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Free tax help for low- to moderate-income taxpayers

Through Apr 15, 10am-6pm (Tue-Fri), 9am-4pm (Sat), Beaverton Activities Center (12500 SW Allen Blvd, Beaverton, Ore.). Take advantage of free tax preparation help offered by Creating Assets, Savings and Hope (CASH) in partnership with AARP Tax-Aide. The service is for low- to moderate-income taxpayers. For info, including which documents to bring, call (503) 526-2222 or visit <www.beavertonoregon.gov/taxprep>. To view a complete list of locations offering free tax help, call 211 or visit <www.cashoregon.org>.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Through Apr 30. Clackamas County is inviting all drivers to pledge to always drive free of distractions. The campaign to join the pledge is taking place during Distracted Driving Awareness Month. People who drive are encouraged to focus — visually (keeping your eyes on the road), manually (keeping your hands on the steering wheel), and cognitively (keeping your mind focused on driving) — on the three primary tasks of driving. During April, readers are able to watch a short video about the dangers of distracted driving at movie theaters in Oregon City and Happy Valley and view a poster that was turned into a billboard, “Texting Equals Driving Blind,” created by Sandy High School student Alyssa Bigelow. Driver distraction is related to 80 percent of car crashes and the top source of inattention is cellphones. To learn more, call (503) 742-4661 or visit <www.clackamas.us/drivetozero/saferdriver.html>.

“Uprooted: Japanese American Farm Labor Camps During World War II”

Through May 25 (Tue-Sat), 10am-4pm, Lane County Historical Museum (740 W 13th Ave, Eugene, Ore.). View “Uprooted: Japanese American Farm Labor Camps During World War II,” an exhibit that tells the story of Japanese Americans who worked as seasonal farm laborers, many in the sugar beet industry, during World War II. The display features images from federal photographer Russell Lee’s documentation of Japanese-American farm labor camps near the towns of Nyssa in Oregon and Rupert, Shelley, and Twin Falls in Idaho; interpretative text panels; and a short documentary film featuring firsthand accounts about life in the camps. For info, call (541) 682-4242, or visit <www.lchm.org> or <www.uprootedexhibit.com>.

“Art of the Brick”

Through May 29 (Tue-Sun), 9:30am-5:30pm, Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (1945 SE Water Ave, Portland). View “Art of the Brick,” a 12,000-square-foot exhibit featuring large-scale sculptures created exclusively out of LEGO toy building blocks by artist Nathan Sawaya. The display also includes hands-on activities, demonstrations, challenges, and more. For info, call (503) 797-4000 or visit <www.oms.edu>.

“We Are the Ocean: An Indigenous Response to Climate Change”

Through Nov 12 (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View “We Are the Ocean: An Indigenous Response to Climate Change” and explore how indigenous communities are responding to the ways climate change is affecting their waters and lives: temperatures rising, islands gradually disappearing due to rising waters, coral reefs slowly dying, storms increasing both in frequency and strength, and more. The stories represent people who live in Guam, Pohnpei, Yap, Tonga, Hawai’i, Alaska, and elsewhere. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

“Glimpses of a Forever Foreigner”

Through Feb 11 (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View “Year of Remembrance: Glimpses of a Forever Foreigner,” an exhibit featuring poems by Lawrence Matsuda and artwork by Roger Shimomura that recognizes the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 and explores historic and contemporary issues of racism, discrimination, and human rights. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

“Race Talks 2”

Apr 4, 5:30pm (doors open), 6-9pm (talk), Franklin High at Marshall High School campus, Library (3905 SE 91st Ave, Portland). Attend a free forum focusing on improving relationships between the community and police. The event is held as part of “Race Talks 2,” which is co-presented by Donna Maxey, Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform, the Portland Police Bureau (PPB), and the Office of Equity & Partnerships at Portland Public Schools. PPB assistant chief Chris Uehara is scheduled to attend the talk. For info, call (971) 222-8254 or e-mail <racetalks01@gmail.com>.

