

## First Hill Park Artist Residency



First Hill Improvement Association secured an Arts in Parks Wintertime Community Event grant for a First Hill Park Artist Residency. FHIA put out a Request for Proposals, seeking an artist or group of artists to take up residency in First Hill Park, engage with park users and create non-

#### **Twinkle Twinkle**



Freeway Park Association's
Twinkle Twinkle
Friday, December 6th

permanent public art during the month of December. FHIA selected artist Michiko Tanaka, who will begin her Residency this Friday, December 6th from 10am to 1pm and continue on December 13th and 20th, 10am to 1pm.

Michiko Tanaka is originally from Centralia WA and spent 18 years traveling and living around the world before settling in Seattle in 2010. She attended The Evergreen State College and started a freelance art career after graduating in 1997. For 13 years she painted for theaters, operas, museums, public organizations and private residences. Since moving to Seattle she changed her focus to doing studio and public art. Some of her recent projects have been for Seattle Office of Arts and Culture, Sound Transit, The Greenwood Neighborhood Association, Washington Global Health Alliance, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle Storefronts and Spaceworks.

Michiko is half Japanese and on a recent trip to Japan, one thing she noticed was how important good luck is in Japanese culture. People can buy good luck charms, visit particular shrines for specific wishes, burn incense and much more. Michiko would like to introduce this concept to First Hill Park users and give people good luck for the new year.

Michiko will create a temporary installation of Omikuji (paper fortunes). Traditionally these are fortunes you buy at a shrine. If the fortune is good you keep it. If it is bad you tie it to a string and leave the bad luck at the shrine. Michiko will be inviting people to write whatever bad luck they experienced in the last year on the paper and tie it to a string in the park. Michiko will also

#### 4pm - 6pm Seneca Plaza @ Freeway Park

Celebrate the Freeway Park Illuminations installation with FREE hot chocolate, make your own s'mores by the bonfire and seasonal songs by the Dickens Carolers.

### WHEEL Shelter Donations Needed



WHEEL Women's shelter in First Hill is currently seeing very high numbers of women at the shelter. The shelter is currently in need of washable blankets (not sheets or pillows), coffee, creamer, sugar, cough drops, socks, gloves, hats, warmers, and feminine hygiene supplies. For inquiries or donation arrangements, please contact <a href="wheelorg@yahoo.com">wheelorg@yahoo.com</a> or 206-956-0334.

### Le's Sandwiches has reopened

be handing out Emas. Traditionally these are bought at shrines. People write a wish on each Ema and leave them at the shrine. Michiko will give out an Ema for people to write on for good luck in the New Year.

### Help name this groundbreaking building



Bellwether Housing needs your help <u>naming</u> one of their upcoming developments in First Hill, a high-rise tower they've been referring to as Madison/Boylston. This development will be the first nonprofit affordable housing high rise in Seattle. They're building 368 new homes on this site, in partnership with Plymouth Housing.

They're seeking naming suggestions for Bellwether's portion of this innovative, groundbreaking, high-density development in Seattle's First Hill neighborhood. Bellwether's portion of the project will create



Le's Sandwiches has recently reopened, stop in for a banh mi, salad or bubble tea!

#### **First Hill Events**



- 12/6/19 <u>Screening of 'Maria</u>
   <u>Tallchief: America's First Prima</u>

   Ballerina' @ Town Hall
- 12/6/19 <u>Jovino Santos Neto</u> @ Vito's
- 12/6/19 <u>Twinkle Twinkle</u> @ Freeway Park
- 12/6/19 Tomo Nakayama & Sophia
   Duccini in the Top of the Town @

   Hotel Sorrento
- 12/7/19 Sorrento Nights with David Francis @ Hotel Sorrento
- 12/7/19 WTO 20th Anniversary
   Event Ft. Joseph Stiglitz & Lori
   Wallach @ Town Hall

256 apartments for low-income families. Share your idea HERE

#### **Women Winter Walking Series**



For the next three Saturdays in December, join local women for a walking group around First Hill. Meet at Tougo, 860 Yesler Way at 9:30, walk will start at 10am and will follow the First Hill Park to Park Path.

