

Events & Announcements

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23

RUMMAGE SALE: The Aspire Project and the Cathedral Park Performing Arts Collective are hosting a rummage sale to benefit arts in the local community. Free, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Cathedral Park Performing Arts Collective, 8426 N Lombard St.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

STORYTIME FOR GROWNUPS: This month, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, Storytime features 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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

WOMEN OF RESISTANCE: Contributors Denise Frohman, Amanda Johnston, Ada Limón, Patricia Smith, Anastacia-Renée, and special guests celebrate the release of the New Feminism poetry collection, Women of Resistance. Starts at 6:30 p.m., Powell's City of Books, 1005 W Burnside.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

SEI LIBRARY GRAND REOPENING AND DEDICATION CEREMONY: Self Enhancement, INC. (SEI) unveils a permanent space dedicated to Mitchell S. Jackson. Jackson is an SEI alumnus, and award-winning author. Free, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., The Center For Self Enhancement, 3920 N Kerby Ave.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

GREAT LADIES OF JAZZ: Soulful. Sultry. Jazzy. Robbi Kumalo pays homage to many powerhouses like Simone, Makeba, Franklin, Fitzgerald, O'Day, Flack, and King with originals in between. Free (first come, first served), 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Multnomah County Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

FREE DAYS AT THE MUSEUM: The Portland Art Museum offers free Museum admission on the first Thursday of every month. Enjoy more than 112,000 square feet of galleries reflecting the history of art from ancient times to the present. Free, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Ave.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

OHSU FREE HEAD AND NECK CANCER SCREENING: This free community screening will determine your risk for skin, oral, thyroid, and neck cancer. There will also be information to help people prevent sun-related skin damage. Free, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., OHSU Center for Health & Healing, Lobby 3303 SW Bond Ave.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

PET WELLNESS FAIR: This joint Oregon Humane Society and Oregon State University presentation will explain ways pet owners can make their pets happy, healthy, and safe. Free, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Oregon Humane Society, 1067 NE Columbia Blvd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

PRICED OUT SCREENING: Join us for a screening and discussion of "Priced Out," a look at how skyrocketing housing prices are displacing Portland's Black community and reshaping the city. Free, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m., Multnomah County Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 21

REIMAGINING FREEWAYS IN A CONNECTED SEATTLE: HistoryLink and Friends of Waterfront Seattle are hosting a panel discussion examining the Seattle's freeway system and how its structures both connect human beings and disconnect us. Free (register online), 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Waterfront Space, 1400 Western Ave.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

POKE AND PINTS FOR PUBLIC LANDS: Features live music and \$1 from every Hellbent Brewing Pint and \$1 from the Big Boys Kainan and Food Truck Poke bowl will go to the cause. Trivia, raffles, a photo booth, and more. 21 and over only. Free, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Hellbent Brewing Company, 13035 Lake City Way NE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

FIRST CATURDAY: Bring your feline(s) to Cal Anderson Park for a little exercise, schmoozing, and maybe a little outdoor catnap. Free, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Cal Anderson Park, 1635 11th Ave.



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Idris Mosque Community Event

Idris Mosque member Hajjah Fatimah sits in the middle of people attending "Cup of Tea: Get to Know Your Muslim Neighbor" at the Idris Mosque in Northgate March 16. The event, which had already been scheduled before the attacks on mosques in New Zealand March 15, was a chance for members of the community to come inside a mosque and learn a little about Islam. More than 250 people attended the event to show their support and solidarity with the Muslim community in the wake of the violence in Christchurch.

Portland & Seattle News Briefs

Colson Whitehead to Receive Stone Award at Oregon State

American novelist and Pulitzer Prize-winner Colson Whitehead will visit Oregon State University April 1 to accept the 2019 Stone Award for Literary Achievement — created to honor American authors who have created critically acclaimed work and mentored younger writers — and read from his work.

