

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

New Pedestrian Overpass Opens



Wednesday the new Rhine-Lafayette Pedestrian Overpass opened with a ribbon-cutting event in the Brooklyn neighborhood. The new bridge improves access for people biking, walking or using a mobility device to Cleveland High School, Winterhaven School, Grout Elementary, Fred Meyer headquarters, and the new MAX Orange Line station at SE 17th Ave & Rhine Street Station and nearby bus stops. The new overpass replaces an aging pedestrian bridge that was built around 1943 over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. TriMet, the City of Portland and Union Pacific Railroad worked together to build this new structure that includes wider stairs, elevators and public art.

Central Northeast Neighbors to Hold Grant Workshop Sept. 22

Central Northeast Neighbors' small grants program is accepting proposals for 2016 projects.

Neighbors are encouraged to submit grants that develop community leadership and skills, build community identity and strengthen relationships and create new partnerships.

The organization will also host a workshop Sept. 22 to learn about current funding priorities and tips for a successful grant proposal.

This will be an opportunity to get feedback on grant ideas and network with others.

To RSVP or get more information about the grant program, contact sandral@cnncoalition.org.

Ft. Vancouver Welcomes 4th Grade Students to Park for Free

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site invites all 4th grade students to visit the park for free as part of the White House's new Every Kid in a Park program.

Starting Sept. 1, 4th grade students can now go to www.everykidinapark.gov to complete an activity and obtain a free annual entry pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks.

To receive their free pass for national parks, fourth graders can visit the Every Kid in a Park website and play a game to access their special Every Kid in a Park pass.

Fourth graders and their families can then use this pass for free entry national parks and other federal public lands and waters across the country from Sept. 1, 2015 through Aug.

31, 2016.

Every Kid in a Park is an administrative-wide effort, launched by President Obama, and supported by eight federal agencies, including the National Park Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Education, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Beaverton Celebrates Welcoming Week Sept. 12-20

During the week of Sept. 12 through Sept. 20, the City of Beaverton will celebrate National Welcoming Week with a variety of events and activities.

In April, the city council approved a resolution to declare Beaverton a Welcoming City and member of the National Welcoming Cities and Counties Initiative.

Local activities include:

- Beaverton Night Market. Saturday, Sept. 12 from 5 to 10 p.m. at The Round (12600 SW Crescent Dr). An open air night market featuring food, crafts, and cultural performances from places around the world.
- Naturalization Ceremony. Monday, Sept. 14 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Beaverton City Library (12375 SW 5th St). A naturalization ceremony presented by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The USCIS Portland Field Office Director will administer the oath of allegiance to 52 local immigrants from 29 nations.
- Citizenship Corner Open House. Tuesday, Sept. 15 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Beaverton City Library (12375 SW 5th St). Check out the resources at the World Languages room at the Beaverton City Library for studying for citizenship/naturalization tests.
- Human Rights Advisory Commission Cultural Conversations. Thursday, Sept. 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Beaverton Building, City Hall Council Chambers (12725 SW Millikan Way). A panel of speakers will share their experiences of immigration to the U.S.
- LESTA "Cuentos y Canciones" (Stories & Songs). Saturday, Sept. 19 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Vose Elementary School (11350 SW Denney Rd). Learn English/Spanish Through The Arts. Families are invited to attend this bilingual musical theater performance by Cyndi Turtledove. Audience participation is encouraged.

All Welcoming Week events are free and open to the public.

For complete event descriptions and more information, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/WelcomingWeek.

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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 being life-changing. It provides information, resources and support that offer hope and the possibility that families can help 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 \$6.00 after 6 p.m. tickets are \$7.00. 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.

Tuesday, September 8

ASPIRE PROJECT GATHERING: Bringing the transforming power of the arts to the community. 5 p.m., 8426 N. Lombard St.

Wednesday, September 9

KITY KATS OF COMEDY AT DANTE'S: Comedy comes in threes, so it is no surprise that the third installments of The Kity Kats of Comedy is packed with it! Standup and live music in fine feline fashion! Doors open at 9 p.m. show starts at 10 p.m. Tickets pre-sale \$5, at the door \$7. Dante's West 3rd and West Burnside.

Friday, September 11

9/11 COMMEMORATION AND HONORING OF FIRST RESPONDERS AND VETERANS: The City of Milwaukee will host a solemn recognition of heroic efforts of first responders and our Nation's Armed Forces Veterans. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 10722 SE Main St.,

Milwaukee.

Saturday, September 12

NEERCHOKIKOO POWWOW NAYA'S LARGEST COMMUNITY HONORING AND CELEBRATING: 6th Annual Powwow. We use this opportunity each year to honor the members of our community for their contributions to the important work that NAYA does to enhance the lives of our youth, families and elders. Noon – 10 p.m., NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd.

SUMMER IN SEPTEMBER JAMBALAYA FESTIVAL & BBQ! Join us for the 10th Annual Jambalaya & BBQ Festival. Great food, live entertainment, children's play area, giveaways and much more. Event is free. Meal tickets are as follows \$15 each or \$45 per family of four. Proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels program. Noon – 6 p.m., Dawson Park.

BEVERTON CELEBRATION PARADE The 58th Annual Beaverton Celebration Parade includes floats, marching bands, cultural organizations and more. 10 a.m. Beaverton City Park, SW 5th and SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton.

CRESA COMMUNITY EXPO! Join us for our annual Expo and get a glimpse inside the local 9-1-1 Dispatch Center and Emergency Operation Center. Meet local responders, The Vancouver Tech Rescue Team, and much more. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. CRESA Building, 13th St. Between Franklin and Harny, Vancouver.