

COMMUNITY LIFE

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Everybody's Getting Evicted

Join hundreds around the city in the first selection of Everybody Reads 2017—*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. A community reading project of Multnomah County Library, folks have until March 9 to complete the book. There will be numerous talks and workshops to attend about the subject. Visit the following website, multcolib.org/everybody-reads to learn more.

4 Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

The group meets this month on Wednesday Jan. 4, 7 to 9 p.m., at St. Barnabus Church, 2201 SW Vermont St. Visit hna-pdx.com or call 503-823-4592 for agenda information.

6 Healthcare Help

Every Thursday in January, volunteers with the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program will be on hand to help you figure out how to get the most from your Medicare benefits. In hour-long appointments, SHIBA volunteers help people compare insurance options, untangle paperwork, appeal benefit denials, and report Medicare fraud. Thursdays beginning Jan. 6, 5:45–7:45 p.m., at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd. Registration required; call the Multnomah County Helpline at 503-988-3646.

Murder on the Nile

Follow a web of intrigue and deceit on a steamer traveling up the Nile River in Egypt when an intriguing array of passengers discovers a dead body in this classic Agatha Christie play, "Murder on the Nile." The play runs Jan. 6 through Feb. 12 at the Lakewood Theatre, 368 S. State St. in Lake Oswego. Call the box office for tickets at 503-635-3901.

10 Multnomah Neighborhood Association

The group meets on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7–9 p.m. at the Multnomah Arts Center, Room 30, 7688 SW Capitol Highway. Visit www.swni.org/Multnomah or call 503-823-4592 for agenda information.

14 Community Hike

Did you make walking more one of your New Year's Resolutions? Then join SW Urban Trails for a six-mile walk which will explore the West Hills. Meet behind the bleachers at Wilson High, Southwest Sunset Boulevard and Capitol Highway, on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 9 a.m. Well behaved dogs on leash are allowed. Dress warm! For more information visit swtrails.org or contact Sharon Fekety at fekety@hevenet.com.

Volunteer at Gabriel Park

Join Friends of Gabriel to help work in the future pollinator meadow on Saturday, Jan. 14, 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will be spreading mulch and constructing habitat piles. Directions: Gabriel Park entrance off Southwest Canby Street (near 40th Avenue). Parking is at this location. Volunteers will meet by the winter dog park entrance to the natural area. Tools, gloves, instruction and snacks will be provided. Please dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle. For more information contact Mary Verrilli at 503-823-9423 or mary.verrilli@portlandoregon.gov.

19 Felting for Fun

Create a beautiful 2-D "painting" using wool and barbed needle. On a flat surface we will tangle and blend our natural wool fibers to create a piece of art you can hang on your wall. Bring in a photo of your pet, or choose from a variety of animal photos available in class. Thursday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Highway. Cost: \$20, which includes all supplies. No experience necessary. For more information, contact the center at 503-244-0111.



Matthew Sepeda, Chase Fulton, Tiffany Groben, Gary L. Anderson, and Sarah Jane Fridlich star in Agatha Christie's "Murder On The Nile." (Photo by Triumph Studios)

22 Wild Survival

If you had to, could you survive in the wilderness? Learn what wild foods are safe to use, which plants to seek, and what your priorities are in recreational and unplanned survival situations. Presented by John Kallas, of Wild Food Adventures, on Sunday, Jan. 22, 1:30–4:30 p.m. at the Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Highway. Free, but preregistration required. Register online, at the library, or by calling 503-988-5234.

25 The Native Way

Hear Portland author Kent Nerburn discuss how his three decades of living and working among Native American people taught him about giving, sharing, grieving and celebrating. He'll read from his new book: *Voices in the Stones: Life Lessons from the Native Way* on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Annie Bloom's Books, 7834 SW Capitol Highway. Free. For more information, call 503-246-0053.



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