The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. April in the LaSells Stewart Center, 875 SW 26th St., Corvallis. A book-signing will follow. The event is free but tickets are required; to reserve a spot, [click here](#).

Whitehead's 2016 novel, "The Underground Railroad," which won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, the Carnegie Medal for Fiction, the Heartland Prize, the Arthur C. Clarke Award and the Hurston/Wright Fiction Award.

His seventh book, "The Nickel Boys," will be published in July 2019. He also wrote the novels "Zone One," "Sag Harbor" and "John Henry Days;" "The Colossus of New York," a collection of essays; and "The Noble Hustle: Poker, Beef Jerky & Death," a non-fiction account of the 2011 World Series of Poker.

Whitehead's visit will coincide with the annual Association of Writers and Writing Programs conference, which will be held in Portland March 27-30 and is expected to draw more than 11,000 attendees. Whitehead will deliver the keynote address at the conference.

The \$20,000 Stone Award was established in 2011 by Patrick and Vicki Stone to spotlight OSU's Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program in the School of Writing, Literature and Film.

Joyce Carol Oates was the first honoree, in 2012; the second was Tobias Wolff, in 2014; and the third, Rita Dove, in 2016.

OHSU to Screen 'No Más Bebés' Documentary

On April 16, the OHSU Center for Women's Health and the OHSU Library will be screening the Emmy-nominated film No Más Bebés.

The documentary features a group of Mexican immigrant mothers who were sterilized while giving birth at Los Angeles County General Hospital in the 1960s and 1970s.

With the help of a 26-year-old Chicana lawyer, these mothers confronted these powerful institutions and would later sue the doctors involved, the United States government and the state.

A discussion will follow the film featuring speakers Michelle Berlin, M.D., M.P.H, Director, OHSU Center for Women's Health, Blair G. Darney, Ph.D., M.P.H,

Assistant Professor, OHSU School of Medicine and OHSU-PSU School of Public Health, and Yareli Cornejo-Torres, PSU public health major and Build Exito scholar.

The screening will begin at 6 p.m. at the Collaborative Life Sciences Building and Skourtes Tower located at 2730 SW Moody Ave.

Seattle Departments Partner to Hold Citizenship Clinics

The City of Seattle's Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) is partnering with Seattle Parks and Recreation to hold a series of monthly citizenship clinics to help immigrants and refugees become naturalized U.S. citizens.

The next clinic will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Meadowbrook Community Center, 10517 35th Ave. NE, Seattle beginning at 10 a.m. Another clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, June 29 at South Park Community Center, 8319 8th Ave. S, Seattle also beginning at 10 a.m.

The first clinic of the year was held in February at the Bitter Lake Community Center where 23 applicants completed their citizenship applications, the first significant step on the pathway to naturalization. OIRA is in the process of scheduling additional clinics at City of Seattle or community locations. See www.newcitizencampaign.org/get-help/events/ for the schedule to date.

These citizenship clinics continue to demonstrate the City's cross-departmental commitment to promoting citizenship for our vulnerable immigrant and refugee neighbors.

A citizenship clinic is a community event where volunteer attorneys, interpreters, and others assist eligible green card holders with completing their N-400 naturalization application through an organized step-by-step process.

The goal for these events is to serve 25-50 people. Attendees can also usually receive information about low-interest loans to pay for the naturalization application processing fee.

These events are also a key component to the nationally coordinated "Second Wall" campaign, strongly advocated for by Mayor Jenny A. Durkan and the Seattle City Council.

This "Second Wall" refers to the growing backlog of naturalization applications affecting green card holders in cities across the country.

According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) data, the processing delay as of January 2019 for Seattle-area citizenship applicants is 15 to 17 months.

Last July, Mayor Durkan was one of nearly 50 U.S. mayors and county executives who delivered a letter to USCIS Director Lee Francis Cissna demanding that the agency reduce the backlog of what was then over 753,000 citizenship applications and reduce the time it takes to process citizenship applications down to six months.