Brain health lecture series

Apr 4, 5, 7, 11, 13 & 14; Apr 4, 10:30am (Korean), Apr 7, 9:30am (Cantonese Women’s Health group), Apr 11, 10:30am (Cantonese), Apr 13, 10:30am (Vietnamese), Asian Health & Service Center - Southeast Portland (3430 SE Powell Blvd, Portland); Apr 13, 10:45am (Mandarin), Rose Schnitzer Tower, Community Room (1430 SW 12th Ave, Portland); Apr 5, 11am (Mandarin), Apr 7, 10:30am (Korean), Apr 14, 11am (Cantonese), Asian Health & Service Center - Beaverton (12500 SW Allen Blvd, Beaverton, Ore.). Attend talks translated into Cantonese, Korean, Mandarin, and Vietnamese held as part of the “Brain Health and Dementia” lecture series. The presentations are led by researchers with Oregon Health & Science University’s



FOREVER FOREIGNER. “Year of Remembrance: Glimpses of a Forever Foreigner,” an exhibit that recognizes the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066 and explores historic and contemporary issues of racism, discrimination, and human rights, is on view through February 11, 2018 at the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience in Seattle. Pictured is a couple, one in military uniform, watching as the sun sets over a guard tower. Many young Japanese Americans volunteered to serve in the U.S. military, even while their families were unjustly incarcerated. (Photo courtesy of the Wing Luke Museum Collection)

Layton Aging & Alzheimer’s Disease Center. For info, call (503) 872-8822 or visit <www.ahsepd.org>.

“The Space Between Us: Immigrants, Refugees, and Oregon”

Apr 5, 6:30-8pm, Beaverton City Library (12375 SW Fifth St, Beaverton, Ore.). Attend “The Space Between Us: Immigrants, Refugees, and Oregon,” a talk led by Manuel Padilla, who asks conversation participants to consider questions of uprootedness, hospitality, identity, perception, and integration, and how we might build more informed, responsive, resilient, and vibrant communities in Oregon. The event is held as part of the “Conversation Project,” a series presented by Oregon Humanities. For info, call (503) 644-2197 or visit <www.beavertonlibrary.org>.

“Freedom and Democracy in the Middle East”

Apr 6, 7pm, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall (1037 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend “Freedom and Democracy in the Middle East,” a talk by Tawakkol Karman — a Yemeni human-rights activist and the first Arab woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize — held as part of the World Affairs Council of Oregon’s 2017 International Speaker Series. The subject of the next lecture in the series is “The New Civil Rights and Global Justice” (May 4). For info, call (503) 306-5252 or visit <www.worldoregon.org>. To buy tickets, call (503) 248-4335 or visit <www.portland5.com>.

Permit planning for residential homeowners

Apr 6, 13, 20 & 27, 5-8pm, City of Portland, Bureau of Development Services (1900 SW Fourth Ave, Portland). Homeowners in Portland are invited to attend an evening focused on permit planning for residential homeowners only. The event features staff from the Bureau of Development Services answering questions about the permitting process, helping homeowners understand which project plans and documents are required, and identifying the necessary permits for a successful project. For info, call (503) 823-7300, e-mail <bds@portland.oregon.gov>, or visit <www.portlandoregon.gov/BDS/ResidentialPermitNight>.

Gem Faire

Apr 7-9, noon-6pm (Fri), 10am-6pm (Sat), 10am-5pm (Sun), Washington County Fairgrounds (873 NE 34th Ave, Hillsboro, Ore.). Browse an assortment of gemstones, jewelry, beads, crystals, and more at Gem Faire. For info, call (503) 252-8300 or visit <www.gemfaire.com>.

Free citizenship classes

Apr 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10:30am-noon, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland). Learn about the process of becoming a U.S. citizen and prepare for the citizenship interview at free classes taught in English by Goodwill instructors. Participants learn about U.S. history and government. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Free vision & health screenings

Apr 8, William Temple House (2023 NW Hoyt St, Portland). Medically underserved Oregonians are invited to receive free eye and health screenings. The event includes vision screenings, comprehensive eye exams, other health screenings, and prescriptions for and provision of corrective eyewear for those who need it. For info, or to schedule an appointment, call (503) 226-3021 or visit <www.williamtemple.org>.

A Bend in the River

Apr 8, 3-5pm, Hillsdale Library (1525 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland). Engage in conversation about classic literature at a Pageturners discussion sponsored by Friends of the Library. The book for discussion is V.S. Naipaul’s *A Bend in the River*, a novel that follows a man of Indian descent who, uprooted by the bloody tides of Third World history, has come to live in an isolated town at the bend of a great river in a newly independent African nation. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Camp Namanu challenge course

Apr 8 & May 27, 9:30am-4pm, Namanu Ranch (42185 SE Elsner Rd, Sandy, Ore.). Take part in a challenge course held as

part of Family Activity Day at Camp Namanu. The event — for people age 10 and older — enables families to play and learn on the Camp Namanu challenge course while developing communication skills and overcoming physical obstacles. For info, or to register, call (503) 224-7800 or visit <www.campnamanu.org>.

