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Our Town



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Portland Center Stage's production of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Our Town," directed by Rose Riordan, opens Sept. 18 and runs through Oct. 11 on the U.S. Bank Main Stage.

Pictured here from left to right: Leif Norby, Gina Daniels, Chris Karczmar, Ricardy Charles Fabre, John D. Haggerty, Lauren Modica and Laura Faye.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.pcs.org/ourtown.

Cristina Henríquez selected for Everybody Reads 2016

In January 2016, Multnomah County Library will launch Everybody Reads 2016, the library's 14th annual community reading project, with Cristina Henríquez's *The Book of Unknown Americans*.

The novel explores the experiences of characters who have immigrated to the United States from a number of Latin American nations through differing first-person perspectives.

Set against the backdrop of a cinder block apartment complex in Delaware, *The Book of Unknown Americans* highlights the barriers and challenges its residents face as they pursue different versions of the American Dream.

The Book of Unknown Americans has received numerous accolades, chosen as a New York Times Notable Book of 2014, one of Amazon's Best Books of 2014, Daily Beast Novel of the Year, one of Washington Post's top 50 fiction books and an NPR Great Read.

Henríquez's fiction and nonfiction have appeared in numerous distinguished publications.

Henríquez is also the author of *The World In Half* (a novel) and *Come Together and Fall Apart: A Novella and Stories*. She earned her undergraduate degree from Northwestern

University and is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop. She lives in Chicago.

Thanks to the support of The Library Foundation, schools, classrooms and organizations serving youth in Multnomah County are also invited to apply to receive books and program guides for their students.

Participating students will also have the opportunity to attend the author event for free. The Library Foundation will provide funds for transportation for those attending the event as a group. Schools with the greatest educational and financial need will receive first consideration.

Henríquez will speak March 8, 2016, at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Tickets are available from Literary Arts.

Everybody Reads, a community reading project of Multnomah County Library, is made possible in part by The Library Foundation.

Amanda Fritz to Hold Town Hall Meeting at PCC Sept. 30

Commissioner Amanda Fritz will hold a Town Hall meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 30, in room 222 of the Margaret Carter Technology Education Building at PCC Cascade, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

Topics will include:

- Recreational marijuana regulations and wise use;
- Paid parental leave for city workers;
- Beginning a process to discuss fair/predictable scheduling for workers throughout Oregon;
- The Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement on police accountability and community trust-building;
- Commissioner Fritz's upcoming City Council legislation, including providing additional time for public review of weekly Council meeting Agenda items; Closed Captioning on TVs in Public Places; and a Resolution opposing Oil Trains passing through Portland and Vancouver WA.
- Open forum to share issues of concern

Light refreshments will be provided. TriMet operates bus 72 along Cascade campus.

Please contact Jasmine Wadsworth at (503) 823-3008 or email her at Jasmine.wadsworth@portlandoregon.gov with questions.

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Mayor's Community Center Initiative Moves to Montavilla

Mayor Charlie Hales' proposal to make more city facilities open to more teens, free of charge, transitions to the school year this week at Portland Parks & Recreation's Montavilla Community Center.

Beginning with a launch party Thursday, Montavilla Community Center will be transformed into a Teen Center daily, from 3 to 10 p.m.

Admission to Montavilla will be free for youth, ages 11 to 19, who have registered for a free pass. Registration takes less than five minutes and can be done at the center.

Participants should bring addresses and phone numbers for themselves and their parents or guardians; and information about health conditions. The center is at 8219 N.E. Glisan St.

The \$2 million Mayor's Community Centers Initiative launched this summer with free admission to Matt Dishman Community Center.

After resounding success, with more than 2,500 kids registering for the free Youth Pass, free admission was expanded to East Portland Community Center.

Free programs also were offered at Portland Parks & Recreation's St. Johns and Mt. Scott community centers.

With the additional funding, Portland Parks & Recreation will provide additional teen programming at Montavilla, East Portland, Matt Dishman, Mt. Scott, St. Johns, and Peninsula Park community centers. Partner organizations who received a total of \$370,000 in grants also will provide after-school programs and teen nights at the community centers.

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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

Saturday, September 19

FAMILY FUN FAIR 2015: Family Fun Fair is a charity event with fun for the whole family. Live music, food and drink, carnival games with prizes and more! All proceeds are going to the Sunshine Pantry. Noon – 4 p.m. D'Vida Injury Clinic & Wellness Center, 14195 SW Allen Rd., Beaverton.

Tuesday, September 22

LEAD-SAFE HOME PROJECTS WORKSHOP: Before any demolition, scraping, sanding or remodeling

in pre-1978 housing, check out this class. Great for people who wants to do a small project that may involve exposure to lead paint, such as sanding down an old window frame or a reused door with potential lead paint. Register at www.communityenergyproject.org or call (503) 284-6827, ext. 109. 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 2900 SE Stark St. Suite A.

Thursday, September 24

ALBINA HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF OPPORTUNITIES: Enjoy an evening filled with music, food, great raffle prizes, fun games, activities and community information tables. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Columbia Park, N. Lombard St. & N. Woolsey Ave. Remember to bring your blankets and lawn chairs.

POPE FRANCIS VISITS CONGRESS: St. Andrews Church invites all interested to join on this historic day to listen to the Pope's address. Breakfast will be served for this event! 6 a.m., St. Andrews Cath-

olic Church, Community Center, 806 NE Alberta St. Donations for breakfast would be appreciated.

Saturday, September 26

PORTLAND ECOFILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS 'UPRIVER' IN OUTDOOR SCREENING AT SELLWOOD RIVERFRONT PARK: The event is free to the general public. The event begins at 5 p.m. with live music, free Chipotle Mexican Grill burritos for the first 200 attendees and free river paddling courtesy of Willamette River Keeper and Alder Creek Kayak, Canoe, SUP and Raft. The film begins at 7 p.m. SE Oaks Park Way.

Saturday – Saturday, September 26 – October 24

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE'S 'WE ARE IN A PLAY!' Perfect for first-time theatergoers. Gerald the Elephant and Piggy the Pig tackle friendship's big questions. Showtimes Saturday – Sunday 10 a.m. & 1 p.m., 1819 NW Everett St. Most enjoyed by ages 4 & up.