

# Spotlights

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Volunteers for the marijuana rules advisory committee should be aware of the time commitment involved with serving on the committee. The committee will meet at least once per month between April and October of this year, with the subcommittees meeting as needed. The agency must complete its rulemaking by November in order to begin accepting applications for commercial marijuana licenses in January of 2016.

Learn more at <http://marijuana.oregon.gov>

## Outreach Meetings for PDX Concessions Opportunities

Local businesses interested in offering retail items, food and beverage, or passenger services at Portland International Airport are invited to attend one of two meetings on

March 17.

The meetings, designed to outline how to do business at PDX, are scheduled from 8 a.m.-noon or 1-5 p.m. in the Mt. Hood Ballroom at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel at 8235 NE Airport Way. The meetings will better orient potential concessionaires for new opportunities starting in 2016. Those planning to attend a meeting must RSVP by March 12 to [PDXConcessionsOpportunities@portofportland.com](mailto:PDXConcessionsOpportunities@portofportland.com) or by phoning 503.415.6007.

The concessions opportunities are the second phase of refreshing concessions through 2017, as existing concessions leases expire. Continually refreshing concessions themes at PDX has proven successful in maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction and recognition in the industry.

Meeting attendance is not required to submit proposals

later this year. However, in order to submit proposals, it is necessary to complete the concessionaire registration on the Port of Portland's online bid and proposal system found at [www.portofportland.com](http://www.portofportland.com) under the business opportunities tab. Registration assistance is available by calling 503-415-6293.

## Seattle and NW Washington

### SPOTLIGHTS

#### Volunteer Drivers Needed for Seniors

Since 1975, Senior Services' Volunteer Transportation drivers have accumulated "miles and miles" of positive impact throughout King County. Using their own vehicles, volunteers pick seniors up, take them to their doctors and drive them home again—offering valuable transportation with a personal touch. Clients of the program often refer to them as their "heroes," "guardian angels" or "life-savers." In a very tangible way, volunteer drivers make a difference in the lives of vulnerable members of our community.

Volunteer Transportation currently faces the grim reality that it cannot serve all seniors in need of rides to important medical care. More volunteer drivers are needed! If you have a reliable vehicle, a clean driving record and some weekday availability, this is the role for you. Visit the program's blog to read more of its stories; contact Hilary at 206-748-7588 or [hilaryc@seniorservices.org](mailto:hilaryc@seniorservices.org) to find out more; or fill out an online volunteer driver application to sign-up.

#### Great Seattle Seed Swap at The West Seattle Branch

Gardeners of all abilities are invited to bring seeds to share and discover new varieties to grow from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at The Seattle Public Library, West Seattle Branch, 2306 42nd Ave. S.W., 206-684-7444.

Library events are free and everyone is welcome to the seed swap—young and old, new or experienced gardeners. Registration is not required.

Gardeners who are sharing seeds should arrive by 2 p.m. to set them out, and can expect to exchange about as many seed packs as they bring. Seeds should be accompanied by as much information as possible, such as variety, growth habit and days to maturity. Participants are asked not to bring hybrid seeds, GMO seeds or old seeds (aged four years or more). The Seattle Farm School will have seed packs available for beginning gardeners, and the Library will have a variety of gardening books available for check-out. For more details, go to [www.seattlefarmschool.com/great-seattle-seed-swap](http://www.seattlefarmschool.com/great-seattle-seed-swap).

