

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2021

Portland, Seattle & Virtual

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 12 – 12:30 PM

VIRTUAL CHANGING DESTINIES LUNCHEON: De La Salle North Catholic High School invites you to join them at their luncheon fundraiser. LEARN how DLSNC is Changing Lives. DISCOVER how you can Change Destinies GIVE to Financial Aid to Support our students. Register online at www.delasallenorth.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 5:30 – 7 PM

RACIAL EQUITY SUBCOMMITTEE: Attend PCCEP's Racial Equity Subcommittee April Public Meeting. Join via Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87869534669>

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 3-6 PM

DO SOMETHING FOR EARTH DAY- Stop by Alberta Co-op and learn how to support and get involved with Grow Portland, Community Cycling Center, and other local organizations who are working hard for environmental justice and education. Everyone that donates or signs up to volunteer will get a 10% off Alberta Co-op bulk foods coupon. You will also receive a free raffle ticket for a chance to win a basket full of cool eco-friendly merch. Event Location: 1500 NE Alberta St, Portland, OR 97211

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 7 PM

A SLOUGH CELEBRATION: DIY HOUSE PARTY: A virtual party, where individuals will have the chance to customize their party experience by ordering food and drink to be delivered to their doorstep and listen to music from two Portland-based bands. All proceeds go right to helping to protect and enhance the Columbia Slough through equity-led community engagement, education, and restoration. Tickets on sale at www.ColumbiaSlough.org/DIYhouseparty.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 7 PM

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE: A virtual comedy show presented by KevOnStage and African Pride. This unique volume features comedian KevOnStage and his hilarious friends in a live socially distanced stand-up comedy event. Be sure to register to get your ticket and your complimentary product sample with registration (while supplies last) at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keep-your-distance-ladies-night-presented-by-african-pride-tickets-150957169959?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

SUNDAY APRIL 25, 3 – 5 PM

DAPPER STREET'S DOPE JAZZ: Streaming online from The Band Cave, it is the Dope Jazz Series featuring Charlotte's finest musicians playing tribute to the jazz greats. Register here to attend this free event! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dope-jazz-music-series-tickets-137435801181>

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1 – 5 PM

VIRTUAL IMMIGRATION CLINIC: Come to this online event to gain help from Florida certified immigration attorneys Pro Bono. We will help and try to answer all questions and provide the help needed. Fill out this form if you plan to join! <https://bit.ly/39NCzVf>

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 3:45 – 6 PM

WHITE RAGE: Historian Carol Anderson wrote a remarkable op-ed in the Washington Post showing that what the media and commentators described as 'black rage,' was, instead, 'white rage' at work. With so much attention on the flames,' she writes, 'everyone had ignored the kindling.'" Please purchase and read/listen to "White Rage" by Carol Anderson before our virtual meeting. <https://bit.ly/31PdSDt>

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 5:30 – 7:00PM

#VIRTUALANDIA! 2021: YOUTH POETRY SLAM CHAMPIONSHIP: students from Portland metro area high schools take part in a dynamic virtual slam poetry competition. Ten poets will advance to our April 29, 2021, grand slam championship event. During the grand slam, these ten students will have their poems professionally recorded, aired, and scored by five judges in the typical Verselandia! tradition, identifying a top five and our next Grand Slam Champion. Visit <https://bit.ly/3dAN9jE> to learn more!

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 4 PM

REPORT CARD ON PRESIDENT BIDEN: President Biden said he would have our "Back." On the eve of his first 100 days, a panel of Black America's leading Scholars, Analysts and Activists will Grade his performance so far. To stay up to date, check out IBW21.org and @IBW21ST across all social media platforms.

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 9 – 11:30 AM

ATTRACTING PLLINATORS TO THE URBAN GARDEN: Gardens are

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Prosper Portland Responds to Verdict with Art

Prosper Portland stands in strong support of yesterday's verdict in Minneapolis. While the ruling delivers a measure of accountability, we must continue to work together to combat white supremacy and racism. George Floyd's murder remains a tragedy. We honor the Floyd family in our hearts.

Portland News Briefs

BPA selects Suzanne Cooper as Senior VP of Power Services



The Bonneville Power Administration has selected Suzanne Cooper to be its senior vice president of Power Services. Cooper has served as BPA's vice president of Bulk Marketing within its Power business line since 2011. Cooper begins her new position April 25.

Cooper will replace Joel Cook, who is taking on a new role as BPA's chief operating officer.

"Suzanne has been a pillar of our power management team for 17 years," said BPA Administrator and CEO John Hairston. "Her creativity, market expertise and leadership will help us adeptly navigate the evolving energy landscape."

As senior vice president of Power Services, Cooper will be responsible for BPA's power scheduling functions, energy efficiency, generation asset management, power contracts and rates, power purchases and acquisitions, as well as business relationships with 142 retail utility customers.

"I'm honored to lead the Power Services organization at this dynamic time in the energy industry and look forward to engaging with the Power team as we position BPA to continue to serve as the long-term provider of choice for our customers," said Cooper. "We are stewards of an incredible natural resource. Working closely with BPA's utility customers, federal, state and local partners, tribal leaders and stakeholders, we will ensure the federal power system continues to meet a diverse set of regional needs."

A life-long Oregonian, Cooper holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

Housing Options Study and Action Plan Advisory Group to Hold Fourth Meeting on April 27

The Housing Options Study and Action Plan project's purpose is to identify housing challenges within the unincorporated Vancouver Urban Growth Area and opportunities to encourage development of housing that is affordable to a variety of household incomes through the removal of regulatory barriers and/or implementation of other strategies.

The group's fourth meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 27 via Zoom. The meeting is open to the public and will be recorded.

For information on how to join and participate in the meeting, please visit <https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/housing-project-advisory-group>.

At the meeting, the consultant team will present a

development feasibility analysis of different housing types to assist the advisory group on the decision-making processes of private sector developers.

Increased In-Person Learning Days Beginning May 3 in Vancouver

VPS plans to offer students more in-person learning days beginning May 3, with the goal of serving the maximum number of students within space constraints and safety guidelines. The VPS school board reviewed these plans at its April 20 workshop. Schools will share additional details with families.

Preschool: Early Childhood Special Education and Inclusion Preschool students will attend school in person on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays. Students in the preschool at King Elementary will continue in-person instruction on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Preschool start and end times will remain the same.

Kindergarten: Students will attend school in person on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays will remain a remote learning day for all students. In-person days will continue on the current schedule.

Grades 4-6 and 9: Students will attend school in person on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays will remain a remote learning day for all students. In-person days will continue on the current schedules.

Grades 7-8 and 10-12: Most students in these grades will remain in the current hybrid model of two in-person days per week.

Oregon Reports Highest Daily COVID-19 Case Total in 3 Months

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Oregon health officials reported 989 new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday — the state's highest daily case count since mid-January.

The spike follows Oregon's fourth consecutive week of surging daily cases and increasing hospitalizations. According to most recent data from the state health authority, last week there was a 27% increase in cases. The state's positivity rate is 5.3%.

Since the start of the pandemic, Oregon officials have recorded 177,134 COVID-19 cases. The state's death toll is 2,466.

More than 1 million people in Oregon, or about one-fourth of the state's population, have been fully vaccinated. On Monday, anyone 16 or older became eligible for the shots.

Although eligibility has opened up, health officials continue to warn that the virus, including variants, continues to spread through communities, senior living centers, workplaces, homes and even the state Capitol building. On Tuesday, officials canceled floor sessions for the rest of the week in the Oregon House

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