

## Portland and SW Washington

### SPOTLIGHTS

#### Public Feedback Sought Regarding Police On-Body Cameras

The Portland Police Bureau is currently researching on-body cameras for police officers and would like to hear from the community about this important topic. The Bureau believes that the use of on-body cameras by police officers can improve community relationships, build trust and enhance officer accountability.

Questions to consider include:

- Privacy issues that concern you.
- How to use the technology during sensitive investigations: domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, response to care for someone needing mental health assistance?
- Should footage be available to anyone who asks (this could include victim interviews, interior of homes, children or uninvolved community members, etc.)?
- Once footage is released, should there be any restrictions on sharing and posting that video?

Other thoughts, suggestions or concerns you may have should also be shared regarding on-body cameras. Give feedback on the website at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/521411> or send a

letter to: Chief Larry O'Dea, Re: On-Body Cameras, 1111 SW 2nd Avenue, Room 1526, Portland, OR 97204.

#### Diabetes Risk Test on American Diabetes Association Alert Day

March 24, is the annual American Diabetes Association Alert Day, a "wake-up call" asking the American public to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes is a serious disease that strikes nearly 30 million children and adults including over 343,000 living in Oregon and Southwest Washington. A quarter of those affected by diabetes are not aware that they have the disease. Recent estimates project that as many as one in three American adults will have diabetes in 2050 unless we take the steps to Stop Diabetes.

During its 75th Anniversary, the Association is even more committed this year to making sure the public is aware of their risk for type 2 diabetes. The campaign will run through April 21.

On Alert Day, Americans will be urged to take the risk test at [diabetes.org/portlandalert](http://diabetes.org/portlandalert) and start living a healthy and active lifestyle.

## Seattle and NW Washington

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#### The Seattle Public Library Joins 'Safe Place' Network for Teens

To kick off National Safe Place Week, The Seattle Public Library system has become a part of the Safe Place network in King County. As of today, all 27 of Seattle's public libraries are a Safe Place where youth ages 12-17 can ask for help when in crisis.

Safe Place in King County quickly connects youth ages 12-17 in crisis to help, through a network of local businesses and organizations designated as "Safe Places." Youth can approach any established Safe Place site, recognizable by a yellow diamond logo, or call 1-800-422-TEEN to receive immediate help. A Safe Place coordinator will respond 24/7, providing resources, connecting the young person to shelter services, or reuniting them with family when safe and appropriate.

The Safe Place program in King County is operated through a collaboration of Auburn Youth Resources, Friends of Youth, and YouthCare, and is funded by the United Way of King County. The Library joins a network of agencies and organizations providing over 1,900 Safe Place sites throughout the county, including Seattle Parks and Recreation's community centers,

Metro Transit buses, King County libraries and YMCA facilities.

For more information, call the Library at 206-386-4636 or [www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org).

#### 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).

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## PORTLAND 2015



If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at [info@theskanner.com](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

#### Saturday – Sunday March 14 – 22

**GFO OPEN HOUSE.** Thus far the line-up includes a DNA Day, Illinois Group, Irish Group, Genealogy Book Group and more. Remember, the Open House is free so plan ahead and bring your friends! Genealogical Forum of Oregon, 2505 SE 11th Ave. Suite B – 18. For info call 503-963-1932.

#### Saturday March 21

**PENINSULA CROSSING VOLUNTEER DAY.** This will be

a morning of planting and caring for native plants! 9 a.m. – noon. North Carey Boulevard & North Princeton Streets.

**FRESH START.** Affordable Meals and Happy Snacks. Learn to prepare simple, affordable, healthy and delicious foods for yourself and the family. 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The Mahalia Jackson Hall inside Celebration Tabernacle Church, 8131 N. Denver St.

#### Sunday March 22

**WALK FOR THE WATER AT THE CITY'S WATER CENTER.** The City of Vancouver's Water Resource Education Center invites residents to participate in a "Walk for Water" on World Water Day! The walk starts at 1 p.m. registration begins at 12:30 p.m. in the lobby of the water center. 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver.

#### Monday March 23

**SPRING RIGS CRAFT AT GREEN BEAN IN NE PDX.** Kids can celebrate the arrival of Spring with this fun craft Monday. Stop by between noon – 5 p.m. to make a Spring ring. Free! Green Bean Books, 1600 NE Alberta St.

#### Saturday March 28

**BETTER LIVING SHOW.** The Northwest's largest sustainability expo. Free entry. Home, garden, lifestyle, prizes, samples and much more. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Dr.

**CHERRY BLOSSOM DAY AT THE CAPITOL.** The public is invited to attend the Cherry Blossom Day. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The event is free for all to enjoy. Activities for children and families include games and cherry tasting, and much more. Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court St. NE.

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## SEATTLE 2015

#### Saturday March 21

**A SPECIAL DISNEY EVENT AT AAA TACOMA.** Discover Disney Magic with Stacia Martina! Come meet Stacia, hear wonderful stories about the Magic Kingdom and watch her create art right before your eyes. 10 a.m. – Noon. Tacoma Cruise and Travel. AAA Tacoma, 1801 Union Ave. S. Tacoma.

#### Sunday March 22

**SEATTLE'S FRENCH FEST.** A celebration of French-Speaking Cultures highlights French influence around the world and in our region. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. in the Seattle Armory, 305 Harrison St. The Fest offers French-inspired products, cooking, demos and children's games, live music and more.

**PROVIDENCE HOSPICE OF SEATTLE MEMORIAL BONFIRE AT ALKI BEACH.** Providence Hospice of

Seattle invites those who have lost a loved one to join in for a memorial Bonfire to share stories and remember loved ones who have passed in the last year. The group will gather at the closest fire pit to the Bathhouse. 4 – 6 p.m. Alki Beach Park, 1702 Alki Ave. SW.

#### Thursday March 26

**SUPERHERO SWIM.** Come to our pool and enjoy a night of Superhero fun. Swimmers are encouraged to dress up like a Superhero. Adults \$5.25, children/seniors/special needs \$3.75. Rainier Beach Pool, 8825 Rainier Ave. S. 7 – 8 p.m.

#### Saturday March 28

**COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT.** The entire community is invited to participate in this free friendly Easter Egg Hunt at Lake Hills Elementary School!!! We will have hot dogs, inflatables, face

painting and much more. 3 – 5:30 p.m. Lake Hills Elementary School, 15228 Lake Hills Blvd. Bellevue.

**8TH ANNUAL DOG-GONE EASTER EGG HUNT.** The Dog-Gone Easter Egg Hunt is a fun event for all ages. There will be a doggie fashion show, vendor booths, Easter photo booth and much more. Donations suggested \$4 per person, free for children under 12. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Regional Athletic Center of Lacey, 8345 Stellacom SE. Lacey.

#### Sunday March 29

**CARING BUNNY.** Caring Bunny provides a subdued and welcoming environment for children with special needs and their families. 9:30 – 11 a.m. Tacoma Mall, 4502 S. Steele St. Tacoma.