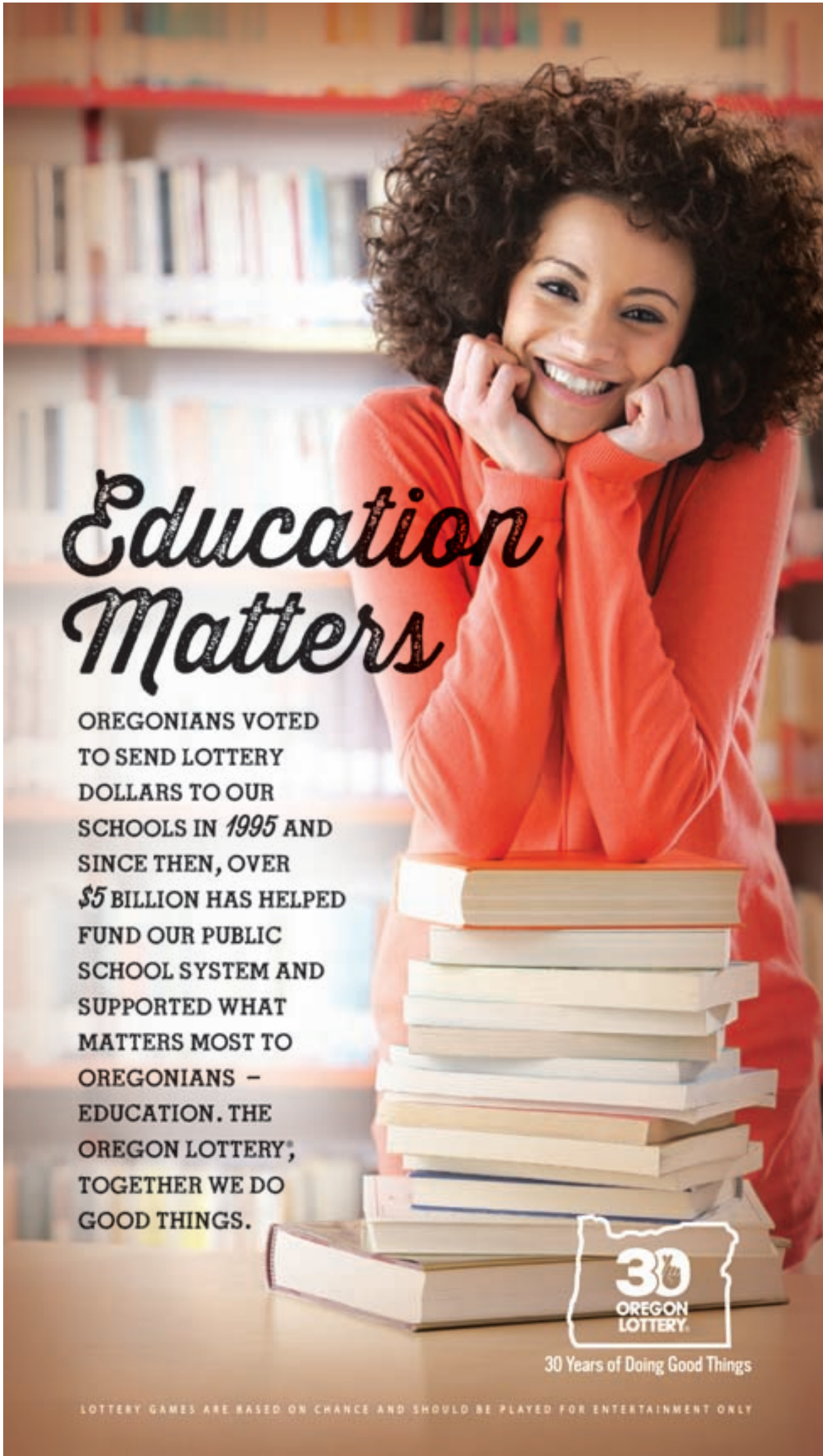
#### Application Help for Section 8 Housing March 23

Low-income residents of the city of Seattle can receive help with their Section 8 housing applications from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 23 at The Seattle Public Library, Central Library, Level 4, Boeing Technology Training Center Room 4.

Library events and programs are free and everyone is welcome. No registration is required. Parking is available in the Central Library garage at the regular rates.


Staff from the Seattle Housing Authority's Section 8 voucher program will be at the Central Library to answer questions and help with Section 8 applications. Applications for the Section 8 voucher program will be accepted from 8 a.m. on Monday, March 23 through 5 p.m. on Friday, April 10. During this period, the application process will only be available online through [www.seattlehousing.org](http://www.seattlehousing.org).

For more information, call the Library at 206-386-4636 or Ask A Librarian.



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