

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2015

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

WHALE WATCHING WEEK SET ON THE OREGON COAST. Visitors to the Oregon Coast are invited to watch migrating whales with trained volunteers during the annual winter Whale Watching Week. Volunteers will be stationed at 24 roadside sites from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. along the Oregon Coast lookout the spots.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

WEST AFRICAN MUSIC EVENT ON NEW YEAR'S DAY! Local World Beat Band Wamba and West African drummers will perform for the West African Music New Year's Throw Down, held at the Analog Café & Theater. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and the event is 21 and older. Analog Café & Theater, 720 SE Hawthorne Blvd.

A HUNGRY WORLD: Explore with us as we delve into the connection between food, economic, development and the environment. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mercy Corps Action Center, 28 SW First St.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

\$2 DAYS AT OMSI: Explore the museum and all the exhibits for just \$2 per person. Submarine tours, Theater and Planetarium shows are also reduced to \$5 per person. 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., OMSI, 1945 SW Water Ave.

IGBO MASQUERADE AT MIDLAND LIBRARY: Nzuko Ndi: Igbo is the premier cultural organization of the Igbo people of Nigeria living in Oregon and SW Washington. This masquerade showcases their drumming, flute playing and dancing abilities. 2 p.m. Free for all to enjoy. Midland Library, 805 SE 122nd Ave.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY INVITES PUBLIC INPUT DURING JANUARY MARIJUANA MEETINGS: The public will have several opportunities in January to provide input on medical and retail marijuana policy in Oregon. Cannabis Research Task Force, Topics, Legal Barriers to establishing laboratories that research medical properties of cannabis, legal barriers to use of institutional review boards for research or medical properties of cannabis. Public comment is at 5:45 p.m., Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

REPORT BACK ON DELEGATION TRIP FROM PORTLAND TO GHANA: Two local organizers for the new All African People's Revolutionary Party in Portland went on a delegation to the Ghana Chapter of the All African People's Revolutionary Party

for two weeks. They will be hosting a report back event to discuss the objectives and results of their trip. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. In Other Words, 14 NE Killingsworth St. Food will be served and all are invited.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

CHOIR-FEST TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES: The 14th Annual Epiphany Choir Fest a benefit for the Emergency Services Program for homeless families at Human Solutions. Admission is free and open to the public. A farewell offering will take place. 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 11560 SE Market St.

Seattle

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

FREE COMPUTER & ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT: Got old working or non-working electronic items just sitting around? Bring them down to SBK Recycle. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., SBK Recycling, 10733 A St. Tacoma.

33RD ANNUAL POLAR BEAR PLUNGE: There is no charge to take the plunge, but registration is encouraged. Come join hundreds of people from all over the Pacific Northwest to be part of this annual tradition. 9:30 a.m. Birch Bay Waterfront, (approx. 7900 Birch Bay Drive).

SEIZE THE SEASON: Festive fun abounds at Redmond Town Center for the holidays. Enjoy a twirl on the outdoor/synthetic skating rink, snap a few pics, enjoy a story and so much more. 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Redmond Town Center, 164th Ave. NE & NE 74th St., Redmond.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

WINTER BREAK WHIMSY COLORING: Stop by the Children's Center during your winter break for a splash of creativity and play. Free and everyone is welcome! Noon – 5 p.m., South Public Library, 1000 Fourth Ave.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

NORTHWEST SEAPORT CHANTEY SING: Sea Chanteys and other sea songs celebrate our connections to the sea, ships, skippers, and sailors. Sea chanteys are fun and easy to sing and are for all ages. Folk songstress Chris Roe will lead the sing-along at the Center for Wooden Boats at Lake Union Park. FREE! 8 P.M. – 10 P.M. Center for Wooden Boats, 1010 Valley St.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

A SPLASH OF RED: THE LIFE AND ART OF HORACE PIPPIN: FAMILY FUN DAY: Horace Pippin was an African American painter born in Pennsylvania in 1888. As a child, he loved to draw pictures for his sisters, his classmates, his co-workers. Even during World War I, he filled his notebooks with drawings from the trenches until he was shot. Witness Pippin's incredible true story of triumph when not even an injured arm could keep him from his art. Admission \$5 to \$7 per person. Northwest African American Museum, 230 S. Massachusetts St.



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Turkey Giveaway

The Skanner News held its second annual turkey giveaway for community members in need Nov. 19. The event was sponsored by Portland Prime and local luminaries. Pictured here are KGW anchor Brenda Braxton (left) and KOIN news anchor/reporter Ken Boddie (left) giving a turkey to a local resident outside *The Skanner's* offices.



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Motor Voter

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed the new motor voter law in March. Under the legislation, every adult citizen in Oregon who has interacted with the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division since 2013 but hasn't registered to vote will receive a ballot in the mail at least 20 days before the next statewide election. The measure is expected to add about 300,000 new voters to the rolls.

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12th Man Flag Raised

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray raised the 12th Man flag – flown whenever the Seahawks reach the playoffs – over City Hall. The 2014 Super Bowl champion Seahawks were favored to win against the New England Patriots at Super Bowl XLIX in Glendale, Ariz. Rallying together in the fourth quarter, the Patriots defeated the Seahawks, 28-24, earning their fourth Super Bowl title.