



NEW ENERGY FOR SEATTLE'S HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

## New website launched for Pioneer Square neighborhood

This month the Alliance for Pioneer Square launched a new website to engage the community in upcoming events in Pioneer Square. [PioneerSquare.org](http://PioneerSquare.org) features neighborhood attractions, news and activities targeting neighborhood residents and the general public. The site includes information and maps to neighborhood businesses and activities, and links to Pioneer Square social media community and news via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [RSS](#) feeds.



## List your Pioneer Square business on the new [PioneerSquare.org](http://PioneerSquare.org)

The PioneerSquare.org business directory is filling up fast. It's a valuable online tool for business to gain exposure to customers interested in the area. If you have a retail business within the Pioneer Square historic district, you will be able to post your company info on the new PioneerSquare.org. The Directory Profile Request Form is available online at <http://pioneersquare.org/directory-profile-request-form>

## First Pioneer Square Tech Social set for mid-January

Save the date! The Alliance for Pioneer Square is sponsoring its first Tech Social networking event from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on January 12<sup>th</sup> at EMC Isilon at 505 1st Ave S. As technology companies continue to invigorate the neighborhood, staying connected helps to support the community. The Save the Date ecard can be viewed [here](#).



EMC Isilon will also provide a short presentation on [artistic visualizations for large data sets](#). More information on the event will be available during the first week of January.



## More than 700 coats donated during Coats for Kids drive

located at 307 Third Ave S. in Pioneer Square.

The Buzzbee Company 2011 Coats for Kids event continues to be a success! This year St. Joseph's Baby Corner and Wellspring Family services will distribute 700 coats to King County children and families. Buzzbee Company will continue to receive donations of new coats for newborn children to age five until the end of February. Coats will be received at the Buzzbee Company office

"The response has been overwhelming," Buzzbee CEO Michele Keeffe said, "We have gone from 89 coats in our first year to 719 coats three years later."

The demand for new coats through the cold season remains high, she said.



## **Mayor's neighborhood update coming up on January 25**

The Mayor, city council representatives and Alliance staff and board will meet with Pioneer Square stakeholders early in 2012 to provide an update on progress in relationship to the 2015 plan. Join us at ING at 83 South King Street, Wednesday, January 25, 4:00pm – 5:30pm.

## **Pioneer Square celebrates First Annual Holiday Tree lighting**

Members of the Pioneer Square community celebrated the holidays December 1<sup>st</sup> in Occidental Park with the First Annual Holiday Tree lighting. Participants enjoyed jazzy New Orleans style holiday music provided by [Tubaluba](#). The festivities also coincided with December's First Thursday and the Seattle Seahawks game against the Philadelphia Eagles.



Some participants posed for photos in a free holiday photo booth sponsored by the Alliance. Photos were later posted on Facebook and participants tagged their photos to enter a drawing to win gift cards to Delicatus, Café Umbria, and Tat's Delicatessen. The winners, Shanetta B., Jon H. and Joe W. were notified and awarded on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

See our Facebook [page](#) for photos and winners.

A special thank you to our sponsors: Vulcan, ING Direct/Sharebuilder, the Pioneer Square Business Improvement Area, and Seattle Parks and Recreation.

## **Viaduct update: Alaskan Way South closure; Viaduct transmission lines relocation; Parking during construction**

Starting Jan. 5 through 2013: [SR 99 Tunnel Project](#) crews will close Alaskan Way South between South Main and South King streets, and both directions of traffic underneath the viaduct will be rerouted. See the detour [here](#). Crews will be relocating utilities and completing other tunnel related work.

Starting now through Spring 2012: Crews working for Seattle City Light have been working on [viaduct transmission lines](#) between Yesler Way and Union Street. The transmission lines will be relocated from the underside of the viaduct to underground locations nearby.

Pioneer Square and waterfront representatives are continuing to coordinate with WSDOT and the City of Seattle on [strategies to compensate for parking losses](#) due to construction. A complete list of upcoming traffic changes is located [here](#).

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