

**COMMUNITY LIFE**

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**9 Hillsdale to Council Crest:** Join Southwest Trails for its December walk. This month's trek goes up Terwilliger Boulevard to the Marquam Trail, and then farther up to Council Crest. The walk will either be 5 miles with 700 feet elevation gain or 6 miles with 850 feet elevation gain, depending on weather. Meet behind the bleachers at Wilson High School (Capitol Highway and Sunset Boulevard) and be ready to go at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9. For more information, or to volunteer to lead a walk in your neighborhood, contact Sharon Fekety at fekey@hevanet.com. Visit [swtrails.org](http://swtrails.org) for more information.

**10 In the Shoes of the Immigrant:** By means of songs, stories and introspective activities,

empathy promoter, peace activist and singer songwriter Parfait Basalé takes participants on a personal journey with the West African immigrant. The outcome of the experience is to develop and enhance empathy by providing tools which could be used to constructively engage with other immigrants and refugees in our communities. Advanced registration required. Register online, in the library or by calling (503) 988-5123. This event takes place on Sunday, December 10, 2-3:30 p.m. at Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Highway.

**12 Pacific Northwest History:** Tuesday Pageturners engage in stimulating conversation about books. Read *Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire: A Story of Wealth, Ambition, and Survival* by Peter Stark. This event takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd. (503) 988-5123. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



A photo taken circa 1970 of the historic Nelson Thomas building in Multnomah Village. (photo courtesy of Dan Bixel)

**16 The No. 1 Hillsdale Knitting Society:** Learn basic knitting skills or get help with an existing project. Crocheters welcome, too. This workshop is designed for children 5 years and older as well as adults. To

make a scarf with arm knitting, bring two balls of bulky yarn in your favorite color. This event takes place on Saturday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd. (503) 988-5123.

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