

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2019 Portland Metro

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

'LIVES WELL LIVED' FILM SCREENING: Vitality Physical Therapy is celebrating its one-year anniversary with a free viewing of "Lives Well Lived." A series of adults ranging from 75 to 100 years old, share their secrets to living a balanced and meaningful life in this Sky Bergman documentary. Free (register online), 12 p.m. – 2 p.m., Moreland Theater 6712 SE Milwaukie Ave.

EARTH DAY WORK PARTY: Pitch in this Earth Day during the Boise Eliot Native Grove community clean-up and celebration. The event will feature the unveiling of the Oak Meadow Bench, a new "Bee Hotel" and sculptures. Volunteers should bring their own work gloves to the event. Children are welcome with a parent or supervising adult. Free, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m, Boise Eliot Native Grove, 300 N Ivy St.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

ART OF LOVING OREGON - ANTHROPOCENE UNVEILING: The Oregon Environmental Council will be unveiling the Anthropocene, a Portland State University art project in celebration of Oregon's 1971 Bike Bill. Speakers include Congressman Earl Blumenauer and former Metro Council President and bicycle activist Rex Burkholder. Free (RSVP online), 2 p.m., PSU Campus: Millar Library Bike Garage, 979 SW Harrison Street.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

FRIENDS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY SPRING USED BOOK SALE: Thousands of donated books and other material including comics, sheet music, pamphlets, maps and audiovisual material will be available for purchase. Educators receive 50 percent off with a teacher's ID. A trivia contest and cash bar open at 6:00 p.m. Free, 9 a.m - 9 p.m., Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel Exhibit Hall, 1000 NE Multnomah St.

ATTRACTING POLLINATORS TO THE URBAN GARDEN WORKSHOP: East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting this event to help urban gardeners. The discussion will explain how to design a "plant palette" to attract a diverse group of pollinators including bees, flies, beetles, moths, butterflies and other creatures. Free (register online) 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Troutdale Police Station, 234 SW Kendall Ct, Troutdale.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

'CRASH COURSE' - THE PORTLAND AIR DISASTER THAT MADE HISTORY: In the winter of 1978, a DC8 passenger jet carrying 189 passengers ran out of fuel during flight and crashed in suburban Portland. Author Julie Whipple will discuss her book "Crash Course," detailing the events leading up to the crash the subsequent aftermath. Free (first come, first served), 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Avenue.

POLICE PEACE PDX FORUM & WORKSHOP: The forum, organized by Youth Educating Police, will feature a panel discussion with Chief Danielle Outlaw, Officer Rashida Saunders, and three local young entrepreneurs. The focus of the panel will be youth-police relations and what policies and community engagement efforts of the PPB should be both lauded and improved. RSVP at policepeacepdx.com. 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at First Unitarian Church, 1211 SW Main St.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

ZERO WASTE PDX MEET-UP: This community workshop will explain ways individuals can reduce their food waste and minimize their use of single-use kitchen items and packaging. This event will feature guest speaker Hawnuh Lee, Founder of Closed-Loop Cooking. Free, (register online), 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Cookshop, 2627 Southeast Clinton Street.

Seattle Metro

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

WORLD RHYTHM FESTIVAL 2019: Treat yourself to a day of performances and music from cultures across the globe. Free (Register online), 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Seattle Center Armory, 305 Harrison Street.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

SEATTLE JOURNALISM'S POSSIBLE FUTURES: The University of Washington Department of Communications will host a panel discussion featuring local innovators in the field of journalism including Anika Anand (The Evergrey), Jill Jackson (KUOW), Joy Resmovits (The Seattle Times) and others. Free, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Kane Hall (KNE) Room 126, 4069 Spokane Lane.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

PARIS TO PITTSBURGH FILM SCREENING: This documentary showcases how communities are tackling climate change locally. Join the discussion and learn more about what you can do to help. Co-director Sidney Beaumont will participate in a Q&A following the screening. Free (Register online), 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m., Peddler Brewing Company, 1514 Northwest Leary Way.



