Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2018

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THURSDAY, APRIL 5

STATE OF THE SLOUGH: This is an evening of formal presentations & poster presentations covering topics of research, monitoring and restoration projects in the Columbia Slough Watershed. Come learn about the latest projects happening. This is a free event. Registration is required at www.columbiaslough.org 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. PCC Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St. Terrell Hall 112 &122.

HEIDI HAHN AND SHANA MOULTON: THE FEELING GOOD HANDBOOK: This exhibit runs until May 19. Opening reception 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., UPFOR Gallery, 929 NW Flanders St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

GARDENPALOOZA: Over 45 local nurseries and garden art vendors will provide thousands of plants, tools and décor to thousands of gardeners during this colorful, free one-day Spring ritual. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fir Point Farms, 14601 Arndt Rd., Aurora.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

2018 CANDIDATES FORUM: CITY OF PORTLAND, CITY COUNCIL, POSITION 3: Meet the candidates. All six candidates have been invited to attend. The forum will start at 6 p.m., June Key Delta Community Center, 5940 N. Albina Ave.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

CELEBRATE THE LEGACY: Join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of Martin Luther King, Jr. School. Live music, West African Dance, student performances, Black History Mobile Museum, traditional soul-food dinner. 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. School, 4906 NE 6th Ave.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

2ND ANNUAL ST. JOHNS SPEAKEASY FUNDRAISER: An evening of live music, dancing, costumes, cool prizes, great food and great friends. The event will bring together residents, business owners, and St. Johns appreciators from all over Portland to celebrate and support and community development work in the neighborhood. $10 in advance/$15 at the door. (21 and over event) 7 p.m. – 10 p.m., The Old Church, 8325 N. Central St.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR: Our focus will be on Earthquake Preparedness. Exhibitors will include American Red Cross, Bonnie Hays Small Animal Shelter, NW Natural Gas, Emergency Preparedness Kit table and more. 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 10390 SW Canyon Rd., Beaverton.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 6

FAMILY SPRING FAIR: A free and fun event for children and families as we welcome the season of spring. Games, prizes, food and arts and crafts. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., City of Brenerton, 680 Lebo Blvd., Bremerton.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT: Gather your friends and family for a Family Bingo Night at Chambers Creek Regional Park. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each game. $5 per person to play. 6:30p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Chambers Creek Regional Park, 9850 64th St. W., University Park.

SATURDAY, APRIL7

50+ SENIOR RESOURCE EXPO! There will be more than 40 vendor exhibit displays, presentations on a variety of subject (health, finance, transportation, housing, etc.). Free. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave. N., Renton.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

BOARD GAME SUNDAY: Children, teens and adults are all welcome. 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Ballard Library, 5614 23rd Ave. NW.

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Whitaker Ponds Nature Park to Be Dedicated April 7

The new entry improvements at Whitaker Ponds Nature Park are complete, and community members are invited to a Native blessing ceremony, celebration and dedication from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 7 at Whitaker Ponds Nature Park, 7040 NE 47th Ave. The event will include cupcakes, nature walk site tours led by Portland Parks & Recreation staff, FREE activities for kids and families, a fun, interactive photo booth, and even baby turtles.

The nearly 25-acre Whitaker Ponds Nature Park, located at 7040 NE 47th Avenue, contains ponds and natural areas. Popular uses of the nature park include education, birdwatching, light watercraft access to Whitaker Slough, and other nature-based recreation. Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R), the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and the Columbia Slough Watershed Council (CSWC) actively invite school groups, volunteers, and other partners to the park for educational and volunteer programs. However, before this project was completed, access to the site was difficult without any developed parking or sidewalks.

Portland News Briefs

City of Portland Invites Public to Budget Meetings Throughout April

The City of Portland invites the public to the following public meetings about the annual budget. The purpose of these meetings is for the Mayor and City Council to receive testimony from Portland residents regarding the citywide budget. Mayor Wheeler will release his proposed budget at the end of April.

Community Budget Forum
Tuesday, April 17
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Roosevelt High School, Commons
6941 N. Central, Portland, Oregon 97203
Bus lines: 44, 75

Budget Committee Public Hearing
Thursday, May 10
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers
1221 SW 4th Ave, Portland, Oregon 97204

Kwame Alexander to Appear at Alberta Rose Theatre April 20

On April 20, Multnomah County Library welcomes poet, educator and bestselling author Kwame Alexander to Portland for An Evening with Kwame Alexander. Alexander will appear at the Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 NE Alberta St. Admission is free on a first come, first served basis.

Alexander's works have engaged a new generation of readers. His basketball-themed novel-in-verse, The Crossover, won the 2015 Newbery Medal for the year's most distinguished contribution to literature for young people. His latest work, Rebound (also a novel-in-verse and a prequel to The Crossover), explores the youth of Chuck Bell and his discovery of basketball and jazz over the course of one fateful summer.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. A book signing precedes it at 6 pm.

Kwame Alexander's visit is made possible by gifts to The Library Foundation, a local nonprofit dedicated to our library's leadership, innovation and reach through private support.

Oregon Gubernatorial Primary Election Set for May 15

The next election in Multnomah County is the Oregon Gubernatorial Primary Election. This statewide election will be held on Tuesday, May 15. Each of Multnomah County's more than 517,000 eligible voters will receive a ballot in the last week of April.

Multnomah County Elections reminds voters that April 24, 2018 is the voter registration deadline for the May 15 Primary Election. Oregon voters can register online at www.oregonvotes.gov/register or fill out a paper Oregon Voter Registration Card available at the elections office, public library, Oregon DMV, or post office.

April 24, 2018 is also the party choice deadline. Voters who wish to vote in a major party's closed primary election need to be registered as a member of that party (Democratic or Republican) by the deadline. Voters can choose their party affiliation online at www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote. The Independent Party of Oregon has chosen to open its primary election to voters who are not members of any party for the May 15 Primary Election. To receive a ballot for the Independent Party of Oregon complete and return the Voters Not Registered with a Political Party (PDF) form via, email, mail, fax, or in person to Multnomah County Elections by 5:00 PM on April 24, 2018.

Multnomah County Elections asks voters to check that their address, party affiliation, and name are up-to-date in their voter registration record. Voters can update their information online at www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote or with an Oregon Voter Registration Card. Voters who will be away from home on election day should request an absentee ballot to be mailed to their temporary address. Voters should visit Elections Frequently Asked Questions, bit.ly/MultCoAbsentee or call the Multnomah County Elections office for assistance in requesting an absentee ballot as soon as possible.

Voters can sign up to track their ballot and get a virtual "I Voted" sticker. Text, email, or voice alerts tell voters when the county elections office has mailed ballots. Alerts indicate whether the ballot has been accepted for counting or whether it requires further action by the voter. Inside the "Accepted Ballot" message, voters will get access to a special Oregon "I Voted" sticker ready to share on social media. Multnomah County voters can sign up by visiting multnomah.ballottrax.net.

Multnomah County Elections will open its second location, the Voting Center Express in Gresham for this election. The Voting Center Express will be open April 30 - May 15 inside the Multnomah County East Building. Voters will be able to replace a lost ballot, get help voting, ask questions, or vote in person at the Voting Center Express at 600 NE 8th Street in downtown Gresham.

Multnomah County Elections provides an interpreter, free of charge, to anyone who needs help voting in a language other than English. Additional voting and elections information in nine languages

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