

Events & Announcements



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Project Pilgrimage

A panel discussion with director Andrew Elizaga, Jessica Howard, Rev. Gregory Staten, Pastor Patrinnell "Pat" Staten Wright, Robert Stephens, producer and co-director Tia Young, and Project Pilgrimage Executive Director Felicia Ishino followed the screening of the film Patrinnell: The Total Experience!, Sept. 18 at McCaw Hall. The film which was presented by Project Pilgrimage and Seattle Center chronicles the history of Seattle's Total Experience Gospel Choir and its acclaimed director Pat Wright through the 45 years she led the choir.

Portland & Seattle News Briefs

Grocery Worker Union Calls for Fred Meyer Boycott

SALEM (AP) — A local union representing grocery workers from across Oregon and southwest Washington has called for a boycott of Fred Meyer stores and departments in the region.

Union officials say the move comes after recent alleged harassment of unionized employees.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 is in contract negotiations with some of the region's biggest supermarkets, including Fred Meyer, Albertsons and Safeway. The contract termination freed up the union to call for a boycott starting Sunday.

Kelley McAllister, with UFCW Local 555, said the union was targeting Fred Meyer due to recent allegations that managers at the stores had called unionized employees into their offices and berated them.

In a statement, Fred Meyer said recent allegations that painted the company as "an unfair or uncaring employer" were an "unfortunate misrepresentation of the reality for our great associates."

Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation of Oregon to Host Dinner Sept. 28

The Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation of Oregon will host a dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 28 the Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 4566 NE 87th Avenue. Tickets are \$20 and clients come free of charge. Donations are welcome and volunteers are needed.

This year's dinner will feature Beverly Francis-Gibson, President and CEO of Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., coming to Oregon to show the sickle cell community that those in Washington Area headquarters care about them and are fighting to improve the quality of life for them just as we are.

For more information, visit www.sicklecellportland.org or contact marcia@sicklecellportland.org.

Multnomah County to Hold Special Election Nov. 5

The next election in Multnomah County is a local special election to be held Nov. 5. There are local ballot measures on the ballot and there will be no candidate races. Only eligible voters that live within the boundaries of the local districts holding elections will receive a ballot. The districts on the ballot are the City of Portland, City of Troutdale, Metro, Portland Public School District and Sauvie Island Fire District.

October 15 is the voter registration deadline for the November 5 Special Election. Oregon voters can reg-

ister online at www.oregonvotes.gov/register or fill out a paper Oregon Voter Registration Card available at the elections office, public library, Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, or post office.

For more information visit the Multnomah County Elections main office (Multnomah County Dun- iway-Lovejoy Elections Building, 1040 SE Morrison Street), the Voting Center Express in Gresham (Multnomah County East Building, 600 NE 8th Street, Gresham) or call 503-988-VOTE, Email: elections@multco.us, www.mcelections.org.

Durkan Announces \$25 Million to Advance New Affordable Housing Across Seattle Using Existing Revenues

Seattle Mayor Jenny A. Durkan today announced \$25 million in new funds available for affordable housing investments for the City of Seattle by using existing revenues from the Real Estate Excise Taxes (REET) II.

This step allows the City to take advantage of a change made during the 2019 state legislative session that gives cities the flexibility to use REET II funds for capital investments to build new affordable housing without new taxes.

Recognizing the need to address housing affordability, the Washington State legislature passed EHB 1219, to help provide cities and counties with the flexibility to use REET II to invest in solutions that keep people in stable homes and ensure affordable housing in every community throughout the state.

Building on the \$45 million available through the Housing Levy and Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA), the \$25 million will be added to the Office of Housing's (OH) 2019 Notice of Funding Availability, the annual competitive process that awards funds for affordable housing development in December of each year. Instead of waiting to use the resources in December 2020, Mayor Durkan is proposing the use the addition of REET II funds plus the Local Option Housing bill in December 2019, which will mean approximately \$90 million will be awarded for capital this year to create affordable homes, addressing the critical need for housing for people experiencing homelessness, low-wage workers, and families in Seattle. City funds for capital will be leveraged with county, state and federal resources, magnifying the impact of local funds.

