

Events & Announcements

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

WAKE OF VANPORT SERIES: "The Wake of Vanport" series will be showing on Comcast channel 23 at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

GIFFORD PINCHOT OPEN HOUSE: Join us for an open house at the new Gifford Pinchot National Head Quarters. There will be a short program followed by tours of the renovated historic building. Open to everyone! 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., 987 McClellan Rd. Vancouver, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

THE WAKE OF VANPORT: "The Wake of Vanport" series will be showing on Comcast channel 11 at 12:30 p.m.

LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION CONCERT: The Lutheran Choral Association presents its 8th Christmas/Epiphany concert. Enjoy this large ecumenical choir, which has sung continually since 1938. 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N. Rose Parks Way.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

15 YEARS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AT GUANTANAMO - "SHUT IT DOWN": Portlanders are once again planning to mark the sordid anniversary of the opening of Guantanamo Bay Prison with a visibility action at the East end of the Hawthorne Bridge. (SE Hawthorne & Grand). 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The event will include the 12-foot tall "Tower of Power."

THURSDAY - SATURDAY, JAN. 12 - 14

BOOKAPALOOZA 2017: Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation is hosting a used book sale. Thousands of books will be available to purchase for 50 cents to \$1. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Fort Vancouver Regional Library Headquarters, Library Hall, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

PORTLAND DAY OF SERVICE: Need a smoke alarm? As part of our Centennial celebration, the Red Cross Cascades Region will hold a MLK Day of Service of Fire Campaign Event. The goal: to install 1,000 smoke alarms in homes that need them in the Boise/Eliot neighborhood of Northeast Portland. If you are in those areas and in need of a smoke alarm please call (503) 528-5783 to schedule an appointment. Also please review the fire safety information and help create a fire plan. 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Volunteers are also needed for this day of service. Red Cross Fixed Site, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

FREE FIRST THURSDAY AT FLYING HERITAGE COLLECTION: There's always something going on at the Flying Heritage Collection. If you've been looking for an affordable opportunity to bring the family to visit the museum. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Flying Heritage Collection, 3407 109th St. SW, Everett.

DAVE ZIRIN WITH MICHAEL BENNETT: THE COLLISION: SPORTS AND POLITICS IN THE U.S. Dave Zirin has written several articles focused on NFL Quarterback Colin Kaepernick's controversial refusal to stand for the National Anthem. Zirin will discuss the effects and implications of this kind of social protest and how it will impact our culture, in sports and beyond. 7:30 p.m. \$5

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PP&R Issues Wedding Permits

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) began issuing wedding permits for ceremonies at PP&R sites beginning on at 8 a.m. Tuesday for walk-in registration only. Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) is the proud steward of more than 200 parks, gardens, and natural settings that can be reserved for weddings and/or receptions. For more info on weddings in a PP&R park, please visit the info page at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/38300>. Portland Parks & Recreation typically handles nearly 100 wedding permits on the first business day of the year.

Portland News Briefs

Severe Weather Warming Centers Open

With forecast overnight wind chills in the low single digits and severe weather expected to persist through the weekend, severe weather shelters remain open and City and County leaders continue to ask for the community's help watching out for those in need and donating sleeping bags, blankets and other durable cold weather gear to non-profit outreach providers.

Warming Shelters

Severe weather night and day warming centers are open in Gresham and Portland tonight. Anyone seeking shelter should call 211info by dialing 211, toll free, from any phone. 211 will help identify the closest available shelter and transportation options. A list of all shelters is also available here: <http://211info.org/emergency/#multnomah>.

Severe weather warming centers will accommodate individuals and couples, pets and belongings, and do not require identification or any other documentation. 211 has information on which groups are served at specific shelters. Families with children seeking shelter should call 211 and will be directed to shelter that can accommodate children. Calls are answered in over 150 languages. You can also visit 211's website at www.211info.org for updated information and sign up for emails or texts about updated warming center locations.

No one will be turned away from shelter. If a shelter reaches capacity, other shelters and transportation will be identified to accommodate anyone in need.

The forecast calls for temperatures well below freezing. At these low temperatures there is increased risk of exposure-related injuries for unsheltered homeless people who do not have sufficient gear, such as coats, hats, gloves, footwear, tarps, sleeping bags and blankets.

Donations Needed

Homeless service organizations are in need of cold weather gear, especially sleeping bags, blankets, tents and tarps. Other useful items include hats, coats, gloves, and socks. Agencies welcome all donations, but are particularly in need of items in good condition made from warmer and more durable materials designed for outdoor use. For information about what and where to donate, please contact 211info by dialing 211 or by visiting their website, 211info.org.

Persons in Need of Assistance

If you see someone outside unsheltered whose life appears to be in danger or is in an apparent medical crisis, call 9-1-1. Otherwise, if you see someone about whom you are concerned, such as not being dressed for the weather conditions, call police non-emergen-

cy (503) 823-3333 and request a welfare check for that person. To assist someone in locating shelter and transportation to shelter, please call 2-1-1.

Public Buildings

People seeking to get warm, especially during daytime hours, are encouraged to utilize public buildings that are open to the public, including, for example, libraries and community centers. Library hours are listed on Multnomah County Library's website. City community center information is listed here.

For additional information on the dangers of cold including: hypothermia, carbon monoxide hazards and important information on the use of alternative sources of heat click here.

Contact: Jessica Morkert-Shibley at (971) 563-3735 for more information.

SBA to Launch \$1.2 Million Aspire Challenge for Entrepreneurship Training and Microloans to Help Previously Incarcerated Citizens

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) today announced the Aspire Challenge, a prize competition of up to \$1.2 million to expand access to entrepreneurial education and microloans for formerly incarcerated individuals. The competition will make up to 16 awards of \$75,000 to organizations across the nation to assist in delivering entrepreneurial training and microloan assistance to formerly incarcerated individuals.

The Aspire Challenge will build on the momentum of the Aspire Entrepreneurship Initiative, a public-private partnership announced in August 2016 between the SBA, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and microleader Justine PETERSEN. The pilot initiative connects formerly incarcerated individuals to entrepreneurial training, education and microloans, with a specific focus on those who are parents. The pilot was rolled out in Detroit, Mich., Chicago, Ill., Louisville, Ky. and St. Louis, Mo.

With approximately 60 percent of formerly incarcerated individuals remaining unemployed one year after release, self-employment must be seen as a viable alternative.

The Aspire Challenge will leverage entrepreneurship as a tool to increase economic mobility for returning citizens through intensive entrepreneurial training and counseling and increased access to micro-loans. The competition will award prizes to entrepreneurial support organizations that propose innovative solutions to equipping returning citizens with the tools they need to succeed in entrepreneurship.

Components by which the submissions will be assessed include recruitment methods, education/training delivery, provision of mentoring services,

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