

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2018

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FRIDAY, MARCH 23

FLASH FICTION SALE: This one-day-only flash sale will offer thousands of overstocked, hardbound works of fiction book for just \$1. Used fiction books for adults in a wide variety of genres. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. There will be plenty of free parking. Please bring your own bags to carry your books home in. Fort Vancouver Regional Library, Operations Center, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

RESEARCHING AFRICAN AMERICAN ANCESTRY: This special interest group is for anyone interested in researching African American genealogy. They do not have to be a GFO member to participate. 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Genealogy Forum of Oregon, 2505 SE 11th Ave. Suite B-18.

2018 CODE ORANGE EASTER HELICOPTER EGG DROP IN SE PDX: Thousands of orange eggs will fall from the sky again at Brentwood Park. Children age two through 5th grade will be able to hunt for eggs in their designated age areas. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Brentwood Park, SE Duke St. & SE 60th Ave.

BUNNY FUN RUN: How many laps can you run at the Bunny Fun Run in Holladay Park? Free family fun, edible crafts, board games and face painting at this small family friendly free event. 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Holladay Park, NE Holladay St. & NE 11th Ave.

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY, MARCH 28 - 30

EASTERSEALS OREGON BLOOMFEST: Join Easterseals Oregon for the 28th Annual Bloomfest. Purchase locally grown fresh cut tulips with 100 percent of the proceeds benefitting Easterseals. 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square, 701 SW 6th Ave.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

FRIENDS OF BALITMORE WOODS NATIVE PLANT SALE: This sale offers a generous selection of Pacific Northwest native plants at reasonable prices. The event is free and open to the public. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., St. Johns Plaza, N. Lombard St. and N. Burlington St.

HIPPITY HOP BUNNY HOP THROUGH THE PEARL: Pearl District Easter Egg Hunt. Bring the whole family and collect treats, do art projects, and search for the special Easter Egg that is creatively hidden in participating merchants windows and shops. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Jameson Square Fountain, NW 11th St.

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Mosley Named PSU VP for Enrollment

Yohlunda Mosley, a 20-year veteran of student recruitment and multicultural outreach at universities and schools throughout the Midwest, has been named Assistant Vice President for Enrollment at Portland State University. She began her position March 19. Mosley's most recent position was Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI), an urban research institution with a student enrollment similar to Portland State's in terms of size and diversity. During her time at IUPUI, the university experienced a dramatic increase in its diversity enrollment and in the academic strengths of its incoming freshmen classes. She has held enrollment and student affairs positions at Southern Illinois University; Marquette University in Wisconsin; University School of Milwaukee, a pre-kindergarten through 12th grade college prep school; the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee; and the University of Nebraska. Mosley holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in higher education administration from the University of Iowa.

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Oregon History Pub, 'Untold Stories of the Civil Rights Movement,' Takes Place March 26

The next History Pub, "Untold Stories of the Civil Rights Movement," will take place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 26 at McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Avenue. Doors open at 6 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

This panel discussion will feature Joyce Harris, Sen. Jackie Winters, Charmaine Joyce Coleman, and Charlotte Rutherford and will be moderated by Joy Alise Davis.

Event attendees will learn about the traditionally untold stories of the Civil Rights Movement, specifically the role of women of color. Speakers will share reflections on their work in the Oregon Civil Rights Movement - their struggles and greatest memories - as well as advice for young activists on how to get involved and what they can do to make a positive difference in their local communities.

County Creates New Fund to Diversify Construction Trades

To help build a more diverse workforce, the Multnomah County Board has approved a new fund to increase the supply of women and minorities entering the construction trades and to provide small business development.

The fund will provide technical assistance, mentoring, association sponsorships and other supports to support Certified disadvantaged, minority and female owned small business. It will also support worker retention, to increase the number of apprentices who continue onto journey-level work.

The Construction Diversity and Equity Fund will draw 1 percent from county remodeling projects with budgets above \$200,000 and new construction over \$1 million. County commissioners unanimously voted to create the fund on March

15. It takes effect July 1, the start of the county's fiscal year.

In the last few years, Multnomah County has undertaken an unprecedented volume of major projects, investing more than \$750 million in building a new Central Courthouse, Health Department Headquarters and Sellwood Bridge.

This latest effort is an expansion of equity work that the county has done for many years, including project labor agreements which have strong equity goals and opportunities for Certified disadvantaged, minority and women businesses and workforce.

Vancouver NAACP Seeks Sponsors for Juneteenth Celebration

The Vancouver NAACP is seeking help to make Juneteenth 2018 successful. The celebration will be held on June 23 at Clark College in Hannah Hall from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. This year's theme is "Where Do We Go From Here?" This theme addresses the big question of how to realistically change and remove racism from American culture and become a more unified county.

An added feature this year will be the Val Joshua Award; this was originally given to Val Joshua in recognition of her lifelong commitment and work toward the elimination of racism in 1989. Today, the organization gives two awards to recognize people in the community who are working toward ending oppression.

The organization is asking for sponsorships for our upcoming event, with sponsorship costs ranging from \$50 to \$500. For more information, call (360) 356-4828 or e-mail naacpvancouver@gmail.com.

United Way Announces Partnership with CASH Oregon to Boost Tax Credits for Working Families

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette (UWCW) and CASH Oregon are partnering this tax season to increase the number of Oregonians receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

EITC gives low-income working families a much-needed financial boost. In 2013, the federal EITC lifted about 9.4 million people across the country out of poverty, including 5 million children. Yet a surprising number of families who qualify for the tax credit aren't claiming it. Last year working families in Oregon missed out on over \$124 million in tax refunds and the state ranks last in EITC participation.

Through a United Way Worldwide national initiative, UWCW and CASH Oregon are working together to raise awareness of EITC and increase access to free tax preparation services. Last year UWCW and partners helped over 18,122 working families receive

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