

STAYING CONNECTED NEWSLETTER

LCE present at Hispanic Seafair



Latino City Employees (LCE) partnered with Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Communications staff in coordinating a booth at the Hispanic Seafair Festival on July 26.

sidewalk chalk, and crayons and coloring books about SDOT programs.



Mike Terrel and Jessica Alinen (SDOT)

LCE bilingual volunteers were able to inform the public about SDOT's Pedestrian and Bicycle programs, employment opportunities, and were at hand to answer questions. The outreach was quite successful, providing contact with many people who were not previously familiar with the transportation department and services.



LCE Sonia Palma (SDOT) in **VERY** good company with Sounders' Fredy Montero and Osvaldo Alonso

Staff handed out bicycle maps, pens made of recycled material,

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Independence day!

In our last newsletter we celebrated the independence of Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Haiti, and Paraguay. We now congratulate the following countries:



Jamaica—June 8, 1962, from the UK



Antigua and Barbuda—January 11, 1981, from the UK



Ecuador —May 24, 1822, from Spain



Panama - March 11, 1903 from Spain



Chile - February 12, 1818, from Spain (celebrated on September 18)



Grenada - February 7, 1974 From the UK



Saint Lucia - February 22, 1979 from the UK

One of the objectives of Latino City Employees organization is to increase Latino participation in City government

What a fun picnic!

The City of Seattle Affinity Groups hosted a successful Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 2, at Lincoln Park. Throughout the day, over 300 people including City of Seattle employees, family members, and friends gathered at the picnic. There was lots of good food, music, dancing and games.

There was an overwhelming positive response to the picnic. People enjoyed the opportunity to be together in an informal, fun and inviting environment. The most frequently asked question of the day was "Are we doing this again next summer?" And the response

is, we can definitely work together again to make it happen!

To view all the picnic pictures, please visit the LCE PAN site and click Gallery.

Special thanks to City Light Black Employees Association (CLBEA), Latino City Employees (LCE), Collaborative Association of Native American Employees Seattle (CANOES) and Filipino American Civic Employees of Seattle (FACES).



Stay tuned for the upcoming training on Cultural Awareness being organized by Latino City Employees

Recipe corner: Mexican Cinnamon Cookies



By Carmen Valerio—DoIT

Ingredients:
1 C Sugar
2 C shortening
1t vanilla

4 C Flour
¼ t cinnamon

- Place sugar in bowl add warm water to dissolve sugar (keep thick)
- Add shortening, vanilla and mix with mixer
- Add flour 1 cup at a time; keep mixing
- Roll out, cut with cookies cutters
- Dip each cookie in bowl filled

with cinnamon & sugar before placing on cookie sheet

Bake at 350 for 11-13 minutes. Makes: a lot of cookies!



2009 Latino Heritage Award — call for nominations

Mayor Nickels and the City of Seattle Latino City Employees (LCE) are pleased to announce that nominations for the 5th Annual Latino Heritage Award are now being accepted.

The Latino Heritage Award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the Seattle Latino community. We seek to recognize an individual who displays leadership, initiative, creativity and dedication. Through their contributions, he/she inspires others to be

involved in the Latino community and make a difference.

Mayor Nickels and LCE will present the Latino Heritage Award on October 3, 2009 at the Seattle Aquarium during the Latino Heritage Month celebration.

Nominations will be accepted through September 11, 2009.

For more information contact Virginia Gonzalez Wehr at (206) 386-9137, or download the nomination

form from the LCE website: http://inweb.ci.seattle.wa.us/LCE/LCE_Events.htm

Send your nomination form to:

City of Seattle
 Latino City Employees
 Latino Heritage Award
 c/o Virginia Gonzales Wehr
 Seattle Public Utilities
 700 5th Avenue, Suite 4900
 PO Box 34018
 Seattle, WA 98124-4018

Latino Heritage Award Past Recipients



Adrian Diaz—2008

Carlos Alanis—2007

Jacque Larrainzar—2006

We would love to hear from you! Contact Sandra Pinto de Bader (SDOT) with ideas, stories, articles, and photos to include in the LCE Newsletter.

Upcoming events

LCE membership meeting

Second Wednesday of the month
 September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9
 Noon—1:00 pm at SMT 4540

Spanish Speaking Lunch

Starting July 7, 2009
 Tuesdays and Thursdays
 Noon—1:00 pm
 2nd floor, Columbia Tower
 Tables outside the Complete Office Solutions store.

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Noon Concert

Pedrito Vargas y su grupo Ashe
 Seattle City Hall

September 9—October 31, 2009

Arte para todos Exhibit

Seattle City Hall Art Gallery
 Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Fiestas Patrias

Seattle Center
 10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

September 24-27, 2009

Cine Seattle

Harvard Exit Theater
 NW Film Forum
 Langston Hughes Center
<http://www.cineseattle.org/>

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Noon Concert

Carlos Cascante
 Seattle City Hall
 (This event is part of the Hispanic art exhibit event and includes the artists reception)

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Latino Heritage Celebration

8:00 pm—1:00 am
 Seattle Aquarium, Pier 59
latinocityemployees@seattle.gov

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Latino Heritage Award ceremony

8:00 pm—1:00 am
 Seattle Aquarium, Pier 59
latinocityemployees@seattle.gov

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Noon Concert

Jovino Santos Neto
 Seattle City Hall

For additional information on all LCE events, visit our website:

http://inweb.ci.seattle.wa.us/LCE/LCE_Events.htm

If you are interested in participating as a volunteer, please contact us at:

latinocityemployees@seattle.gov

Did you know?

In our last newsletter we listed all 35 sovereign states in the American continent. Below is a list of the 21 dependent territories (according to Wikipedia). Official languages include Spanish, English, French, Dutch, Greenlandic, and Papiamentó*.

| Country | Capital | Official language |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Anguilla (UK) | The Valley | English |
| Aruba (Netherlands) | Oranjestad | Dutch, Papiamentó |
| Bermuda (UK) | Hamilton | English |
| British Virgin Islands (UK) | Road Town | English |
| Cayman Islands (UK) | George Town | English |
| Clipperton Island (France) | (none) | French |
| Falkland Islands (UK) | Stanley | English |
| French Guiana (France) | Cayenne | French |
| Greenland (Denmark) | Nuuk | Greenlandic |
| Guadeloupe (France) | Basse-Terre | French |
| Martinique (France) | Fort-de-France | French |
| Montserrat (UK) | Plymouth | English |
| Navassa Island (US) | (none) | Un-inhabited |
| Netherlands Antilles (Netherlands) | Willemstad | Dutch, English, Papiamentó |
| Puerto Rico (US) | San Juan | Spanish, English |
| Saint Berthelemy (France) | Gustavia | French |
| Saint Martin (France) | Marigot | French |
| Saint Pierre and Miquelon (France) | Saint-Pierre | French |
| South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (UK) | King Edward Point | English |
| Turks & Caicos Islands (UK) | Cockburn Town | English |
| US Virgin Islands (US) | Charlotte Amalie | English |



The American continent is formed of 56 countries, 35 are sovereign states and 21 are dependent territories. **

* **Papiamentó** (or **Papiamentu**) is the official and most widely spoken language on the Caribbean islands of Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao (the so-called "ABC islands"). Papiamentó is a creole language derived from either Portuguese or Spanish with vocabulary influences from African languages, English and Arawak native languages.

** According to Wikipedia.com