

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

FREE CLASS – CARING FOR AGING LOVED ONES – LEGAL AND FINANCIAL PLANNING: This class is designed to help Oregonians who care for someone with Alzheimer's create legal and financial plans, and learn about assistance programs that can simplify the process. 3 p.m. -4:30 p.m., Alzheimer's Association, 1650 NW Naito Parkway, Suite 190.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

FRIENDS OF PENINSULA PARK ROSE GARDEN SPEAKER SERIES: Please join us for our January Speaker Event, The Pacific Northwest Garden Tour featuring Donald Olson. He will describe the best public gardens in the Pacific Northwest including Peninsula Park Rose Garden. Free and open to the public. 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., June Key Delta Community Center, 5940 N. Albina Ave.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

FREE COLLEGE SAVINGS SEMINAR: The Oregon College Savings Plan is hosting a free college funding seminar where the public is invited to come learn about all the tax advantages and other benefits of saving for college. 2:30 p.m. The Oregon Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon Rd. Skyline Room. To register, go to <http://www.oregoncollegesavings.com/buzz/seminar.shrml>.

PCC POW WOW TO FEATURE DRUMS, DANCING AND MORE: Festivities to include drum groups and dancers, Native American crafts and food, activities for children and raffle prizes. Noon – 9 p.m. Health Technology Building, Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49th Ave.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

JAMES WASSON: THE LIFE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY PORTLANDER: This presentation will discuss the life of a true Renaissance man of pre-WWII Portland. He was rediscovered by staff of Old Portland Hardware after purchasing and opening a trunk that contained Wasson's photographs and other extraordinary records. 7 p.m. -8:30 p.m., free and open to the public. McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

CANDIDATES FORUM FOR ARTS & CULTURE: This is a great opportunity to hear directly from candidates for mayor and Portland City Council about their vision for our city and the role that arts and culture can play in a more innovative, prosperous, and equitable society. Free and open to the public. Doors open at 3 p.m. Forum begins at 4 p.m. The Gerding Theatre at the Armory, 128 NW 11th Ave.

THURSDAY – SATURDAY, JAN. 28 – 30

THE 54TH ANNUAL CLARK COLLEGE JAZZ FESTIVAL: Sixty middle and high school jazz ensembles from throughout Washington and Oregon are scheduled to perform in this year's competition. Admission is \$5 per day. Children 12 and under are free. Gaiser Hall, Clark College, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. 10 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday start is 8 a.m.

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DROP-IN FOR VETERAN SERVICES: Join us for a drop-in event with Supportive Services for Veteran Families to see if you qualify for assistance. If you have been in the Military and are experiencing homelessness come and stop to check this event out. 11:30 a.m., Seattle Public Library, 1000 Fourth Ave.

THURSDAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 – 31

CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL: The children's film festival in Seattle celebrates its 10th anniversary this year with more than 175 films from 58 countries around the world. Show times vary for each day so please see website for complete list of shows and events. 1717 SE Maple Valley Hwy., Renton.

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Day of Service

More than 1,800 volunteers poured their energy into 72 different projects in our region over MLK Weekend, tackling a diverse range of projects that included transforming school playgrounds, socializing shelter dogs, planting trees, cleaning donated children's books and sewing blankets for children in need. All told, volunteers contributed over 5,400 hours of service. United Way's MLK Weekend of Service took place with support from presenting sponsor Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon, as well as support from sponsors The Boeing Company, Daimler Trucks North America, Umpqua Bank, NW Natural, Portland General Electric and the Portland Trail Blazers.

Portland News Briefs

WSU Vancouver to Host Accommodation Workshop Jan. 25

Community members are invited to attend an open forum to discuss strategies to help college-level students with disabilities manage academic tasks, physical space in classrooms and coursework. The workshop will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Jan. 25 in the Multimedia Classroom Building, Room 1 on the Washington State University Vancouver campus.

Michael Dunn, associate professor of special education and literacy, will open the discussion by sharing best practices. Rusty Wray, president of the Ability and Empowerment Club on campus, will offer strategies from a student perspective. Guests will be invited to share their best ideas as well.

Community A.M.E. Zion Church Hosts 60th Anniversary Event

The churches of the Cascade District of the Oregon-Washington Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church invite the public to come and celebrate 60 years in the Great Northwest at 7 p.m. Jan. 22 and 23 at Community A.M.E. Zion Church, 3605 E 13th Street, Vancouver. For more information, contact (360) 693-9457. The theme of the evening worship sessions will be "Submitting Ourselves to God's Standards of Spiritual Stewardship."

Rev. George William Whitfield, pastor of First A. M. E. Zion in Portland, will speak Thursday and Darrell J. Williams, Presiding Elder of the Central Valley District, California Conference and Pastor of Hilliard Chapel A.M.N.E. Zion Church in Stockton, Calif., will speak Friday.

Fix-It Fairs to Take Place in January and February

Members of the public will have the chance to learn how to save energy and money and improve your health at workshops in January or February.

Fix-It Fairs are free events where neighbors come together to learn simple and effective ways to save money and stay healthy at home this winter and beyond.

Each fair features exhibits and workshops from dozens of community partners throughout the day. Experts are available to talk about water and energy savings, home and personal health, food and nutrition, community resources, recycling, yard care and more! Each fair also provides free professional child-care and lunch to attendees.

The first fair will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 23 at Ron Russell Middle School, 3955 SE 112th Ave. The second fair will take place from 9:30 a.m. to

3 p.m., Feb. 20, at George Middle School, 10000 N Burr Ave. The fair in February will include workshops taught in Spanish.

The Fix-It Fairs are presented by the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability with support from the following sponsors: Energy Trust of Oregon, Pacific Power, Portland Water Bureau and KUNP Univision.

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is committed to providing equal access. If you need special accommodation, interpretation or translation, please call 503-823-4309, the TTY at 503-823-6868 or the Oregon Relay Service at 1-800-735-2900.

WSU Vancouver Invites Vets to Learn About Funding Education

Washington State University Vancouver invites veterans and their dependents to VA Benefits & Financial Aid: Fund Your Education from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 25 in the Undergraduate Classroom Building, Room 225.

This free workshops will cover different types of financial aid, how VA benefits can be used in addition to financial aid, and where to find veteran- and dependent-specific scholarships.

Pizza will be served. RSVP and direct questions to Krista Griffin, veterans coordinator, krista_griffin@wsu.edu or 360-546-9032.

Beaverton Police Department to Host Free Child Safety Seat Clinic

The Beaverton Police Department in a partnership with Safe Kids Washington County and C & R Real Estate Services will be conducting a free child car seat clinic.

The clinic will be held on Jan. 16 at the Park Place Center located at 4915 SW Griffith Drive Beaverton, Oregon 97005. The clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The last car will be accepted at 11:30 a.m. unless demand necessitates an earlier cut off time.

This clinic is designed to teach parents and caregivers how to properly install and use a child safety seat. A properly installed and used child safety seat will greatly decrease the chance of your child sustaining a serious or life threatening injury during a motor vehicle crash.

Make sure that you have registered your car seat with the manufacturer.

Registering your seat makes sense: It gives the manufacturer the ability to contact you about recalls and safety notices. It's also easy: Just send in the card that came with your car seat or fill out a simple form on the manufacturer's Web site. Your child's safety could depend on it.

Each car seat check will take about 30 minutes. The last car will be accepted at 11:30 a.m. unless demand necessitates an earlier cutoff time.