

Events & Announcements



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Brazil Fest Celebrated

Brazil Fest celebrated 25 years of exposing the Seattle community to Brazilian art and traditions, August 21 at Seattle Center. The annual event is part of Seattle Center’s Festál Series and included traditional dance, music, costumes and food.

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‘Wake of Vanport’ to Be Screened August 28

Register for this free event to be held at Open Signal in Northeast Portland. Survivors and relatives of survivors of Vanport are especially encouraged to attend.

The community is invited for a free screening and presentation on Sunday, August 28 the Open Signal studios. The Skanner Foundation presents “The Wake of Vanport,” a series of short documentary films about the city of Vanport, a housing development created for Kaiser shipyard workers at the onset of World War II. The development — which included schools, community centers and day cares — housed the first large influx of African Americans to the Portland area, and was at one time Oregon’s second largest city.

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Visit <https://www.theskanner.com/news/northwest/33543-wake-of-vanport-to-be-screened-august-28> to register.

State Ombuds For Oregon Workers Retiring After 44 Years of Public Service

Jennifer Flood, the State of Oregon’s Ombuds for Oregon Workers, is retiring after 44 years of public service, nearly all of it with the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS).

Flood, who has been the ombuds since August 2005, is retiring Dec. 31, 2022.

When she started with the office – serving as an independent advocate for injured workers in the workers’ compensation system – it was known as the Office of the Ombudsman for Injured Workers. In January 2022, the office changed its name to the Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers and expanded its role to also help workers protect their rights under Oregon OSHA’s laws and rules. The Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers is an independent office that is part of DCBS.

“I have truly enjoyed helping workers and their families to better understand their rights,” Flood said. “Also, my team has been wonderful all these years. I am proud that we have built a team that delivers excellent customer service, active listening, empathy, advocacy, and accurate information to workers and their families.”

The department is currently hiring for Flood’s replacement. The job announcement is available in Workday and closes Oct. 3.

More information about the Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers can be found on <https://www.oregon.gov>.

[gov/dcbs/OOW/Pages/index.aspx](https://www.dcsb.org/dcbs/OOW/Pages/index.aspx).

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Women’s Rights Day Event

“Fighting for Our Lives: An Action Conference on Reproductive Justice.” A national interactive Zoom event for activists and grassroots advocates to strategize on strengthening the movement to regain women’s and pregnant people’s rights to control their own bodies. Saturday, August 27, 10am-2pm PDT.

The conference will include a panel discussion and three workshops. The opening session, “Perspectives from Grassroots Leaders,” will feature dynamic community organizers from both coasts talking about their frontline experience working in their communities. Speakers will address how we got here, what’s been happening so far, and what it’s going to take to win the full gamut of reproductive rights.

Workshops are geared to providing tools for future organizing. “Breaking the race barrier” will feature activists discussing ways to build solidarity and action across the racial divide. They will lead an open dialogue on what the roadblocks to multi-racial organizing are and how to overcome them. “Labor in the forefront” will be led by union activists who have brought the issue of reproductive justice to their locals and county, state and national labor organizations. Participants will strategize on how to push the union movement forward. “All aboard for next steps” will include local leaders in the National Mobilization for Reproductive Justice. They will outline future plans and discuss how to organize on the community level.

This event is free. Donations of \$5-\$50 would be appreciated. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2022WRD>

King County Approves \$5 Million in Funding for Youth Mental Health

The King County Council has approved a proposal to allocate \$5 million in Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) funds to help and support young people with mental and behavioral health conditions.

The funding will be split into two main areas, both putting priority on youth services: \$2 million will go to behavioral health providers with prioritization of school-based services, mental health first aid for youth, and suicide prevention for youth. The remaining \$3 million will fund behavioral health providers, prioritizing children and youth behavioral health services providers, by using levy funds to adjust the amounts of their existing contracts to account for increased costs such as the effects of inflation.

“There is a youth mental health crisis in our country and our region,” Zahilay said. “I was glad to support yesterday’s measure to allocate \$5 million toward behavioral health services for young people.”

Community Calendar 2022

Portland Metro

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 12 – 1 PM

LUNCH & LEARN: An interactive, in-person/Zoom hybrid event to learn how to build equity into your daily work. Oregon Bioscience Incubator, 4640 S Macadam Ave. Suite 240

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 7 PM

THE TEMPEST: Shipwreck, romance, treason, revenge, spirits, clowns, song, and dance create a perfect storm of fantasy. Years ago, Prospero and daughter were shipwrecked on an island. Twelve years later, a “storm” brings their enemies. Cully Park, 5810 Northeast 72nd Avenue

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 7 PM

ROMEO & JULIET: a free Shakespeare performance at Mt Tabor Amphitheatre. SE 60th Avenue

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 7 – 9 PM

JOINT PATIO READING: The star readers in question will be Dale Champlin reading excerpts from Callie Comes of Age and Marc Janssen reading excerpts from November Reconsidered. Show up to listen to some fantastic poetry and order some food if you’re feeling it. Rose City Book Pub, 1329 NE Fremont

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 9 AM – 1 PM

FREEYAPALOOZA: Pick up free stuff to support local shelters by bike using the Freeya app! Freeya is a new app that gives Portlanders a reliable way to give and get free stuff. It’s like an infinite free pile in the palm of your hands. Come and ride with us on 8/27 we’ll use Freeya and get people some stuff that they really need. 1801 SE Taylor St

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1-3 PM

EMPOWERING THE BLACK MARKETPLACE: Join us for coffee and conversation as our esteemed panelist talk about navigating the marketplace as a black business owner. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/empowering-the-black-marketplace-tickets-397985414087> Concourse Coffee, 807 Northeast Couch Street

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 3 – 6 PM

MONTHLY FREE MARKET: Give what you can. Take what you need. No money, no trade, 100% free! Bring: Food, Gently used clothes, Electronics, Plants and seeds, Toys and baby stuff, Furniture. Offer: Workshops, Resources, Skill building. 10520 Northeast Halsey Street

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

NOTES AND MOTES: a night of Improvised Jazz with Surreal Poetry. Swing on by to catch some freeform tunes and listen to some poetry with an edge. Rose City Book Pub, 1329 NE Fremont

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 5 – 6 PM

KIDS’ OPEN MIC NIGHT: HEY KIDS! Hop into our TV grab the mic and share a joke, song, talent or ability with a warm welcoming low-stakes audience! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kids-open-mic-tickets-385832604707> The REC Room in Hammer +Jacks, 6406 Southeast Foster Road

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 5 – 9 PM

ARTIST UNKNOWN: An art show + fundraiser featuring the creations and discoveries of outsiders: those who find themselves caught living outside. Sunnyside Community Center, 3520 Southeast Yamhill St

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 4 – 5 PM

ARTIST TALK: The Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art is pleased to present a talk with Chris Antemann, an Oregon-based artist featured in The Art of Food. 1855 Southwest Broadway

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 10 AM – 4 PM

GIRLVOLUTION: a youth-led social justice conference featuring workshops, art & activities curated by BIPOC girls & gender expansive youth! Museum of Museums, 900 Boylston Avenue

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 12 – 1 PM

SEATTLE LATINX BOOKCLUB: Join us in comunidad & discussion of Emily Prado’s Funeral for Flaca. Dubsea Coffee, 9910 8th Ave SW

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 8:45 – 11 AM

TRY HOCKEY: These events are designed to provide kids between the ages of 4 and 16 a free opportunity to have an on-ice experience with other children. Coaches will be on the ice to assist your child in learning the basics. Kids do not need any previous skating or hockey experience. <https://www.snoking-hockey.com/tryhockeyfree>