

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2019

Portland Metro

THURSDAY, MAY 9

CONVERSATION PROJECT - CREATING EQUITABLE SPACES: Educator Gabe Sheoships will discuss will lead this community discussion and focus on the crucial relationship between human beings and nature, and ways we can create inclusive, equitable spaces within Oregon's natural areas. Free, 6 - 7 p.m., 3117 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

MAMAS DAY 2019 – POWER & FLOWERS: Join Forward Together for the third annual Mamas Day event celebrating all mothers regardless of their sexual orientation, gender, income, race, or immigration status. Food, beverages and childcare will be provided. Free (RSVP at <https://forwardtogether.org/mamasday/events>), 6- 8 p.m., Disjecta, 8371 N Interstate Ave.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

JIM PEPPER'S CREATIVE LEGACY: The Oregon Historical Society (OHS) will host an event to honor the music of Oregonian saxophonist Jim Pepper with a free preview of the upcoming Portland Jazz Composers Ensemble concert, Water Spirit. The event includes performances from 2 8 Tha Native, Gordon Lee, and Rick Mitchell. Free, 12 – 1 p.m, OHS, 1200 SW Park Ave.

CASCADIA HEALTH YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING: This training event will teach adults who work with or interact with youth regularly how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. \$20 (lunch provided), 8:30 A.M. – 5 p.m., Garlington Health Center, 3036 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

THE IMMIGRANT STORY EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION: 'Who We Are' is a visual narrative intended to honor those affected by the 2017 Portland MAX train violence. The Immigrant Story documented the experiences of six Muslim women who wore hijabs following the MAX train attacks. 'What We Carried: Fragments and Memories from Iraq and Syria' created by photographer Jim Lommasson focuses on objects to tell the stories of refugees fleeing the Iraq and Syria. Free (First come, first served.), 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Collins Library, 801 SW 10th Avenue.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

'THE EVOLVE EXPERIENCE' WORLD PREMIERE: The August Wilson Red Door Project presents the premiere of the 'The Evolve Experience' featuring monologues from the 'Hands Up: 7 Playwrights, 7 Testaments' and 'Cop Out: Beyond Black, White & Blue.' Racial profiling is analyzed, including unique perspectives from members of law enforcement and community members. Pay-What-You-Can (suggested donation: \$20), 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N Interstate Ave.

JUNIOR PARADE FLOAT DESIGN WORKSHOP: Kids and families are encouraged to bring bicycles, tricycles, wagons, scooters, boxes etc. to modify and festoon for the upcoming Rose Festival Junior Parade. Decorations will be provided and parking is free. Free, 1 – 3 p.m., NW 9th and Johnson (Old Post Office site).

SUNDAY, MAY 19

SIRENS ON BROADWAY BENEFIT CONCERT: The local vocal quartet, The Sirens, are performing a community concert and all donations will benefit the Oregon Food Bank. Songs range from Broadway classics to less familiar tunes. Free, 3 - 5 p.m., Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda.

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SUNDAY, MAY 12

TOGETHER AND FREE FOR MOTHER'S DAY - FAIR FIGHT BOND FUND FUNDRAISER: Learn about the US immigration system, hear testimonials and raise a glass to help support immigrant families. The Fair Fight Bond Fund supports immigrants at the NW Detention Center who are unable to pay their bond. Free, 5 - 8 p.m., Optimism Brewing Company, 1158 Broadway.

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019

CLIMATE SCIENCE ON TAP: Join Cascadia Climate Action at Royal Room to learn how citizens can impact climate policy. Guest speaker Andrea Rodgers, an attorney with Our Children's Trust, will detail her experience in the pending Juliana v. U.S case. Free (RSVP online), 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.(Doors at 6), The Royal Room, 5000 Rainier Ave S.

FRIDAY, MAY 24 – MONDAY, MAY 27

NORTHWEST FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL: For more than 40 years, Northwest Folklife Festival has showcased the cultural diversity of the Pacific Northwest. This year, the multi-day event includes more than 7,000 performers, hundreds of vendors, workshops, food and more. Suggested donation: \$10 per person/\$20 per family 11 a.m. – 10 p.m., Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St.



