

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY, MARCH 16

PUBLIC HEALTH PORTLAND STYLE #3: The OHSU - PSU School of Public Health is hosting a "Public Health Portland Style" series with the latest topics on Public Health. This Month's topic is "Your Health, Zip Code or Genetic Code." The event is free and open to the public. All ages welcome. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., Lucky Labrador Brew Hall, 1945 NW Quimby St.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

MARCH & RALLY: THE QUAGMIRE CONTINUES 14 YEARS IN IRAQ: The rally begins at 5 p.m. Peace and Justice Works Iraq affinity Group is co-sponsoring the Portland Peace Response Coalition Rally. Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Yamhill and Broadway St.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

COMPUTER BASICS: Never tried a computer before? Learn the very basics of using a Windows-based computer, a keyboard and a mouse. No experience is necessary. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

RADON DETECTION WORKSHOP: What is Radon? Why does it matter in Oregon? How do you test your home for Radon? A representative from the Oregon Health Authority will lead this informal education and answer all your questions about Radon! 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., NE Portland Tool Library, 5431 NE 20th Ave.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

THE NAACP PORTLAND BRANCH INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ITS MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: President Jo Ann Hardesty and executive leadership will provide updates about current and future initiatives. Noon - 2 p.m., American Red Cross Oregon Chapter, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

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FRIDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - 19

FRIENDS OF THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY HUGE BOOK SALE: You must be a member to attend the Member-Only Preview on Friday. More than 100,000 items will be for sale including children's books, fiction and non-fiction, hard backs and everything else. All items are priced at \$1 to \$3 throughout the entire weekend. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Exhibition Hall at the Seattle Center, 299 Mercer St.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

FREE LEGAL WORKSHOP FOR ARTISTS: Calling all Artists in need of free legal consultation. Are you an Artists with legal questions? If so, please join us for this legal workshop where attorney Katrina Brede will give a presentation on legal issues facing Artists today. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, 104 17th Ave. S.

TEEN ACTION FAIR: WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW: 4th annual Teen Action Fair. It's a youth-led celebration showcasing youth leaders and organizations who are inspiring positive change in Seattle and beyond. Free to attend. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center, 440 5th Ave. N.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

VISIT A WASHINGTON STATE PARK FOR FREE: No Discover Pass needed for State Parks' 104th birthday. Washington State Parks

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Library Invites Input

Multnomah County Library is the oldest library system in the western US and one of the busiest in the nation. It's also the smallest of comparable libraries, by far, without broad access to adequate public meeting space; quiet rooms; dedicated homework and learning centers or performance spaces. At two public meetings April 4 and 5, the library will present a draft framework of a long-term space plan for public feedback. The first meeting will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. April 4 at the North Portland Library, 512 N Killingsworth Street. The second meeting will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Midland Library, 805 SE 122nd Avenue. At the April meetings, members of the project teams will present the results of that work in the form of a draft framework for public input. That feedback will guide the development of a final plan for library spaces and placement over the next 15-20 years of library service. The Multnomah County Library District Board will consider a final version of this plan for adoption later this year. View more information and updates at <https://multcolib.org/planning>.

Portland News Briefs

Health Department Reports Six Ill with E. coli at N. Portland School

The Multnomah County Health Department today confirmed that six people have been sickened by Escherichia coli bacteria (E. coli) at Montessori of Alameda school in Portland.

Four of the people are confirmed to have E. coli O157:H7 and two of these genetically match the E. coli strain from the national I.M. Healthy SoyNut Butter outbreak.

Two additional individuals are known to have shiga-toxin producing E. coli and further test results are pending.

The Health Department has been investigating diarrhea illnesses at the school since March 7, 2017.

I.M. Healthy Soy Nut Butter and I.M. Healthy granola was recalled nationwide on March 4, 2017 after 16 other people became ill in nine states, including Oregon. The Health Department is investigating how the SoyNut Butter E. coli strain was introduced into Montessori of Alameda.

The bacteria causing the diarrhea, E. coli O157: H7 is the most severe type of Shiga-toxin E. coli. The bacteria also produces a toxin which can damage blood vessels throughout the body, particularly in the kidneys.

Most people become ill from E. coli eating contaminated foods which have not been fully cooked, but E. coli can also spread from person to person - especially in families and in childcare facilities.

Symptoms include diarrhea which can be bloody, abdominal pain or cramping, nausea and vomiting and low grade fever.

Since illness with E. coli O157:H7 can occur up to 10 days after exposure, it is possible that additional cases could occur.

The Health Department has been advising parents that any child sick with vomiting or diarrhea, should not attend school.

Parents are advised to contact their healthcare provider with any questions regarding your child's health.

The Multnomah County Health Department Communicable Disease Services team can be reached at (503) 988-3406.

You can find additional information about E. coli O157:H7 at <https://www.cdc.gov/ecoli/general/index.html>.

You can also learn more about the I.M. Healthy SoyNut Butter at <https://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm545368.htm>.

The Glenview, IL company recalled its product March 4 and expanded the recall March 7 because they were contaminated with E. coli O157:H7 bacteria.

I.M. Healthy Products were distributed in multiple states and may have been purchased in stores or

through mail order. They were also distributed to childcare centers and schools in multiple states.

Portland Parks & Recreation Presents Free Event in Support of Immigrants and Refugees

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) presents the Portlanders Stand with Refugees and Immigrants celebration from 6 to 9 p.m. March 17 at the East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave.

All are welcome to the free, multicultural community gathering to celebrate people new to Portland - and to the United States - and to help them feel welcomed.

Portland Parks & Recreation, via the Parks for New Portlanders program, also hosts events such as the Portland World Cup Soccer Tournament and New Portlanders Cultural Celebration and Family Day. These events are often many newcomers' first experiences with their City government, and helps people new to Portland access Portland Parks & Recreation offerings and other City services.

Portland Parks & Recreation welcomes people from all races, religions, countries of origin, sexual orientations, genders and abilities.

The #WeStandTogether poster is available in English and 14 other languages.

Students United for Nonviolence Hosts Peace and Justice Scholars Saturday

Please join Students United for Nonviolence March 18 at Hoffman Hall on the PSU campus for an exciting participatory series of three outstanding Peace/Justice scholars and top-level activists.

Free and open, refreshments and child care provided.

- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: Daryn Cambridge, Nonviolence scholar (Senior Program Officer, United States Institute of Peace; Professor of Peace Studies, American University; former Instructor and Digital Nonviolence expert, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict). Daryn is charismatic and innovative. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-HKOxCTPetE>

- 12:00 pm: lunch break/short film and discussion
- 1:00-3:00 pm and 3:00-5:00 pm: Two noteworthy national staff from Fellowship of Reconciliation, Kristin Stoneking and Anthony Grimes.

Come for any or all, and, for those who wish to stay after, we invite all to a dialog featuring voices that have been marginalized.

This is a Students United for Nonviolence event.

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