

## Events & Announcements

### Community Calendar 2015

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#### Portland Metro

##### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

**CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE: UGLY SWEATER DAY:** Put on your scratchiest, tackiest Christmas sweater and head over to the Latte Da Coffee House for an evening of caroling, s'mores and truly awful sweaters. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Latte Da Coffee House, 205 E. 39th St., Vancouver.

##### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

**'HOW TO CATCH SANTA' STORYTIME:** Join us for story time featuring "How to Catch Santa." This book is filled with humor and holiday warmth. It is a jolly read-aloud for the whole family to enjoy. 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble, Lloyd Center, 1317 Lloyd Center.

**NAIL OUT FOR TEENS! SNOWFLAKES:** This is a first come, first served event. Celebrate winter on your finger nails with this classy nod to the season. Artist Joy will walk you through the process of creating elegant Snowflakes on your nails. No experience needed. 4-4:30 p.m., Kenton Library, 8226 N. Denver Ave.

##### MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

**SANTA CUTS:** Free haircuts for kids 0 - 18 years old. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Salvation Army, Moore Street Corps, 5325 N. Williams Ave. Please call (971) 340-4010 for more information.

**BRIGHTEN THE BEACH IN LINCOLN CITY:** Be part of the first-ever illuminated beach parade. Bring your lanterns, flashlights, glow sticks and all creative expressions of light. The elements will not derail this party. After the parade, head into Chinook Winds for hot cocoa, cake, treats and prize drawings. This is the grand finale of Lincoln City's 50th Anniversary. Please meet at NW 40th St at 5:30 p.m., Lincoln City.

##### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE:** Do you miss the traditional Christmas Eve Service you grew up with? Renew your Christmas spirit this year. Join us at 2 p.m. in the afternoon for a candle light service full of music, faith and fellowship. Sanctuary Presbyterian Church, 5512 SE. 73rd Ave.

##### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF US AT THE SKANNER NEWSPAPER!**

**POTLUCK IN THE PARK: 22 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AT PORTLAND ART MUSEUM.** Potluck in the Park is excited to announce that we will be once again holding our annual free Christmas dinner at the Portland Art Museum. Our meal will be served from noon until 3 p.m. Volunteers are also needed.

#### Seattle

##### MON. - WED., NOV. 30 - DEC. 23

**HOLIDAY BOOK SALE:** See web link or contact The Mountaineers for more details. Book sale hours will be , T, W, TH, F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., www.themountaineers.org. Magnuson Park, 7700 Sandpoint Way NE.

##### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

**TURN OF THE TIDES FESTIVAL:** On the shortest day and the longest night join in on the fun. This family-friendly event will include educational booths from partner organizations, local Olympia-based artists, fun activities, arts and crafts and so much more. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., South Sound Estuarium, 309 State Ave. NE, Olympia.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & HOLIDAY ICE SKATING:** Bring the kids for some holiday cheer, pancake breakfast and the chance to whisper to the jolly old fellow himself. 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Cost is \$8. Sprinkler Recreation Center, 14824 C. Street S., Tacoma.

##### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

**COME TO SANTA'S HOUSE:** Santa is coming to The Junction, to listen to your children's requests. At Santa's House you'll find a festive space to drop in for a hug and a smile. Bring your cam-

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### Santa Window Washing

Santa Claus and his elves from Millennium Building Services washed windows at Randall Children's Hospital Monday, while they deliver holiday magic and cheer to pediatric patients and

their families watching from inside the hospital's two-story glass family lounges.

## Portland News Briefs

### BOLI Announces Sick Time Seminars for Employers

The Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) will hold a series of sick time-related seminars starting in December so that employers can learn about Oregon's new requirements set to take effect next year, the agency announced today.

Passed by the 2015 Oregon Legislature, SB 454 expands access to sick time for hundreds of thousands of workers who currently do not have access to any paid time off when they're ill or caring for a sick child or spouse.

Compliance experts will hold the first seminar in December, followed by a series of statewide seminars in early 2016 to help employers navigate Oregon's new protections. To reserve a spot, employers can email the agency at bolita@boli.state.or.us. Attendance at each is \$25.

Registration is open while locations are being finalized. Interested employers can visit the agency's Technical Assistance for Employers website at [www.oregon.gov/BOLI/TA/pages/index.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/BOLI/TA/pages/index.aspx).

Final rules for Oregon leave can be found online at <http://www.oregon.gov>. Additional fact sheets, sample sick time accrual notice templates, sick leave notice posters for employees (that, while not mandatory, can satisfy notice requirements), and other resources are also available from the agency's Technical Assistance for Employers Program.

A diverse advisory committee comprised of employers, labor organizations, legislators, agricultural and farm sector representatives, and family policy advocates assisted BOLI in the rulemaking process.

Employers can contact the agency with sick time or other employment questions at (971) 673-0824.

### Phone Scammers Threatening Arrest for Missing Court

The Portland Police Bureau has received a report from a Portland resident who received a phone call from a person claiming to be a police officer and threatening to arrest the victim for missing court if they don't pay a fine over the phone. The victim in this report lost \$500 before realizing it was a scam.

In other recent scams, scammers are "spoofing" their phone number so that caller ID makes it appear that the call is from a law enforcement facility.

Other scammers have claimed to be holding someone in custody unless thousands of dollars are paid over the phone.

Callers typically instruct the victims to purchase re-loadable cards and call them back with the numbers.

Similar scams have been reported in the past year

where callers claim to be with a utility or other government agency.

These scammers will often target older community members and/or residents for whom English is a second language. Most often, the scammers are located outside of the United States of America.

The Portland Police Bureau reminds you to be aware that:

- The Portland Police Bureau or any other legitimate law enforcement agency does not call community members seeking payment for outstanding traffic citations or warrants.
- The Portland Police Bureau does not call individuals and demand money from community members under any circumstances.
- Individuals claiming to collect debts may try to instill fear in potential victims to persuade them to forward money.

MoneyPak/Green Dot and Vanilla Reload have online tools to allow purchasers to request a refund if the scammer has not yet cashed the card.

For more information, please visit [www.money-pak.com/refundrequest.aspx](http://www.money-pak.com/refundrequest.aspx) for MoneyPak/Green Dot and [www.vanillareload.com/index.php/refund](http://www.vanillareload.com/index.php/refund) for Vanilla Reload.

If you are a resident of Portland and fall victim to these scammers with financial loss, you are encouraged to file a report by calling (503) 823-3333.

### Providence Hospice Officers Free Volunteer Training

Providence Hospice will offer a free comprehensive course of training to prepare people who are interested in becoming hospice volunteers. The course will be held in Portland.

The course will consist of four afternoon and two all-day Saturday sessions; participants must be able to attend all six sessions. Pre-registration required by Jan. 5.

- 12:30-4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 19
- 12:30-4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 21
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 2, patient care day
- 12:30-4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 26
- 12:30-4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30

Hospice volunteers help people who are facing terminal illness. The training course covers the basic principles of hospice, special needs of patients and their families, effective communication, patient care, pain and symptom management, spiritual caregiving and understanding grief and loss.

Hospice volunteers are needed in Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill counties, especially in Gresham, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Newberg, Hills-

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