



# FALL IS IN FULL SWING ON THE WATERFRONT

We had a great time meeting many of you at fairs and festivals throughout the summer! Read on to learn about activities and events underway this fall.

## **BLINDNESS SIMULATION TOUR**

Office of the Waterfront staff participated in a blindness simulation tour led by [The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc.](#), a nonprofit organization specializing in support and employment opportunities for people who are blind, DeafBlind, and blind with other disabilities. Our staff wore vision-impairing glasses to simulate blindness and used white canes to navigate the city. The tour included crossing busy intersections, riding the Central Link Light Rail, and taking a bus. We gained a better understanding of accessible sidewalk and street designs for people who are blind and look forward to putting this experience to use as we design the new waterfront. Thanks again to The Lighthouse for Blind, Inc. for such an amazing experience!



*Project engineer Mike Johnson uses a cane to cross an intersection in vision-impairing glasses.*

## **ROUNDTABLES WITH WOMEN- AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS**

Our goal for Waterfront Seattle is to create “A Waterfront for All.” As one part of this goal, we have been holding a series of roundtables with women- and minority-

owned businesses (WMBEs) and leaders within Seattle communities of color to share information about the project and gather feedback on how best to include these communities through Waterfront Seattle design, construction, and ongoing programming. Our last roundtable was in June and we look forward to holding another roundtable in November. [Email us](#) for more information!

## **SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION AND TOURS**

Seawall construction has resumed along the central waterfront between University and Madison streets. For those interested in seeing construction underway, join us for another series of Seawall construction tours scheduled for:

- Thursday, October 22, 12-1 PM
- Friday, October 23, 12-1 PM

Get a closer look at zee panels, light penetrating surface (LPS) panels, the cast-in-place concrete slab and more! Please visit [our website](#) to learn more and RSVP for the Seawall tours – space is filling up fast!

During construction, most of your favorite businesses and attractions will be accessible via the multi-use path on the west side of the viaduct and by short bridges across the construction zone. Be on the lookout for wayfinding banners, sidewalk painting, and flags marking business access locations. [Check out the latest construction flyer](#) to learn more about what to expect in the coming months.

The Seawall Project Street Team is your best resource for Seawall construction questions. You can contact the Seawall Project Street Team by calling 206-618-8584 or emailing [seawall@waterfrontseattle.org](mailto:seawall@waterfrontseattle.org).

## **FAIRS AND FESTIVALS**

One of our favorite parts about summer is participating in fairs and festivals across Seattle. This year we spent over **30 days** having fun with many of you throughout the city, including at El Centro de la Raza's Cinco de Mayo celebration, Pride Fest, and Pista Sa Nayon Filipino Fest – just to name a few!

Though summer is gone, the fun isn't over! Join us for [Dia de Muertos – A Mexican Celebration to Remember Our Departed](#). The event is at the Seattle Center Armory, from **11 AM – 7 PM** on **October 31**, and **11 AM – 6 PM** on **November 1**. Bring the whole family to participate in the art and spirituality of Mexican culture, including live performances, a community altar and cemetery, and activities including face painting and creating sugar skulls.

Check out our [events calendar](#) to stay up to date with other upcoming outreach events.



*A family poses in the Waterfront Seattle photo booth at Umoja Fest.*

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