

## Events & Announcements

### Community Calendar 2016

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### Portland Metro

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

**N/NE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE COMMUNITY FORUM:** Your input and thoughts are Needed. How should the remaining \$32 million be spent for economic development in the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area? Please join us for a community forum to discuss the plan. Please RSVP to morelandk@pdc.us. 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., New Song Community Center, 220 NE Russell St.

**BARBARA HOLM BELIEVES IN YOU:** This is a quirky, smart, unique comedy show. The show features some of the funniest comedians nationwide and is hosted by local comic Barbara Holm. This is a free show (suggested donation \$5). Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Bossanova Ballroom, 722 E. Burnside St.

**VOTER REGISTRATION TRAINING:** Using the Power of our vote for transformative change. We hope you can join us for this training to see how you can become involved. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. MET Community and Education Center, 2nd Floor Al-Andalusia Hall, 10330 SW Scholls Ferry Rd. Tigard, OR

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

**ON THE GROUND: AN ORIGINAL DOCUMENTARY SHORT:** Unpacking the realities and root courses of homelessness in Portland. Cost is free. Please RSVP by Oct. 7 as seating is limited. Email [brenda.morgan@multco.us](mailto:brenda.morgan@multco.us) or call (503) 988-65-450. Doors open at 5 p.m. Program starts at 5:30 p.m., Multnomah County Board Room, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.

**NATIVE NIGHT: OREGON, DEDIDEDLY WOLF LAND:** Portland Audubon Society welcomes Carter Niemeyer to out speaker series talk on wolf recovery and how we can share the land with these iconic creatures. 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn St. This is a free series talk. \$5.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

**PORTLAND HIRING EVENT:** This is a free event for job seekers. Please bring 10-15 resumes, dress business professional. Some of the job opportunities available include: inside/outside sales reps, account executives, customer service and many more. 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Hilton Portland and Executive Tower, 921 SW Sixth Ave. Tower parking \$5 - \$6.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

**WEST COAST GIANT REGATTA:** People come from all over to watch the spectacle of costumed characters paddling 1,000 pound pumpkins across the Lake of the Commons. This free family event also includes pumpkin golf, pumpkin bowling, pie eating contest, food and much more. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Lake of the Commons, 8325 SW Nyberg Rd., Tualatin.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS FALL CRAFT BAZAAR:** Craft bazaar with handmade crafts, bake sale, white elephant table, raffle and snack bar. 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., St. Henry Church gym, 346 NW 1st St. Gresham.

### Seattle Metro

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

**FAMILY FUN FOR ARTS WALK:** Fall Arts Walk is here. Enjoy family art activities and view art displays from YMCA's Girls Without Limits. Also enjoy young musicians and so much more. Free for the entire family. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Lott's Wet Science Center, 500 Adams St NE, Olympia.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

**MEEKER MANSION CIDER SQUEEZE:** Aqueeze some crunchy apples purchased at the mansion, enjoy hand clapping music, buy your special pumpkin at our pumpkin patch and more. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Meeker Mansion, 312 Spring St., Puyallup.

**TACOMA SCAVENGER HUNT:** Explore Urban Art and Historical buildings as you wander through Antique Row, Opera Alley, Theater District and Wright Park in this online interactive game on your phone. Register as a team of one to five people and compete with others. Finish as many challenges and meet back at

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## Courthouse Groundbreaking

County commissioners, state legislators, judges and hundreds of guests gathered Tuesday morning as Multnomah County broke ground on a new central courthouse. The ceremonial groundbreaking, on the corner of Southwest First Avenue and Madison, marks the beginning of light construction on the critical and long-awaited project. Heavy construction begins in January and a new central courthouse is slated to open in 2020. The county and the state of Oregon are funding partners on the \$300 million dollar project.

## Portland News Briefs

### Clark College Closed to the Public Oct. 7

On Friday, Oct. 7, Clark College will be largely closed to the public for a faculty/staff workday. No classes are scheduled. Additionally, student services and college offices will be closed.

Child & Family Studies (child care), the Clark College Bookstore, and some computer labs will remain open. Food carts on the main campus will be open during lunch hours only.

Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. Driving directions and parking maps are available at [www.clark.edu/maps](http://www.clark.edu/maps).

### Multnomah County Elections to Provides Assistance to Voters

Voters with disabilities can request help with voting from a friend, a family member, or someone else they know. If needed voters can also call and request voting and elections related help from Multnomah County Elections. Elections Voter Assistance Teams can help a voter in their home, at the facility they live in, or at the Elections Office. This help is always free of charge. Legally, employers or union representatives cannot provide assistance.

Voters with limited English proficiency can also request assistance. Multnomah County Elections provides an interpreter, free of charge to anyone who needs help in voting or elections processes in a language other than English. Telephone interpretation is available in any language and there are bilingual Spanish-speaking elections staff.

Voters needing assistance can go online, call, email, or visit Multnomah County Elections for help in any step in voting including: signing up to vote, marking or reading the ballot, updating voter registration information, understanding elections rules and steps in voting, or any other elections related help.

Multnomah County Elections reminds voters that Oct. 18 is the voter registration deadline for the Nov. 8 election. Oregon voters can register online at [www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote](http://www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote) or fill out a paper Oregon Voter Registration Card available from the Elections Office, public library, Oregon DMV, or post office.

Multnomah County Elections wants all voters to be able to vote easily, privately and independently, understand the steps in voting, understand elections rules, and know who to ask for help. Each voter's situation can be different. Contact Multnomah County Elections for help.

Multnomah County Elections, 1040 SE Morrison Street, Portland OR 97214, 503-988-3720, [elections@multco.us](mailto:elections@multco.us), [www.mcelections.org](http://www.mcelections.org).

### Oregon's Women in Prison Conference to Focus on Sentencing

An annual conference that aims to educate the community about issues affecting justice-involved women in Oregon returns to Portland this Oct. 15 and 16. The Women in Prison Conference is organized by the Oregon Justice Resource Center and takes place at Lewis & Clark Law School. Its goal is to provide training and discussion opportunities to lawyers, social workers, counselors, prison volunteers, formerly incarcerated women and others.

Each year, a different theme is chosen for the conference, with this year's being sentencing and mandatory minimums.

Highlights of this year's conference include in-depth presentations on two of Oregon's best-known ballot measures affecting sentencing laws. Measures 11 and 57 created mandatory minimum sentences and harsher penalties for certain crimes. This has contributed to an increase in women's average length of stay in prison and therefore to growth in the women's prison population.

The conference will also receive an update on Oregon's Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot Program (FSAPP). This pilot project operating in five counties allows eligible defendants who are parents to be sentenced to probation rather than prison. The goal is to improve outcomes for families and save money by cutting the costs associated with incarceration and placing children in foster care. FSAPP is one of the measures that it's hoped will help to reduce Oregon's women's prison population enough to delay or prevent opening a second women's unit.

Finally, the conference will conclude with a look at the future of women's incarceration in Oregon and, in particular, what can be done to avoid prison expansion.

Tickets for the conference are still available and cost \$35, including some meals and snacks. There is no charge for formerly incarcerated people to attend. More information and tickets – as well as a full schedule – are available at <http://ojrc.info/women-in-prison-conference>.

## Seattle News Briefs

### Metro Seeks Public Input on Expanding Late-Night Bus Service

King County Metro Transit is planning to improve and expand "Night Owl" bus service next year for late-night riders, and seeks public input on a proposal that would offer new transit options for those getting to or from jobs, the airport and nightlife between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m.

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