### Harborview Hall expands shelter

- 12/8/19 <u>Jazz Brunch with Emma</u>
   Caroline Baker @ Hotel Sorrento
- 12/8/19 Lessons and Carols with the <u>Seattle Girls Choir</u> @ Trinity Episcopal Church
- 12/9/19 <u>Migrating to Prison César</u> <u>Cuauhtémoc García Hernández</u> @ Town Hall
- 12/10/19 Holiday Card Writing Happy Hour @ Hotel Sorrento
- 12/10/19 Erika Lee A History of Xenophobia in the US @ Town Hall
- 12/12/19 The Beaconettes Sing @ Hotel Sorrento
- 12/12/19 <u>Amplifying Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples'</u>
   Voices @ Town Hall
- 12/13/19 Fireside Evenings: Bess & Amber with DJ Candy Cowgirl @ Hotel Sorrento
- 12/13/19 <u>Holiday Tea</u> @ Hotel Sorrento
- 12/14/19 <u>Santa Saturday</u> @ Hotel Sorrento
- 12/14/19 Sorrento Nights with Sundae + Mr. Goessl @ Hotel Sorrento
- 12/14 12/15 Holy Families Seeking
   Asylum: A Christmas Concert @
   Seattle First Baptist Church
- 12/15/19 <u>Short Stories Live A</u>
   Rogue's Family Christmas @ Town
- 12/15/19 A Winter Soundscape: The Met's Annual Holiday Concert @
   Seattle First Baptist Church
- 12/15/19 Opus 7 presents: Splendid Jewel @ St. James Cathedral
- 12/15/19 <u>Choral Evensong</u> @ Trinity Episcopal Church
- 12/19/19 Third Thursday Happy Hour Tour @ Frye Art Museum



King County has expanded the current overnight shelter in Harborview Hall on Seattle's First Hill. The shelter now offers onsite counseling and case management, showers and laundry facilities, meals and other services. These new services are through an enhanced 24/7 shelter model that will help 85 men and women.

# Little Neon Taco named top restaurant in Seattle by Conde Nast Traveler

- 12/19/19 In Focus: Wanda
   Nanibush @ Frye Art Museum
- 12/20-12/21 <u>Burrito Roll</u> @ Seattle First Baptist Church
- 12/20/19 <u>Fireside Evenings: Katrina</u> <u>Kope + DJ Josh Quest</u> @ Hotel Sorrento
- 12/21/19 Sorrento Nights with <u>Marina Christopher</u> @ Hotel Sorrento
- 12/21/19 <u>Festive Cantatas –</u>
   <u>Christmas in Gabrieli's Venice</u> @

   Town Hall
- 12/25/19 Christmas Feast @ Hotel Sorrento
- 12/27/19 <u>Fireside Evenings with</u>
   <u>Caitlin Sherman + DJ Josh Quest</u> @

   Hotel Sorrento
- 12/27/19 Lushy @ Vito's
- 12/28/19 Opus 7 presents: Here We <u>Come A-Caroling</u> @ Trinity Episcopal Church
- 12/31/19 New Year's Eve Gala:
   Charpentier @ St. James Cathedral

#### **Become a Member**



First Hill Improvement Association (FHIA) is committed to working alongside residents, businesses, organizations, and institutions to address the needs and concerns of the community. Over the years FHIA has been dedicated to addressing issues of housing affordability, high-rise development,



construction impacts, insufficient public space, accessibility, homelessness, and a growing residential population.

FHIA is dedicated to serving the First Hill neighborhood and we need your help to continue this work. Please consider joining FHIA today.

"Chef and owner Monica Dimas offsets clean white walls and tabletops with brightly painted Mexican art. Behind the bar, carved-out shelves reach to the ceiling and host potted plants, bottles of tequila, a statue of the Virgin Mary, a painted skull, and a prayer candle. Her tacos, from rich pork belly to standout lengua, have been impressing locals since she began serving them at divey Nacho Borracho in 2014."
Conde Nast Traveler

#### First Hill News and Updates



- Can Dance Make a More Just
   America? Donald Byrd Is Working
   on It The New York Times
- <u>Inside Harborview Hall's new</u> 'enhanced' homeless shelter: a

warm place to sleep, pets, laundry, and help around the clock- Capitol Hill Seattle Blog







#### A Note From FHIA

The First Hill Improvement Association serves the First Hill community through advocacy, information dissemination, event programming, and stewardship of resources. Our mission is to make First Hill a safe, vibrant, and inviting place for all. If you want to become a member, have a community announcement you'd like included in this newsletter, or just want to say hi, contact FHIA Executive Director Anne McCullough at <a href="mailto:anne@firsthill.org">anne@firsthill.org</a>.

Thanks for being our neighbor!