

Events & Announcements

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

150 YEARS AT THE OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY: The Oregon Historical Society unveils an exhibit focused on how animal welfare has been at the heart of our community's life since 1868. Opens September 14 and runs through Feb 28 at the Oregon Historical Society Museum, 1200 SW Park Ave.

ELLEN HOPKINS READING: Join bestselling young adult novelist Ellen Hopkins for a reading from her latest book, *People Kill People*. Her powerful story (aimed at teen readers), explores gun violence and white supremacy. Begins at 7 p.m., Powell's Books at Cedar Hills Crossing, 3415 SW Cedar Hills, Beaverton

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

BLACK NERD CLUB: It is what it sounds like! Nerds unite for an afternoon of dorking out on Anime, games and art for us by us. From 1 – 4:00 p.m. at Ori Gallery, 4038 N. Mississippi Ave.

OREGON MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA: For its Family Road Trip Concert, the Oregon Mandolin Orchestra will take the audience on a journey of the ear through Europe and the Americas, from the early 20th century through today. General admission \$15, Seniors & students \$12, free for kids under 12. From 2 – 3:30 p.m., The Old Church Concert Hall, 1422 S.W. 11th Ave.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

CAREER FAIR: Bring 10 -15 resumes and dress in business professional attire for this free event connecting employers with job seekers. From 9 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Embassy Suites by Hilton Portland Washington Square, 9000 SW Washington Square Rd, Tigard.

PHILIP KEENEY READING: Portland psychotherapist and author Philip Keeney reads from his book *The Writer's Crucible*, a guide to being a writer. Broadway Books, 1714 NE Broadway St.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

UNWALKING THE WEST, FILM SCREENING: An evening featuring short films that examine legacies of Western expansionism, settler-colonialism, and Indigenous connection to land and place. From 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., Pacific Northwest College of Art, 511 NW Broadway.

VERBAL ESCAPE SPOKEN WORD POETRY PERFORMANCE: Noah Schultz and the Morpheus Youth Project present an interactive spoken word poetry performance featuring local Portland artists. The artists will be presenting on topics centered around social justice, moments of extreme vulnerability, personal triumph, and community. From 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Multnomah County Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave.

FRANKENSTEIN COMIC BOOK SWAP: Browse comic books, toys, cards, buttons, and posters at Frankenstein's Comic Book Swap. \$1 entry, free for kids and seniors. From noon – 6 p.m., East Portland Eagles Lodge, 4904 SE Hawthorne Blvd.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS BOOTCAMP: Join Laurel Smith at GFO for a day of beginner's genealogy. GFO members may attend for free, non GFO members, \$20. Register online at www.GFO.org by Sept. 18. Bootcamp runs from 9:30am – 6:00pm, Genealogical Forum of Oregon, 2505 Southeast 11th Ave.

SEATTLE FIESTAS PATRIAS: Explore and experience the cultural roots and contemporary influences of the nations of Latin America through visual arts, hands-on activities, foods, games, and a lively marketplace. Dance to live mariachi music, join in a children's soccer clinic and learn how Latin American countries celebrate independence from Spanish rule. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Fisher Pavilion, Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St.



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Black Academy of Music Reunion

Joe Brazil Legacy Band members John Yasutake (saxophonist), and Harvey Leonard (trumpet player) performed Sept. 8 at the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute in honor of the Black Academy of Music Reunion. Joe Brazil established the Black Academy of Music in 1967. Many of his former students are in the Joe Brazil Legacy Band.

Portland & Seattle News Briefs

Portland Committee for Community-Engaged Policing (PCCEP) Appointees Selected

Mayor Ted Wheeler announced the appointees of the 13-member PCCEP Tuesday.

The decision comes after receiving more than 100 applications and conducting interviews with 17 adult candidates and six high school-aged youth, based on recommendations from the Selection Advisory Committee (SAC).

Following an extensive outreach effort with a focus on removing barriers to participation for historically marginalized communities, the Mayor has appointed 13 Portlanders to serve on the PCCEP, and six Portlanders to serve as alternates.

PCCEP members:

- Yolanda Clay
- Lakayana Drury
- Lakeesha Dumas
- Robert Dye
- Sharon Gary-Smith
- Aden Hassan
- Andrew Kalloch
- Michelle Lang
- Patrick Nolen
- Sam Sachs
- Zachary Thornhill
- Kalonji Williams (youth member)
- Sebastian Chevalier (youth member)

The Mayor's Office is proud to spearhead the PCCEP to develop recommendations for how the Portland Police Bureau can better engage the community in its development of policies that directly affect Portlanders, with a specific focus on racial justice, constitutional policing and mental health issues. The PCCEP selection process was facilitated by Brandon Lee and Hun Taing of Training for Transformation and Brad Taylor of The Brad Taylor Group.

After working together to draft interview questions, the Selection Advisory Committee (SAC), whose five-person membership was developed through direct appointments made by the City Commissioners and the Mayor.

The SAC assessed the applications of over 100 candidates in an effort to determine who would be interviewed as the committee worked towards recommending members for appointment to the Portland Committee on Community Engaged Policing (PCCEP). Discussions around who to interview and initial recommendations to the Mayor were the sole responsibility of the SAC.

The Mayor's Office was not involved in any part of the SAC's selection process.

After consulting with Commissioner offices, May-

or Wheeler then interviewed the candidates before making the final selection.

Going forward, the community will have continued engagement with the PCCEP, whose members will gather input from the community through culturally responsive and relevant strategies.

MRG Announces Democracy and Rights Fund

Through a new fund, MRG Foundation will award up to \$10,000 to organizations throughout Oregon that are doing critical organizing and mobilization work around emerging challenges to democracy and civil, women's and LGBTQ rights.

Organizations that are leading efforts in critical areas of work need support now more than ever and this fund is intended to help groups that are taking on more than they anticipated doing at the end of 2017.

MRG's Democracy and Rights Fund is designed to lend financial support to groups that are strategically responding to moments of crisis with organizing and mobilization and building their base for the future.

Applications opened Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, and will close on Friday, September 28, 2018, at 5pm Pacific Time. Grants will be awarded no later than October 15, 2018.

You can read the overview of the fund questions on MRG's website at <https://www.mrgfoundation.org/announcing-the-democracy-and-rights-fund/>.

Additional questions may be addressed to democracyandrights@mrgf.org

Seattle Now Largest City Offering Free Transit to High School Students

Following her commitment to provide free ORCA passes to young people in Seattle, Mayor Jenny A. Durkan was at Rainier Beach High School with Seattle Schools Superintendent Denise Juneau to hand out ORCA cards and to celebrate the successful launch of the ORCA Opportunity program.

By partnering with King County Metro, Seattle Public Schools, and Seattle Colleges the City of Seattle is now the largest city in the country to offer free, year-round, public transportation to all Seattle Public Schools high school students as well as Seattle Promise scholars and income eligible middle school students.

In 2015, Rainier Beach High School students advocated for transit equity for low-income students throughout Seattle. In 2018, more than 800 students at Rainier Beach High School will receive the ORCA card benefit.

ORCA Opportunity uses existing funds from the voter approved Seattle Transportation Benefits District (STBD).

The STBD has generated about \$45 million to improve transit for a six-year period from 2014-2020.