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PCRI Lounge Gala

Two new homebuyers will soon be moving into their new homes due to PCRI's homeownership program. Pictured here are Dominique Shelton, a long-term PCRI resident and participant in its homeownership program, and Stephen Watkins. Watkins' dream of homeownership fell short as his family experienced predatory lending. Both will soon move into affordable, energy-efficient homes funded by PCRI and constructed by local minority contractor, Dennis Harris of Albina Construction.

Portland & Seattle News Briefs

Larnell Bruce, Sr., Wins Ticket to Blazers Playoff Game

Last Saturday Portland rapper Swiggle Mandela decided to raffle off a ticket to Game 4 of the NBA Playoffs during a show at his store, Shop La Familia & Co-op on North Lombard.

Originally, the plan was for the winner to accompany Mandela to the game, which took place May 5 at Moda Center and which saw the Portland Trail Blazers face off against the Denver Nuggets. But the winning ticket went to Larnell Bruce, Sr., whose son, Larnell Bruce, Jr., was killed by a White supremacist in 2016 in Gresham. Russell Courtier, the man who killed him, was convicted of murder in March and sentenced in April to life in prison.

“When Larnell won, I gave up my seat so that him and his wife could go together,” Mandela told The Skanner. He said Bruce was at the shop to see his nephew perform.

“For myself as an artist it just feels good to be able to touch the community as a whole, even outside of Portland – and then connect with other powerful people as well,” Mandela said.

The Trail Blazers lost that game 116-112, and after another loss Tuesday, the team trails Denver 3-2 in the best-of-seven series. The Blazers face the Nuggets again Thursday night at Moda Center.

Central Library to Host ‘The Immigrant Story’ Exhibits Beginning May 11

Central Library will host a reception at 2:30 p.m. on May 11 to mark the beginning of the exhibits Who We Are and What We Carried in the Collins Gallery.

The launch of the exhibit coincides with the two-year anniversary of the 2017 MAX tragedy and offers a platform for underrepresented immigrant and refugee voices in the community.

The featured exhibits will run through June 22 in the Collins Gallery located on the third floor of the Central Library. The opening reception will also feature talks from Jim Lommasson, The Immigrant Story founder and publisher Sankar Raman and Mariamou Abdoulaye.

Who We Are: “A Portrait Honoring Muslim Women in Our Community” explores the emotions of Muslim women in the aftermath of the violence that took place aboard a Portland MAX train on May 26, 2017. The six stories featured in this exhibit were documented by The Immigrant Story in 2017 and 2018. The first story was documented on June 29, 2017, just one month after the MAX incident. Each story is accom-

panied by a photo of the subject — with the women all wearing the traditional hijab.

What We Carried: “Fragments and Memories from Iraq and Syria” by award-winning photographer Jim Lommasson tells the stories of refugees fleeing the Iraq and Syrian wars. Lommasson photographed the objects the refugees brought with them to the United States — family snapshots, an archaeology book, heirloom china dishes, the Quran — on a white background and asked the owners to write directly on the open spaces left in the prints in order to elaborate upon each object’s significance. The resulting images are as beautiful as they are heartbreaking, providing viewers with only a small glimpse of what each person has lost.

Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare Provides Mental Health First Aid Fridays in May

Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare is offering Mental Health First Aid trainings to the Portland community during May for Mental Health Awareness Month.

The daylong course teaches attendees how to identify the signs of mental illness and substance use disorders in adults, provide initial support to those who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem, and connect them with resources or appropriate care. Separate trainings are offered for adults who interact with youth ages 12 to 18.

Cascadia’s first Adult Mental Health First Aid trainings was held May 3. An additional training will be held May 17; Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings are Friday, May 10 and Friday, May 31. All trainings are held at Garlington Health Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each session costs \$20, with lunch provided.

The training is nonclinical and no previous experience in the mental health field is required. To register or for more information, visit <https://www.cascadia-bhc.org/community-events/>

Measles Case Confirmed in Traveler to King County

A Canadian resident from British Columbia who traveled to Seattle in late April 2019 has been diagnosed with measles. The traveler, a man in his 40s, has since recovered from his illness.

Prior to arriving in Seattle, he spent time in Japan and New York during the period that he was infected, two places that currently have measles outbreaks. This case has no connection to the recently-ended measles outbreak based in Clark County, Washington state.

While he was infectious with measles, he spent time in Seattle at several locations, including popular tourist attractions and Sea-Tac Airport. Anyone who does not have immunity to measles through vaccination or from previously having measles is at risk for infection if they were at a location of measles exposure.