



## Oregon State Fair returns, tickets on sale now

The Oregon State Fair returns to an in-person event and will operate at full capacity Friday, August 27 through Monday, Sept. 6. No mask, physical distancing, or proof of vaccination will be required. The announcement comes on the heels of Oregon Governor Kate Brown's decision to fully reopen Oregon for business.

All tickets including fair admission, carnival, concerts, and the new Celebrate Oregon Harvest went on sale Thursday, July 1 at oregonstatefair.org. Discounts available for tickets purchased in advance. Additional programming is in the final stages of planning and will be announced

soon. The Columbia Bank Concert Series includes:

"We are overjoyed to welcome back our patrons and vendors to celebrate fun at the 156th Oregon State Fair," said CEO Kim Grewe-Powell, Oregon State Fair. "We have missed our strong fair community of agriculturists, performers, exhibitors, and visitors from around the region. Gov. Kate Brown's announcement means we will once again see the smiles from our guests as fun makes a comeback."

Concert performers at the fair this year include: Chicago, Seether, Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo, Flo Rida and Collective Soul.

## Volunteers sought for regional, city committees

The City of Keizer is looking for volunteers to fill a handful of roles on committees and commissions.

The current openings are:

- A four-year term on the **Mid-Willamette Valley Community Development Partnership**. The partnership identifies regional community development priorities and facilitates regional, intergovernmental coordination of development initiatives. The board has detailed membership requirements with Keizer's assigned member being someone in the professional field. The board meets once a year at the Council of Governments building in downtown Salem.

- Two vacancies on the **Keizer Budget Committee**. Committee members assist in examining and analyzing proposed budgets for the City of Keizer. Volunteers must be registered voters and Keizer residents.

- Three vacancies on the **Keizer Planning Commission**. Commissioners make recommendations to the city council on matters of future growth, development, and beautification. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. The composition of the commission must meet certain guidelines set by the state and commissioners must file a statement of economic interests with the Oregon Government Ethics Committee.

- **High School students** can volunteer as youth liaisons with a number of city committees. Anyone interested in applying for a position can pick up an application at Keizer City Hall at 930 Chemawa Road NE, access an electronic version at keizer.org or call or email Deputy City Recorder Debbie Lockhart at 503-856-3418 or lockhartd@keizer.org. Applications received by Wednesday, Aug. 4, will be interviewed at the Thursday, Aug. 12, Volunteer Coordinating Committee meeting.

## Capitol building reopens, tours resume Monday

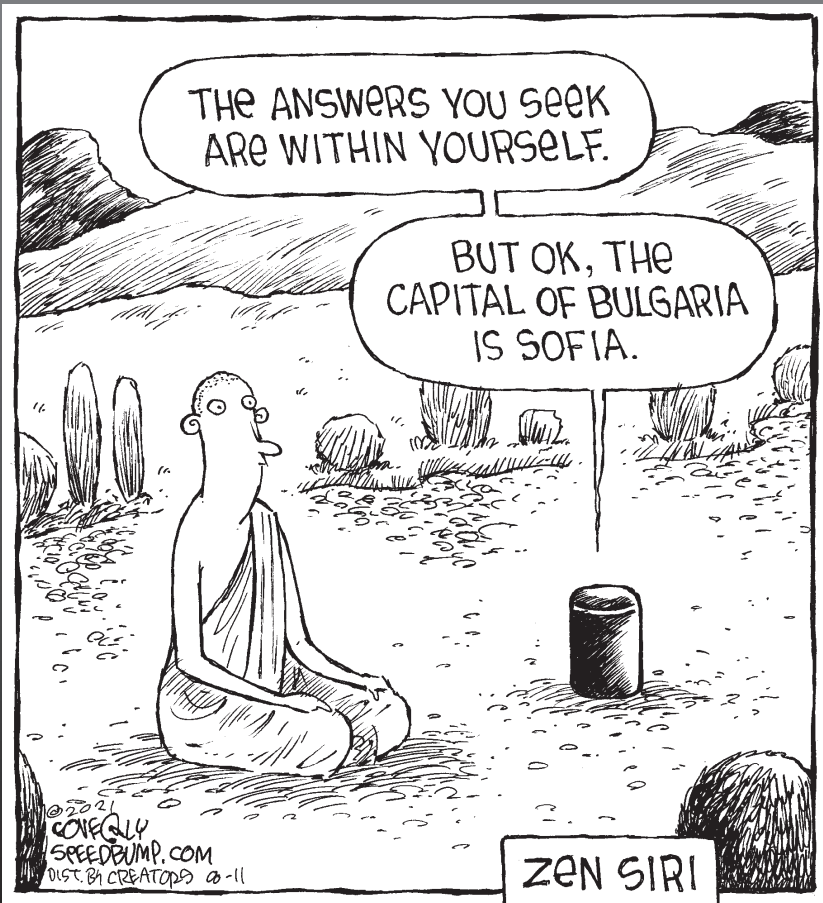
Oregon's Capitol Building is opening to the public after a year of restricted access as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Guided tours of the Capitol resume Monday, July 19, with daily 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. offerings. In August, four tours will be offered daily. Tower tours will resume in 2022.

The Capitol had been open only to legislators, essential employees and members of the media since March 2020, including during the 2021 session. Much of the legislature's business was conducted virtually.

Ongoing construction at the Capitol will mean a number of areas are still closed, which includes the Senate and House wings until December 2021. State Street entrances and front steps are temporarily closed for construction.

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