

Events & Announcements

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28-29

HALLOWEEN HALL: Fun for the whole family. Hay bale maze, music, concessions, costumes are all welcomed, games and much more. \$5, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. both days. Abrams Park, 681 N. Abrams Park Rd., Ridgefield.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

BUILDING A COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES: Join ECONorthwest, PSU, AARP Oregon, and the Governor's Commission on senior services for an exciting conversation and hosted breakfast as we collaborate to build a community for all ages. This event is free, but registration is required and space is limited. Register at <https://aarp.event.com/ashtonapplewhite102816>. 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m., NW Natural Community Room, 2nd floor, 220 NW 2nd Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

AFRICAN AMERICAN ALLIANCE OF HOMEOWNERSHIP'S 18TH FAIR: Free and open to the public. Opening remarks by Commissioner Loretta Smith, learn about first time homebuyer resources, visit more than 40 home buying experts, free workshops/home retention services, free lunch, free parking, prizes and more. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Legacy Emanuel Hospital Atrium, 501 N. Graham St. Pre-registration is not required.

HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR: This is a fundraiser to benefit The Chapel's Vision Fund: A building in our community to call home. With the help of some West Columbia Gorge Chamber members, will be selling Recipes in a Jar as an additional fundraiser. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., The Chapel, 27132 SE Stark St., Troutdale.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL AND FAMILY FUN NIGHT: Admission is \$3 per person for ages three and up. Bring canned and dry food donations for local food pantry. Each two-can donation is \$1 off. Activities include a family swim, games including a cake walk, bingo, roller skating, crafts and much more. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave.

NIGERIA'S 56 INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION OF DEMOCRACY: Please join us for this joyous event as we celebrate Nigerian Fashion Show, meeting with old friends & more. Following the ceremony you are invited to dance, dance, dance! For more information and tickets please visit www.ncoswa.com or call 503-730-9139 or 503-997-4812. 7 p.m. – 1 a.m. Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 NE Knott St.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

OREGON GHOST STORIES: Northwest Author Jeff Davis will speak about some of the many haunts he found in Oregon while researching his book "Weird Oregon." Several of these haunts include familiar places. Free and open to the public. 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

TRICK-OR-TREAT ON MISSISSIPPI AVE: Mississippi Ave. in Portland, invites trick-or-treaters of all ages to attend our FREE family-friendly event on the street. Drop by Mississippi Ave. Shops, restaurants, and neighborhood businesses to enjoy treats for both kids and adults. 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Participating businesses can be identified by having black/orange balloons displayed at their business on the day of the event. Mississippi Ave.

HARVEST HOOPLA: Celebrate the autumn season with an exciting harvest-themed night of fun with carnival games and crafts. Don't forget to wear your costumes. Free family fun event for all ages. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Charles Jordan Community Center, 9009 N. Foss Ave.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

PERCEPTIONS OF JUSTICE LISTENING SESSION: The Multnomah County Circuit Court Judges invite community members to a listening session to share experiences and concerns with the court system. The Multnomah County Circuit Court Judges believe it is important to explore perceptions of justice, and to acknowledge that communities of color are overrepresented at each stage of the criminal justice system. Comments and questions about the event can be sent to mul.court.listening@ojd.

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Junior NBA Clinic

On Oct. 19 the Trail Blazers youth basketball staff hosted a Junior NBA Clinic at the Blazers Boys & Girls Club as part of their national JR. NBA Week agenda. The staff led the Club's Leadership Leagues practice with a fun-filled event sharing athletic and leadership skills that the youth will be able to use on and off the court.

Portland News Briefs

NW Documentary to Host Screening of 'NorthEast Passage'

Was there ever a time when some Portlanders thought gentrification was a good idea, when neighborhoods said there was too much affordable housing?

The film "NorthEast Passage: The Inner City and the American Dream" documented life in North/Northeast Portland in the late 1990s when crime and abandoned buildings were the neighborhood's number one concern. Rising home prices and outside investors were welcomed by many. A lot has changed for the better and a lot of has changed for the worse as Portland gains a national reputation for the most gentrified city in the country.

NW Documentary will host a series of screenings of "NorthEast Passage," followed by panel discussion about what the lessons learned in North/Northeast Portland can teach the rest of the city. Discuss the issues with people featured in the film and see clips from the upcoming sequel, "Priced Out."

Doors open at 6:15 p.m., discussion at 8 p.m. Seating capacity is limited; advanced ticket purchase is encouraged. Screenings will take place Nov. 3, Nov. 10 and Nov. 17.

Screenings are a fundraiser for "Priced Out," a non-profit project in association with Northwest Documentary Arts & Media. Discussion sponsored by Ignorant/Reflections' Gentrification Is Weird project. Tickets \$10-\$20 sliding scale. Screenings at Northwest Documentary, 6 NE Tillamook St., Portland. For more information, email pricedoutmovie@gmail.com.

To watch a scene from NorthEast Passage, visit <https://youtu.be/a-P0q-w-6GA>.

Multnomah County Elections Reminds Voters It Only Takes One Stamp to Return Ballot

Multnomah County Elections wants to remind voters that it only takes one first class, or Forever, stamp to return their ballot for the Nov. 8 election.

There is only one stamp required for Multnomah County ballots. Some stories circulating on social media have reported that ballots require two stamps but those stories are about ballots in other states such as California, Washington and Colorado. Multnomah County voters can return their ballot by mail by applying only one stamp.

More than 500,000 ballot were mailed to voters in Multnomah County this week. Another large mailing of ballots for late registrants will go out on Tuesday, Oct. 25. All voters should receive their ballots by Oct. 27.

There is still plenty of time to vote and return ballots by mail so that they can be received in the Multnomah County Elections office by 8 p.m. on Nov. 8.

Voters can also drop off their ballots at 27 official drop sites throughout Multnomah County. All 19 County libraries have official drop sites inside and there are eight 24 drop sites, as well. The list of drop sites can be found here: <https://multco.us/elections/multnomah-county-official-ballot-drop-sites>

If you have questions about your ballot call Multnomah County Elections at (503) 988-3720. Visit the Multco Elections website for hours.

Clark College Offering Industry Certification Testing in Welding

Clark College's highly regarded Welding Technology program is now offering its students certification tests that are approved by the Washington Association of Building Officials and required for welding professionals doing code work in Washington State.

The certifications, called the 3G Limited Certification and the 3G and 4G Unlimited Certification, are normally administered outside of a student's academic institution at private facilities. Each test generally costs between \$350 and \$500. However, students and recent graduates now have the option of taking the tests at Clark College for \$230 (3G Limited) or \$280 (3G and 4G Unlimited), a significant savings. Welding professionals in the community can also take the tests at Clark, but are not eligible for the student pricing.

Anyone interested in taking the certification tests at Clark may contact McVay at bmcvay@clark.edu or (360) 992-2359.

Grow Portland to Host Seed Saving Classes

Grow Portland, a nonprofit organization dedicated to urban gardening, is starting a program to train local gardeners on how to save seeds and to create a seed sharing network.

Seed saving preserves plant diversity and creates plants well-suited to their environment. Grow Portland's program will preserve and improve local seed variety by increasing seed sharing and knowledge of seeds.

Identifying unique or special seeds cultivated in local gardens, Grow Portland is working to form a new seed library and gather the stories behind these seeds. These seeds will be shared with local nonprofit and educational gardens, and will be shared with the public at an annual seed-sharing event.

Grow Portland is searching for varieties that have links to local history and reflect the ethnic diversity of the community.

Grow Portland's new program will bring local gar-

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