

Events & Announcements



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New Citizens Take Oath in Seattle

US Army member Jean Haegore Douyon, from Haiti waves at the crowd after his country of origin was announced during the call of Candidates Countries at the Naturalization Ceremony July 4 at Seattle Center. Nearly 300 people from 74 countries took the oath of citizenship at the 37th annual ceremony.

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that low-income tenants struggle to manage without this support.”

Low-income tenants facing eviction in Portland can call 888-585-9368 or email evictiondefense@oregon-lawcenter.org for free legal help from the Eviction Legal Defense Program. Tenants should call as soon as they receive a Notice of Termination to help prevent an eviction from being filed against them. For more information, visit <https://www.portland.gov/phb/rental-services/eviction-help-renters/eviction-legal-support-tenants>

Help BIPOC-founded Tech Firms Grow and Scale

Prosper Portland is seeking a service provider to support Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC)-founded tech firms in navigating access to customers and/or capital to better scale their businesses.

At the direction of Mayor Ted Wheeler, Prosper Portland and the City of Portland’s Office of Community Technology convened a working group of BIPOC leaders in the technology industry and leaders of community-based organizations, which has worked together since the spring of 2020. The group identified tactical ways to support the technology ecosystem for BIPOC community members, one of which is helping tech industry founders with sales and access to capital.

Deadline is Friday, July 29. Submit Proposals through Prosper Portland’s portal at <https://bidlocker.us/a/prosperportland/BidLocker>.

OHA Releases COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Report

Oregon Health Authority’s most recent update on COVID-19 breakthrough cases, released today, reported 45,843 cases of infection during the month of June.

Of those cases, 19,923, or 43.5%, were unvaccinated people, and 25,907, or 56.5%, were vaccine breakthrough cases. Among the breakthrough cases, 10,644, or 41.1%, were fully vaccinated and boosted.

To date, there have been 259,450 COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough cases in Oregon. Of those cases, 78,313, or 30.2%, were fully vaccinated and boosted at the time of infection.

To date, 2.6% of all vaccine breakthrough cases have been hospitalized, and 0.6% have died. The median age of vaccinated people who died is 80.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at protecting people from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized and dying. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a COVID-19 primary series vaccines for everyone ages 6 months and older, and COVID-19 boosters for everyone ages 5 years and older, if eligible.

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UTC Approves Auto-enrollment for Northwest Natural COVID-19 Customer Assistance Program

Eligible customers to automatically receive up to \$2,500 toward overdue bills

LACEY, Wash. – On June 30 state regulators approved a change to Northwest Natural’s existing COVID-19 Assistance Program (CAP), allowing the utility to auto-enroll qualifying low-income customers who have not yet applied for energy assistance.

The change will streamline the grant awarding process, allowing the company to auto-distribute the remaining balance of its CAP fund that would otherwise expire on Sept. 30, totaling approximately \$500,000. Prior to this change, the company could only auto-enroll customers if those customers previously applied for assistance since 2019 and have past-due energy bills. Now, the company will auto-enroll eligible customers who have not previously applied.

Customers are eligible if they earn up to 200% of the federal poverty level, which for 2022 is set at \$13,590 per year for an individual and \$18,310 per year for a married couple. The company has estimated that with this change it will be able to distribute funds to approximately 400 customers to help cover their existing overdue bill amounts up to the \$2,500 annual household funding cap.

Northwest Natural also plans to continue assessing customer eligibility to automatically distribute remaining funds until the balance is exhausted or expires.

Executive Constantine Signs Order to Prevent King County Executive Branch Resources Being Used in Abortion-Related Investigations

King County Executive Dow Constantine announced and signed today an executive order prohibiting the use of County executive branch resources from being used in the investigation of any out-of-state abortion-related prosecutions.

This action follows the allocation of \$1 million in emergency funding that was announced after the Supreme Court’s ruling was issued, which included \$500,000 for Public Health – Seattle & King County. Executive Constantine transmitted a request to the King County Council that the remaining \$500,000 be allocated to Northwest Abortion Access Fund. Councilmembers Balducci, Kohl-Welles, Perry, and Zahilay cosponsored the ordinance, which was approved earlier today on an 8 – 1 vote.

“The Supreme Court’s recent decision to strike down half a century of precedent and protection

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 4:30 PM

MAVERICK CITY: Volunteers needed to help Food for the Hungry at a Maverick City show! Register here more info on volunteer opportunities! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/maverick-city-food-for-the-hungry-volunteers-portland-or-tickets-324442104067>

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 6 – 9 PM

FEMME-FOCUSED CONSTRUCTION NIGHT: Learn the safe way to use the most common household power tools and a few more for the adventurous types. Practice by building a bird house. 3029 SE 82nd Ave.

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 7 PM

ALL’S WELL THAT ENDS WELL: a free Shakespeare performance at Irving Park. 707 NE Fremont St.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 7 PM

TWO GENTLEMAN OF VERONA: a free Shakespeare performance at Irving Park. 707 NE Fremont St.

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 7 PM

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF RICHARD II: a free Shakespeare performance at Irving Park. 707 NE Fremont St.

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SATURDAY, JULY 16, 5 – 11:59 PM

MOSE AUTO GARAGE PARTY: Come to the Mose Auto garage for live music, DJs and dancing! All to raise funds for non-profits in housing, immigrant + LGBTQIA rights! 719 S Myrtle St

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 11:30 AM – 2 PM

SEATTLE JOB FAIR: Are you looking for a New Career in Seattle? Now you can Meet & Conduct One-on-One Chat, Instant and Scheduled Video Interviews with Local and Nationally Known Employers at The Seattle Job Fair - Virtual Career Fair - All Positions. Register for this virtual fair here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seattle-job-fair-seattle-career-fair-tickets-193066245337>

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 6 PM

BILINGUAL YOGA (SPANISH & ENGLISH): Disfrute 60 minutos de yoga bilingüe. Enjoy 60 minute bilingual yoga classes. 1951 Alaskan Way.

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 10 AM – 12 PM

SECRETS OF SEATTLE’S HISTORIC SHORELINE WALKING TOUR: Join geology writer David B. Williams on a walking tour exploring how the Seattle shoreline has shifted across time. 2101 Alaskan Way.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 10 AM – 8 PM

SUMMERFEST: Join Kitsap Bazaar at the Fairgrounds as we bring you Summerfest 2022! Over 100 vendors, food, music, and a beer garden! 1274 NW Fairgrounds Road NW.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 3 – 5 PM

VILLAGE WORKSHOPWITH ADEFUA: Drum, dance, and history: enjoy a family-friendly workshop of cultural arts and fitness with ADEFUA Cultural Education Workshop. 1951 Alaskan Way.

under Roe v. Wade will undermine the health and wellbeing of millions of American women, girls, and those who are biologically able to become pregnant, as abortion moves from a safe, legal medical procedure, to illegal and underground in dozens of states,” said Executive Constantine. “By preventing the use of King County resources in the prosecution of those who are pregnant and fleeing other states in search of safe abortion, we not only recognize this critical element of health care, but also send a message that we will not allow these backward, dangerous, and spiteful policies to further degrade people’s privacy and liberty.”

“In the long term, we will have to fight a long and uphill battle to re-secure abortion rights for all Americans. In the short term, we need to support women whose rights, lives, and decisions have been abruptly upended by the Supreme Court’s onerous decision. That’s what we did today,” said King County Council Chair Claudia Balducci. “I am not backing down from this battle—personally and professionally, I will continue to do everything I can to make sure women have the right to determine the course of their own lives, including if and when to have children.”