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Frederick Douglass Now

Actor Roger Guenveur Smith performed his one-man show "Frederick Douglass Now," to packed houses April 12-14 at Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute. The play quotes Frederick Douglass' words, with additional original material that Smith interweaves throughout the play to refer to what is happening in contemporary history. The play was originally scheduled to run Feb. 8-10 but a snow storm forced the Seattle Theatre Group, Mr. Smith and Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute to reschedule.

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State Senate Passes Youth Justice Reform Bill

A bill that would reform juvenile justice and reform mandatory minimum sentences for crimes committed by youth under the age of 18 passed 20-10 out of the Oregon Senate Tuesday. It now faces a vote before the state's House of Representatives.

Senate Bill 1008 merged four separately introduced criminal justice bills into one. If passed it would trigger additional review before transferring youth offenders from the Oregon Youth Authority to the Oregon Department of Corrections after they turn 18; would limit life sentences for offenders under the age of 18; and would curb mandatory adult sentencing of minors for certain offenses.

The majority of 'nay' votes came from Senate Republicans and the bill had strong Democratic support, but had some champions on the right side of the aisle: Sen. Jackie Winters (R-Salem), has been a vocal champion of the bill's reforms, and Sens. Dennis Linthicum (R-Grants Pass) and Dallas Heard (R-Roseburg) cast yes votes as well.

"How we treat our children is our hallmark," Winters said shortly before the Tuesday vote. "There should be an opportunity for those to have that chance to better their lives. They should have the opportunity to grow and become better members of society."

Senate majority leader Peter Courtney gave emotional testimony before the vote, saying that when he was young, he was involved in "some things that could have been a Measure 11 [offense]," but was given a second chance by adults who believed in him and told him their expectations were high.

"There's something about the criminal justice system and people that choose to commit wrongs that really fascinates me. And I finally realized what it was: you're just like 'em, Peter," Courtney said.

Sen. Alan Olsen (R-Canby) expressed concern that the will of the voters, who passed Measure 11 in 1994 with 66 percent of the vote, was being overturned. Sen. Floyd Prozanski (D-Eugene) countered that by pointing out that Measure 17, passed by Oregon voters the same year, authorizes the legislature to amend bills passed by voter referendum with a two-thirds majority of the vote.

Multnomah County Elections Assists Disabled Voters, Those Who Need Help in Their Preferred Language

Elections Voter Assistance Teams can help voters in their homes, at the facility they live in, or at an elections service location in SE Portland or Gresham.

Voters with disabilities can request help with voting from a friend, family member or someone else they know.

If needed, voters can also call and request voting and elections-related help from Multnomah County Elections free of charge.

Legally, employers or union representatives cannot provide assistance. Voters with limited English proficiency can also request assistance. The Elections Division can provide an interpreter, free of charge to anyone who needs help in voting or elections processes in a language other than English. Telephone interpretation is available in any language.

Voters needing assistance can go online, call, email, or visit a Multnomah County Elections location for help with any part of the voting process including signing up to vote, marking or reading the ballot, updating voter registration information, understanding elections rules and steps in voting, or any other elections-related help. The voter registration deadline for the May 21 Special District Election is April 30.

All eligible voters in Multnomah County will receive a ballot in the first week of May. Oregon voters can register online or fill out a paper Oregon Voter Registration Card available from the elections office, public library, Oregon DMV, or post office. Voters who will be away from home on election day should contact the elections office to request an absentee ballot as soon as possible.

Multnomah County Elections will open the Voting Center Express in Gresham for this election. The Voting Center Express will be open May 6 - 21, located 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 in downtown Gresham.

For additional information about the upcoming election visit <https://multco.us/elections>.

Doug Baldwin to Keynote National Black Police Association Conference

The Black Law Enforcement Association of Washington is hosting the annual conference of the Western National Black Police Association, which takes place April 17-19 at Double Tree Suites, 16500 Southcenter ParkWay, Tukwila, Wa.

In-person registration for the conference is available beginning 8 a.m. Thursday morning.

The conference will include presentations on I-940, which passed in November with more than 71 percent of King County voters approving, and a statewide approval of 59.6 percent.

I-940 requires statewide training on violence de-escalation and mental health and requires independent investigations of police use of deadly force.