The Local Option Housing bill also provide ongoing operating and maintenance support of new permanent supportive housing units.

In addition, as part of her Housing Seattle Now initiative, Mayor Durkan is proposing more than \$78.2 million in new housing and anti-displacement investments in the 2020 budget, which will be funded as part of her proposal to sell the under-utilized city-owned Mercer Mega Block properties.

Community Calendar 2019

Portland Metro

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

PERSPECTIVES ON QATAR: A PANEL DISCUSSION: WorldOregon will host a discussion on politics, culture, and education in Qatar and the road ahead from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at WorldOregon, 1207 SW Broadway, Suite 300. To buy tickets, visit <https://cutt.ly/twGthRy>.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27-28

FLORENCE FESTIVAL OF BOOKS: About 75 authors and 10 publishers are expected at the Festival of Books. All events will be held at Florence Event Center, 715 Quince. Award-winning author Bob Welch will deliver the keynote Friday night and the book fair will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, check FFOB website at www.florencefestivalofbooks.org.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

SICKLE CELL ANEMIA FOUNDATION OF OREGON DINNER: The Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation of Oregon will host a dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 28 the Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 4566 NE 87th Avenue. Tickets are \$20 and clients come free of charge. Donations are welcome and volunteers are needed. For more information, visit www.sicklecellportland.org.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

JENNY BROWN READING AT BROADWAY BOOKS: Author, teacher, and activist Jenny Brown will talk with Portland author Leni Zumas about her book, "Birth Strike: The Hidden Fight over Women's Work," at 7 p.m. at Broadway Books, 1714 NE Broadway. This event is free, but a portion of the proceeds of this day's sales will be donated to Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR: As Vancouver embarks on an update to the 15-year-old Transportation System Plan, learn about how the City is striving to transform the existing transportation system through more collaborative programs and more efficient measures. Free and open to the public, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Karl Miller Center at PSU, 615 SW Harrison St., Room 465.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

TUALITIN HILLS NATIVE PLANT SALE: The Tualatin Hills Nature Center will host the Fall Native Plant Sale on from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8-9

PROTECTING YOUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: Miller Nash Graham & Dunn will host two complimentary roundtable discussions about protecting your trademarks, copyrights, patents, and trade secrets. Oct. 8, 7:45- 9:30 a.m., 500 Broadway Street, Suite 400, Vancouver Oct. 9, 7:45-9:30 a.m. Oct. 9, 111 S.W. Fifth Avenue, 34th Floor.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

LES AUCOIN READS AT BROADWAY BOOKS: Former US Congressman Les AuCoin will read from his memoir, "Catch and Release: An Oregon Life in Politics" at 7 p.m. at Broadway Books, 1714 NE Broadway.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

SHORT FILM SCREENING: Award-winning filmmaker Ifanyi Bell will show two short films addressing the impact of Portland's ever-changing landscape on Black residents 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Portland Baha'i Center, 8720 N. Ivanhoe Street, in St. Johns. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Free, light refreshments afterward.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

LIVE MUSIC IN THE PARK: Downtown Seattle Association presents live music in the park! Come join other families at Occidental Square for a few hours of relaxing (and danceable!) entertainment. Free and all ages are welcome from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Occidental Square, Pioneer Square

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

SEATTLE CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL: The first ever Seattle Children's Book Festival will feature 49 award-winning children's book authors and illustrators under one roof. Meet your fave authors and illustrators, purchase signed books, activities and crafts and presentations throughout the day. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Greenwood Elementary, 144 NW 80th St.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

FREE ROBOTICS LESSON: Free trial lesson for kids in grades 1-8 (we'll divide kids into groups based on their grade). Session focus: robotics, getting familiar with programming robots. Register at <https://itstep.us>. Event is 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at STEP Computer Academy, 13208 NE 20th St #100, Bellevue.