

Bridge Crossing



Victoria Boateny, Margarita Taylor and Charity Taylor pick up T-shirts and kit for Providence Bridge Stride Aug. 9.

Governor, NAACP, Common Cause to Celebrate Voting Rights Act

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 prohibiting racial discrimination in voting, is now 50 years old and in recognition of the milestone Cause Oregon chapter is taking to Billy Webb Elks Lodge to celebrate along with some notable guests. The festivities begin take place Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. and will include reflections from Gov. Kate Brown; NAACP members returning from the recent march from Selma to Washington, D.C.; poet Emmett Wheatfall; and local rockers Dirty Revival.

Lauded as a primary success of the African American Civil Rights Movement, the 1965 Voting Rights Act ensured strong federal protection against violent, racially based voter suppression. The Oregon legislature also passed groundbreaking voting rights legislation this year, the New Motor Voter law, fundamentally shifting Oregon's approach to voter registration so that it serves more fully as a means, rather than a barrier, to voting.

To purchase tickets visit <http://act-or.commoncause.org/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=102521&autologin=true%20>.

—Donovan M. Smith

Rosenblum Announces Members of Profiling Work Group

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum announced the members of the Law Enforcement Profiling Work Group Wednesday. The work group was established by House Bill 2002, which Governor Kate Brown signed into law July 13. The appointed members were selected by Governor Brown, House Speaker Tina Kotek and Senate President Peter Courtney. The work group was created to propose ways to detect patterns of improper profiling, and to help eliminate the practice.

The law defines profiling as law enforcement targeting of a person based on the following improper factors: age, race, ethnicity, color, national origin, language, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religion, homelessness or disability.

Rosenblum will chair the work group, which will hold its first meeting in September. She will be joined by the following members:

- John Haroldson (Benton County District Attorney)
- Kayse Jama (Center for Intercultural Organizing)
- Anil Karia (Portland Police Association)
- Kimberly McCullough (American Civil Liberties Union)
- Jason Myers (Marion County Sheriff's Office)
- Brook Reinhard (Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association)
- Constantin Severe (Portland City Independent Police Review Board)
- John Teague (Keizer Police Department)
- Irma Valdez (Attorney, Private Practice)

Oregon Department of Justice Civil Rights Director Erious Johnson, Jr. and Legislative Director Aaron Knott will provide support to the work group. A final report to the legislature is due December 1.

Meetings of the work group will be open to the public. Dates and locations will be announced later. For more information, contact the Oregon Attorney General's Office at 503-378-6002, or AttorneyGeneral@state.or.us.

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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

Friday, August 28

RALLY AND SIDEWALK MARCH ON HOUSING: After hearing from speakers, demonstrators will march across the Hawthorne Bridge to the Multnomah County Building to demand housing as a human right and in protest of the many injustices that define the housing system. 6 p.m. Meets at the 4th St entrance to City Hall.

BLACK BREASTFEEDING WEEK: Celebration includes Ruby Jewel ice cream, music and fun. Learn about breastfeeding resources from the AABCO team and ICTC doulas. 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., 5257 NE Vanport Courtyard on MLK, Jr. Blvd.

WRITE AROUND PORTLAND 48TH BOOK RELEASE & FREE PUBLIC READING: The public is invited to attend this free reading of the powerful work written by participants in Write Around Portland's summer 2015 writing workshops. 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Collins Hall at the back of the First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St. at the Goose Hollow TriMet Max Stop.

Saturday, August 29

JOHNSON CREEK CLEAN-UP: Volunteers will walk

and work in teams to remove all the trash. Participants will need to bring water or some kind of hydration and wear shoes and clothes they don't mind getting wet or dirty. There will be a complimentary BBQ from noon to 2 p.m. at the park. Awards will be given for most unusual garbage items found during the clean-up. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 6201 Overland St. Please RSVP to (503) 652-7477 or email Danielle@jwcw.org.

PORTLAND PRIME'S FOURTH ANNUAL SHOE AND STEAK GIVEAWAY! Each child will receive their feet washed if they choose, and will receive a pair of new shoes and a backpack filled with school supplies. Portland Prime will also serve steak sandwiches to all children and family. This year there will be boys and girls stations. The girls can get their fingernails polished and the boys can receive a free haircut. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Portland Prime, 319 SW Pine St.

CAMPUS BLUES FEST: A tribute to Janice Scroggins & Linda Hornbuckle. Join us for this free event. All-day entertainment and lots of food vendors. Noon – 8 p.m. Concordia University Campus Green, Corner of NE 29th Ave. & NE Rosa Parks Way.

Monday, August 31

HOME FRONT STORIES OF WORLD WAR II – Join us for beer & history. Listen to stories from individuals who worked on the Oregon Home Front during World War II. Free and open to all. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. McMenamins Kennedy School Theater, 5736 NE 33rd Ave.

Wednesday, September 2

JUJUBA MUSIC ON MAIN STREET: Jujuba delivers a

funky, danceable style of Nigerian afrobeat and juju music. Come and enjoy the free concert. 5 p.m. Downtown Portland on SW Main St. between SW Broadway & SW Park Ave.

Thursday, September 3

FAMILY TO FAMILY: Do you have an adult family member or friend with mental illness? Family to Family is a 12-week class for family members and loved ones. This class is described as life-changing. It provides information, resources and support that offer hope and the possibility that we can help our loved ones with their own recovery. 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Contact NAMI to register (503) 228-5692 or email info@namimultnomah.org.

Friday, September 4

STEVE JOBS: THE MAN IN THE MACHINE: This probing and unflinching look at the life and aftermath of the bold, brilliant, sometimes-ruthless iconoclast explores what accounted for the grief of so many when he died. All seats for shows beginning before 6 p.m. are \$6. After 6 p.m. tickets are \$7. Kiggins Theatre, 1011 Main St., Vancouver.

Sunday, September 6

POOCH PLUNGE: 3RD ANNUAL POOCH PLUNGE AT THE MARSHALL CENTER: A full day of pooch-friendly activities, including doggie swims and a canine carnival. All dogs are \$10 each. There will be five one-hour swims for dogs only. Lifeguards will be on duty to keep everyone safe. 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver. For more information call (360) 487-8311.