Homemade soda workshop

Apr 9, 2-3:30pm, North Portland Library (512 N Killingsworth St, Portland). Attend a workshop to learn two different methods of making soda at home using fresh ingredients, including fruit, herbs, and a variety of sweeteners. For info, or to register (required), call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

“Cooking Around the World”

Apr 9, 3:30-4:30pm, Holgate Library (7905 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland). Attend a “Cooking Around the World” class to learn about *pho*, a popular Asian comfort soup, and how to make it. For info or to register (required), call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

“Experience Vancouver Lake” open house

Apr 13, 5-7pm, Water Resources Education Center (4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, Wash.). Attend “Experience Vancouver Lake,” a free open house offering information about stewardship events, habitat-improvement projects, and recreation. Participants are invited to drop in at any time; a brief program takes place at 5:30pm. For info, call Vanessa at (503) 226-1565, ext. 234, or visit <www.estuarypartnership.org>.

Equity, diversity, and inclusion series

Apr 13, 6:30-8pm, International School (025 SW Sherman St, Portland). Attend a free series of talks on equity, diversity, and inclusion led by Diamond Law Training and hosted by The International School. The April 13 topic addresses the concerns of people who are disabled. For info, call (503) 226-2496 or visit <www.intschool.org>. To reserve space, e-mail <info@intl.school.org>.

“College and Career Planning for Teens”

Apr 13 & 27, 4-5:30pm, St. Johns Library (7510 N Charleston Ave, Portland). Attend “College and Career Planning for Teens,” a free drop-in workshop where teens meet with a Step It Up career coach to receive help planning for college, learning about the college search and application process, exploring careers, honing interview skills, creating résumés and cover letters, and filling out community-service hours. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Oregon College Savings Plan information

Apr 15, 9am-3pm, Oregon Zoo (4001 SW Canyon Rd, Portland). Attend an Oregon College Savings Plan information event to learn about saving money for college — including state tax advantages — from plan representatives. The event also includes games and prizes for children. For info, call 1-866-772-8464 or visit <www.oregoncollegesavings.com>.

Bonamici spring town hall meetings

Apr 15, Apr 17 & May 7; Apr 15, 11am, Warrenton High School, Gymnasium (1700 S Main Ave, Warrenton, Ore.); Apr 15, 3pm, Scappoose High School, Gymnasium (33700 SE High School Way, Scappoose, Ore.); Apr 17, 6pm, Sherwood High School, Gymnasium (16956 SW Meinecke Rd, Sherwood, Ore.); May 7, 11am, Lincoln High School, Gymnasium (1600 SW Salmon St, Portland). Attend spring town hall meetings with Oregon congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici, whose district includes Washington, Yamhill, Clatsop, and Columbia counties, as well as part of Multnomah County. Bonamici provides an update on her work in congress and takes questions from residents at the events. For info, call (503) 469-6010 or visit <www.bonamici.house.gov>.

“A Will Is Not Enough in Oregon”

Apr 17 & 26; Apr 17, 6:30-8pm, Kenton Library (8226 N Denver Ave, Portland); Apr 26, 6-7:30pm, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland). Attend “A Will Is Not Enough in Oregon,” a free workshop led by attorney and author Richard Schneider focused on safeguarding family assets. The session offers basic information on wills, living trusts, powers of attorney, and healthcare directives. For info, or to register (required), call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Who We Be: The Colorization of America book discussion

Apr 18, 6:15-7:45pm, North Portland Library (512 N Killingsworth St, Portland). Engage in conversation about literature at a Pageturners discussion sponsored by Friends of the Library. The book for discussion is Jeff Chang’s *Who We Be: The Colorization of America*, a literary work that remixes comic strips and contemporary art, campus protests and corporate marketing campaigns, and Martin Luther King Jr. and Trayvon Martin, into a timely cultural history of the idea of racial progress. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Free cancer screenings

Apr 19, 9am-5pm, Providence Cancer Center, Jill Lematta Learning Center (4805 NE Glisan St, Portland). Receive free oral, head, and neck cancer screenings at the Providence Cancer Center. Screenings take only a few minutes. For info, or to register (recommended), call (503) 574-6595.

Friends of the Library book sale

Apr 21-24, 6-9pm (Fri, members only), 9am-9pm (Sat), 11am-5pm (Sun), 9am-3pm (Mon), Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center - Lloyd Center (1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland). Attend a used book sale presented by Friends of the Multnomah County Library. Asian-language books are available along with comic books, CDs, DVDs, LPs, sheet music, audiobooks, and more. Many books are \$2 and children’s items start at 50 cents. For info, call (503) 224-9176, or visit <www.friends-library.org> or visit <events.multcolib.org>.