

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Sen. Merkley Town Hall Meeting

Sen. Jeff Merkley will hold a town hall meeting Jan 10 at 2 pm in Gresham City Hall.

Merkley says he will update constituents on his work in Washington, DC, answer questions and invite their suggestions about how to tackle the challenges facing Oregon and America.

“Talking directly to Oregonians in every county is a great way to hear about the issues folks want me to fight for in Washington,” Merkley says in a press release. “I urge all residents of Multnomah County to come and share their opinions and work with me to make our state and nation a stronger place.”

Gresham City Hall Council Chambers are at 1333 Northwest Eastman Parkway.

MHCC Hosts Summer Jobs and Career Fair Jan. 15

The Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) Career Planning and Counseling Center (CPCC) is hosting its seventh annual Summer Jobs Career Fair, Jan. 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Student Union at 26000 SE Stark Street in Gresham.

This year, the CPCC is partnering with MHCC’s Project YESS program to offer a Natural Resources Career Exploration Fair concurrently, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., upstairs from

the Student Union in the Jazz Café. Parking on all MHCC campuses is free, all days, all times.

Some of the employers scheduled to attend include City of Gresham Parks, MHCC’s Aquatic Center, Metro regional government, Princess Tours and KOIN 6 Television. The Natural Resources Career Exploration Fair will include the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, Metro regional government, MHCC’s Natural Resources program and others.

For more information call Bhaktirose Dawdy, Career and Academic Group Advising coordinator, at 503-491-7526 or email her at bhaktirose.dawdy@mhcc.edu.

Madison High School Library Book Sale

The third annual Madison Library Book Sale will be held in the school cafeteria on Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

Find fantastic bargains on books from every genre - fiction, history and children’s books - as well as DVDs. On Saturday, hardback books go for \$2.00, paperback and children’s books for 50 cents, oversized books for \$3.00, and DVDs for 50 cents. On Sunday, everything is half price. All proceeds go to buy new books for the library.

Madison is located at 2735 N.E. 82nd Avenue. Call the office at 503-916-5220 for more information

Book Reading

Local community organizer Ahjamu Umi reads from his book trilogy, ‘Find the Flower that Blossoms,’ a series of novels about love, organization, and the fight against racism, sexism, and oppression against humanity. The event is Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Red & Black Café, 400 S.E. 12th Street, 7-9 p.m. Umi will discuss and read from his first novel and the upcoming sequel, ‘Beautiful Flower, Deadly Thorns.’ The books’ focus is African/Black selfdetermination, women’s empowerment, and interracial solidarity against racist aggression. ‘It’s a rarely told story about communities who are historically subjugated and how they decide to organize and fight back



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against oppression,’ Umi says. All are encouraged to attend, but space is limited so get there early

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Wednesday January 9

FINANCIAL WELLNESS BASICS. Catholic Charities and Albina Community Bank are co-sponsoring a free four-week class on the basics of financial wellness. Sessions will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 at McCoy Village, 4460 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd. To reserve your seat call 503-281-6109.

Friday January 11

REAL VS PHONY EDUCATION REFORM—HOW TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE. Brian Jones, Still Separate, Still Unequal will be the speaker at this informative event. Registration is free but seats

are limited to register please visit Oregon SOSinfo@gmail.com 5 – 6:30 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5431 NE 20th Ave.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: OREGON COMMISSION FOR WOMEN. The meeting will cover Commissioner’s reports an update on the status of Women in Oregon. Noon – 3 p.m. State Office Building in Portland, 800 NE Oregon St. Room 221.

Friday – Saturday January 11 – 12

E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT. 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday. Clark County, Skills Center, 12200 NE 28th St. Donations accepted of computers, printers, and other electronics. No appliances or televisions. For more info call 360-604-1050 ext 2125

Saturday January 12

FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION INFORMATION SESSION. Interested in becoming a foster parent or adding to your family through adoption? Join Boys & Girls Aid, Oregon’s oldest welfare agency for an information session. If you are interested in attending please call 503-542-2301. 6 – 7:30 p.m. Boys & Girls Aid, 018 SW Broadway Ct. Portland, 97239

Monday January 14

SYNTH-BIO TRIVIA AT THE ROSE & THISTLE. Trivia at the Rose & Thistle Public House. Free to play and we give out prizes to the winners. 7 – 10 p.m. 2314 NE Broadway St.

Saturday January 19

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MASS. 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Cathedral, 1716 NW Davis St. Portland.

WINTER POW WOW TO CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE AND TRADITION: The POWWOW which is free and open to the public, is from noon to 9 p.m. in the Health Technology Building, Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49th Ave. The event features drum groups and dancer, Native American crafts and food, activities for children and much more

Saturday – Sunday January 19 – 20

21ST ANNUAL COASTAL CARVERS ARTISTRY IN WOOD SHOW. Fine wood carvers from across the state of Oregon will showcase their work for show and sale. Demonstrations for children and adults both days! Something for everyone to enjoy! Chinook Winds Casino Saturday Hours 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday Hours 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. This event is free and fun for all ages.

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