

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY, MARCH 14

THE NO PLAY COMMUNITY NIGHT: The No Play by John Henry Redwood conveys the racially divided world of Halifax, North Carolina in 1949 during the apex of the Jim Crow era. The title is derived from many "No" signs that dotted the southern landscape during that despot era in American. Community night price \$14, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m., Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 North Interstate Ave.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

PORTLANDERS STAND WITH REFUGEES & IMMIGRANTS: Portland Parks & Recreation will be celebrating the third annual Portlanders Stand with Refugees & Immigrants event. Enjoy live performances, music, dancing, and more. On-site food vendors and food carts will sell food throughout the event. Free, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Southwest Community Center, 6820 SW 45th Ave.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

ESTATE PLANNING 101: Join Oregon Historical Society board member and professional estate planner John Boylston as he shares expert tips for creating an estate plan. Tea, coffee, and treats will be provided. Free (RSVP online), 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Oregon Historical Society, Hatfield Room, 1200 SW Park Ave.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

MARCH MADNESS LUCKY BRACKET PARTY AT REVOLUTION HALL: It's March which means it's time for the NCAA basketball tournament. Join the folks at Revolution Hall for the March Madness kickoff party and fill out your bracket. Enter to win a \$100 gift card. Free, 4 p.m., Revolution Hall, 1300 SE Stark St.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

SIREN THEATER ST. PATRICK'S DAY BINGO: Get your bingo daubers ready! The Siren Theater is hosting a bingo event this St. Patrick's Day loaded with comedy, mimosas, and more. 11 a.m. (doors open at 10:30 a.m.). Purchase 3 bingo cards for \$5. Siren Theater, 315 NW Davis St.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

WHY ARE US TROOPS STILL IN IRAQ?: The Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group is teaming up with the weekly Stand for Peace and Justice event for a special visibility action marking 16 years since the U.S. invaded Iraq in 2003. 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. and features the "Tower of Peace," a 12-foot-tall display which has been seen many times around town since 2012. Gather at the east end of the Burnside Bridge, MLK Blvd. and Burnside St.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Storytime for Grownups: This month, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, Storytime for Grownups will feature a series of Ray Bradbury stories inspired by the author's time in Ireland. These stories will be read by David Loftus, the founder of Story Time for Grownups. Free, 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Rose City Book Pub, 1329 NE Fremont St.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16

MEYDENBAUER BAY PARK GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION: Come celebrate the newly expanded and improved Meydenbauer Bay Park during the official grand opening celebration. The event will feature food, live music, activities for all ages, and, of course, the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Free, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Meydenbauer Bay Park, 9899 Lake Washington Blvd NE, Bellevue.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MARCH 16 - 17

SEATTLE CENTER ARMORY IRISH FESTIVAL: In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the Seattle Center Armory will be hosting a two-day event showcasing Irish Heritage in the Pacific Northwest. The festival will feature traditional Irish food and drinks. Other entertainment activities include Irish art, historical exhibits, genealogy workshops, and there's also a drawing for a free vacation to Ireland. Noon - 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

1959: THE GREATEST YEAR IN FILM HISTORY: The latest Scarecrow Academy presentation will feature an afternoon showing of the classic Japanese film, "Fires on the Plain." Free (RSVP online at <https://bit.ly/2XQ9jpv>), 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Scarecrow Video, 5030 Roosevelt Way NE.



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Youth Basketball

Seattle Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball teams High Point (blue) took on an undefeated Rainier, in the 10 year old's Yellow Division March 9 at the Rainier Beach Community Center. Rainier dominated the game against a spirited High Point team, winning the game 26 to 7. Rainier finished the regular season 5 and 0 while High Point had a record of 2 wins and 3 losses.

Portland & Seattle News Briefs

Wheeler Announces Departure of Senior Policy Advisor

Mayor Ted Wheeler's office announced in a Friday-afternoon press release that Berk Nelson, Wheeler's senior policy advisor on public safety and livability, is leaving office to work in the private sector and that his last day will be March 15.

