

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2018

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FRIDAY, MAY 25

FREE RETREAT OFFERS SKILLS AND RESOURCES TO GRANDPARENTS RAISING YOUR GRANDCHILDREN. The free event will include sessions on: Raising children who have experienced trauma, guardianship, adoption and raising children informally, internet safety and screen time boundaries and much more. Lunch, door prizes and other educational resources and information. Please call or email if interested in attending: Loriann McNeill (503) 988-8210 or email loriann.mcneill@multco.us 9:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Gethseame Lutheran Church, 11560 SS Market St.

OPENING NIGHT FIREWORKS: The Rose Festival starts off with a dramatic fireworks display choreographed to music and entertainment inside the RoZone at City Fair. Memorial Day activities include free gate admission for all active, reserve and retired military and their families. 5 p.m. - 11 p.m., Tom McCall Waterfront Park, downtown Portland.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP AT GENEALOGY FORUM OF OREGON: If you know any other people interested in African American genealogy tell them about the group. They don't have to be a GFO member to participate. 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m., GFO, 2505 SE 11th Ave, Suite B-18.

MONDAY, MAY 28

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION: Community members are welcome to enjoy the patriotic music of the Hillsboro High School Jazz Ensemble and the Missbehavens. Veteran organizations will also be on hand to provide information about their groups. The event takes place rain or shine. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gateway, NE 34th Ave. & Veterans Dr., Hillsboro.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

HEALTHCARE HIRING EVENT: This hiring event helps bring healthcare agencies face-to-face with eager job seekers pursuing careers in the healthcare industry. To pre-register or view the list of employers attending visit www.hchiringexpos.com 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

STARLIGHT PARADE: This glittering illuminated nighttime parade lights up downtown Portland. Come see for yourself the twinkling floats, drill teams & marching bands. 8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m., downtown Portland

STATE PARKS DAY: In celebration of State Parks Day please come and enjoy your Oregon State Parks-no day use fee charged at fee parks and no camping fees on traditional camping. Visit www.oregonstateparks.org for parks information.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 2 - 3

STREET PAINTING BLOCK PARTY & POTLUCK: You are invited to the 4th annual Street Painting Block Party. Help us re-paint the Unity Circle in the intersection. Celebrate our Humboldt neighborhood and meet your neighbors. Both days 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please bring food and drinks for an afternoon potluck both days. For more information email kemberlyjeka@gmail.com Humboldt neighborhood.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

EAST COUNTY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT: The 60-piece orchestra celebration its 40th year. The ECCO's members consist of amateur and professional musicians from all over the Portland & SW Washington area. There is no admission fee to the concert. To help defray cost, donations are welcome. 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Horner Performing Arts Center, David Douglas High School, 1400 SE 130th Ave.

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Run for the Arts

Young Audiences of Oregon & SW Washington invited the community to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Run for the Arts, its trademark fundraising jog-a-thon that empowers students and schools to raise money for their arts programs, materials, and field trips. There will be a showcase of student designs for our popular Run for the Arts T-shirt design contest from over the years. Attendees can peruse student artwork and vintage Run for the Arts T-shirts, enjoy some refreshments, and create their own Run for the Arts t-shirt designs. The showcase will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. May 31 at Living Room Realty (1401 NE Alberta St.) during Last Thursday on NE Alberta.

Young Audiences launched the Run for the Arts program in 1977 and started out by serving just one school in its first year; now, between 50 and 60 schools participate annually across Oregon and SW Washington, and in the 2016-2017 school year nearly 22,000 students raised \$627,887 to support the arts in their schools. To learn more about Run for the Arts, visit ya-or.org/run-for-the-arts.



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Portland News Briefs

Oregon's First Sustainability Bond Sale Exceeds Expectations

State Treasurer Tobias Read announced that the first sale of innovative Oregon Sustainability Bonds exceeded expectations, with more buyers than the supply of available bonds.

As a result, in addition to helping Oregonians invest in themselves, Treasury was able to shave interest costs with competitive long-term financing rates. The first Sustainability Bond sale is a \$40 million federally taxable issuance for affordable housing construction and home ownership programs throughout the state.

Based on the highly successful sale, Treasury will explore future potential sales dedicated to sustainable communities and environmental protection, said Treasurer Read, who originated the new Oregon municipal debt classification. The bonds are tailored for socially responsible investors.

The bonds were priced and allocated to buyers last week, and the issuance were final as of May 22. Buyers include Oregon retail buyers and managers of institutional mutual funds, including a number of firms that focus particularly on socially responsible investments and who bid for Oregon bonds for the first time.

Because the bonds were approximately three times oversubscribed, it allowed for slightly lower yields on most bond maturities, which will save about \$75,000 in interest costs over the life of the bonds.

The bonds will mature between one and 20 years, with coupons ranging from 2.29 to 3.98 percent. They earned ratings of AA+/Aa1/AA+ from Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investor Service, and Fitch Investor's Service, respectively.

In addition to being dedicated to sustainable public priorities, such as affordable housing, Oregon Sustainability Bonds have a higher level of transparency: Annual reports will be made available on the uses and spend-down of the bond proceeds, until the funds are spent in full.

The \$40 million will finance grants for the construction of affordable housing projects via the State's Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) Affordable Housing Program, managed by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department. Projects that receive financing assistance from the LIFT program are in historically underserved communities and for households earning at or below 60% of Area Median Income.

The Oregon State Treasury protects public assets, saves money, and helps Oregonians to invest in themselves and their families through empowerment programs like the Oregon 529 Savings Network and OregonSaves. Treasury oversees public investment, banking, and debt management services. State investment policies are set by the Oregon Investment Council. Treasury also promotes public outreach and education to help Oregonians learn strategies to save money and make smart financial choices.

Washington County One of Five Oregon Counties to Pilot Family Alternative Sentencing Program

The Family Sentencing Alternative Pilot Program (FSAPP) was created in 2015 by the Oregon legislature in a comprehensive effort to divert custodial parents facing one year or more of prison time into community-based intensive supervision and supports. The program is designed to promote reunification of families, prevent children from entering the foster care system and reduce the likelihood of further involvement in the criminal justice system by the individuals or their children.

In 2016, Washington County was chosen as one of five Oregon counties to pilot this 10-year initiative, working closely with the

Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) and Department of Human Services (DHS) to administer the program and evaluate the outcomes. The participating counties, which also include Deschutes, Jackson, Marion and Multnomah, each receive State funds to cover the costs of a probation officer to manage the additional, specialized caseload and to pay for treatment and housing costs associated with the program. In July of 2017, all were awarded a one-year continuation after demonstrating support for FSAPP from local leaders in the criminal justice system including their sheriff, district attorney, presiding judge and a representative of the defense bar.

Since it launched in April of 2016, Washington County's FSAPP, administered by Community Corrections, has served 36 corrections clients and 70 of their children, including 29 children who were directly diverted from non-relative placement in foster care. While the majority of the clients are women, a few have been men.

Potential participants are carefully screened by Probation Officer Erin Gladstone for eligibility based on their criminal history and referrals from various system partners. (Those with current convictions for felony person crimes or any convictions for sex crimes are not eligible.) Close collaboration with DHS Child Welfare is necessary to confirm eligibility and ensure that the children's needs are included in case planning. According to Community Corrections Program Supervisor Sheila Clark, "Our strong, existing partnerships with the District Attorney's Office, DHS, CODA Recovery Center, Bridges to Change and House of Hope have been invaluable in creating a multidisciplinary team approach which provides a network of



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Sisters play together at the park

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