to volunteer and receive CME credits for your service, call 800-572-7835 x6303.
- The Housing Authority of Bremerton is hosting a ‘Community Health Awareness Day’ on August 21st from 2pm to 4pm at the Sylvan Way Baptist Church at 900 Sylvan Way in East Bremerton. Health information, free brown bag lunches, and a DJ will be on site. This is a free event for adults and children and will feature many fun activities as well as valuable health information. Contact Kim Martin at 360-616-7152 for more information.
- The 2009 Health and Safety Expo will take place on August 18th from 10am to 6pm at the Kitsap Conference Center and Bremerton Boardwalk in downtown Bremerton. This is a free event and open to the public. Exhibits, hands-on displays, and a kid’s zone will be used to educate the public on a variety of safety and health topics. Call 360-473-5918 for more information.
- The Kitsap County Fair will take place August 26th to 30th at the Fairgrounds in East Bremerton. This is a fun event for the whole family. On Wednesday, admission is free for everyone before noon and free for military with ID all day. On Thursday, all kids under 12 are admitted free all day. For more information, go to www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Fair_Stampede.htm
- Donations of new or gently used shoes are needed for a back to school program that will provide shoes to students in need. Donations can be dropped off at the DSHS office at 4710 Auto Center Way in Bremerton until August 15th. Other locations are available for drop off by contacting coordinator Sally Santana at 360-895-6022. Shoes will be distributed on August 24th from 11:30am to 1pm at the Bremerton DSHS office. Note that registration is required in order to receive the shoes and shoes are provided on a “first come, first served” basis. To register for this program, call 360-473-2202.