Nelson, who had worked in the mayor's office since January 2017, had previously worked as an attorney in immigration law and general litigation. The release credits him with relocating R2DToom examining alternatives for first responders to non-emergency calls and working with the county to address mental health.

AG Rosenblum Announces Large Settlement with Pfizer for Misleading Drug Pricing Coupons

Attorney General Rosenblum today announced a \$975,000 settlement with the pharmaceutical company, Pfizer, for distributing misleading marketing materials and coupons to Oregon consumers. The coupons distributed by Pfizer were designed to help consumers afford copays or deductibles associated with brand-name drugs.

A large portion of the settlement, \$620,000, will go to support two local organizations, Project Access Now and Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, which both help uninsured and underinsured Oregonians afford health care. The remaining amount will help the Department of Justice fund future investigations and reimburse consumers who used the misleading coupons.

After a four-month investigation, the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) found that Pfizer distributed misleading marketing materials and coupons that stated that consumers would "pay no more than" a certain amount, such as \$15, \$20, \$25, at the pharmacy for four of Pfizer's drugs: Flector Patch, Estring, and Quillivant/Quillichew. But, in reality, many consumers had to pay significantly more. Oregon DOJ's investigation identified 371 Oregon customers who paid over \$40,000 in total over the amount promised by the coupon the first time a prescription was filled.

From the settlement, \$620,000 will fund two different grants for two Oregon nonprofits.

Portland Parks Foundation Hosts Series of March Events

Tickets for the series are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/green-dreams-seeding-portlands-next-parks-movement-tickets-56062751198>.

March 11

"State of the Union" featuring Portland Parks &

Recreation's new director Adena Long, Metro Council President Lynn Peterson, and Metro Parks and Nature Director Jonathan Blasher. This event takes place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/green-dreams-state-of-the-union-tickets-56074309770>;

March 18

"Albina Vision + I-5 Rose Quarter: A \$500-million Parks Opportunity," featuring Albina Vision leaders Rukaiyah Adams and Michael Alexander, Vanport Mosaic and others, takes place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/green-dreams-albina-vision-i-5rose-quarter-a-match-tickets-56080506304>;

March 25

"City of Gardens: What is the Portland We Want to Grow?" featuring community leaders and creative thinkers discussing the future of parks in Portland, takes place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/green-dreams-city-of-gardens-what-is-the-portland-we-want-to-grow-tickets-56080870393>.

Washington Senate Passes Bill to Reduce Plastics

On Tuesday, with a 31-14-4 vote, the Senate passed the Reusable Bag Bill, ESSB 5323, prohibiting single-use plastic basics at all stores to help reduce plastic pollution in Washington. Plastics are particularly harmful to marine environments and ingesting these materials can be fatal for marine animals. Plastics have been found in hundreds of marine species including 86% of all sea turtle species, 43% of all marine mammal species, and 44% of all seabird species.

The Reusable Bag Bill builds on 28 existing bag ordinances in Washington. On Monday, the Senate passed a bill, ESSB 5077, with a 27-21-1 vote requiring that straws be only offered on request.

King County Immigrant and Refugee-Focused Commission Appointed

Thirteen high-profile community leaders have been appointed to serve on a new commission focused on immigrants and refugees. Passed unanimously by the King County Council, the panelists are now tasked with developing recommendations for the county to better help address the needs of these oft underserved communities.

The appointment of the commission members is the culmination of a collaborative effort between the County Council and the County Executive to help King County's growing immigrant and refugee population. In 2015, the council approved the creation of the Immigrant and Refugee Task Force to develop recommendations on what steps the county needed to take to ensure that these new residents have the opportunity to successfully integrate.

One of the recommendations of the task force was the creation of a commission focused on the issues facing immigrant and refugee communities.