

COMMUNITY
CALENDAR

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Fall Take-Out Bazaar

Sep 17, 11:30am-2pm, Nichiren Buddhist Temple (2025 SE Yamhill St, Portland). Pre-order then pick up chicken chow mein, sushi, and combination bento as part of the Fall Take-Out Bazaar fundraiser at Nichiren Buddhist Temple. For info, or to place an order (required by September 10), call (503) 235-8292.

Free citizenship classes

Sep 17-Nov 5 (Sun), 12:30-2pm, Gresham Library (385 NW Miller Ave, Gresham, Ore.) Learn about the process of becoming a U.S. citizen and prepare for the citizenship interview at a free eight-session series of classes taught in English by volunteers from Mission: Citizen. Participants learn about U.S. history and government. Registration is not required. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Old Town Portland walking tour

Sep 19, 10am-noon, Old Town Portland. Take part in a walking tour that explores the abundant architectural and cultural history in Old Town, Portland's only National Landmark Historic District. Participants view the work of Portland's earliest architects while learning how cast iron played a central role in their designs and how the city developed so close to the river. For info, or to register, call (503) 231-7264 or visit <www.visitahc.org>.

The Sympathizer

Sep 19, 6:30-7:30pm, Kenton Library (8226 N Denver Ave, Portland). Engage in conversation about literature at a Pageturners discussion sponsored by Friends of the Library. The book for discussion is Viet Thanh Nguyen's *The Sympathizer*, which tells the story of a man during the Vietnam War whose political beliefs clash with his individual loyalties. The gripping spy novel presents an astute exploration of extreme politics and a moving love story while also exploring a life between two worlds and examining the legacy of the Vietnam War in literature, film, and the wars fought today. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

In the Shadow of the Banyan

Sep 19, 6:30-8pm, Sellwood-Moreland Library (7860 SE 13th Ave, Portland). Engage in conversation about literature at a Pageturners discussion sponsored by Friends of the Library. The book for discussion is Vaddey Ratner's *In the Shadow of the Banyan*, which tells the story of a girl who comes of age during the Cambodian genocide in the 1970s. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

OCAPIA public meeting

Sep 20, 9:30am-noon, Oregon State Bar, Sandy Meeting Room (16037 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd, Tigard, Ore.). Attend a public meeting of the Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OCAPIA). The meeting agenda includes commissioner reports, other subjects of interest to the commission, and more. For info, call (503) 302-9725, e-mail <OACO.mail@oregon.gov>, or visit <www.oregon.gov/OCAPIA/Pages/index.aspx>.

STEAM storytime

Sep 21 & 28, 6-6:45pm, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland). Enjoy a storytime with a little extra STEAM — Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math — aimed at children between two and six years old with an accompanying adult. The event also includes an easy and age-appropriate art activity or science exploration following the 15-minute storytime. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

SOLVE Beach & Riverside Cleanup

Sep 23, 10am-1pm (times may vary by site), Oregon coast, inland rivers, and cemeteries. Join fellow Oregonians for the annual SOLVE Beach & Riverside Cleanup. Volunteers are needed to clean Oregon's beaches and inland riversides from the Washington to the California border. Also included in this year's cleanup events are state cemeteries, many of which were established in the 1800s and need invasive weed and woody debris removal, headstone cleaning, and more. Participants are asked to check in at one of the many meeting sites and clean up the coastline, riverbanks, and cemeteries for wildlife and visitors. Sturdy shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, a reusable container for drinking water, a reusable bag or bucket for collecting trash, and gloves are suggested. Volunteers are also encouraged to carpool or use public transportation where possible, pack a "trash-free" lunch, and bring an old colander to beach cleanup sites to sift the tide lines for harmful, bite-sized bits of plastic. To register, call (503) 844-9571 or visit <www.solveoregon.org>.

Executive Order 9066 presentation

Sep 23, 2-4pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience, Tateuchi Story Theatre (719 S King St, Seattle). Attend a presentation about Executive Order 9066 featuring Japanese-American former incarcerated reflecting on their experience and how it relates to the Muslim-American experience. The event is held in conjunction with the exhibit "Year of Remembrance: Glimpses of a Forever Foreigner," on view through February 11, 2018. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

Sunday Parkways: Sellwood/Milwaukie

Sep 24, 11am-4pm, Westmoreland, Sellwood, and Water Tower Parks (Southeast Portland & Milwaukie, Ore.). Walk, bike, rollerblade, skateboard, and more through southeast Portland and Milwaukie neighborhoods and parks without motor traffic during a Sunday Parkways event. Entertainment and activities take place in the parks and along the eight-mile, two-way route, which has no start or finish. For info, call (503) 823-7599 or visit <www.portlandsundayparkways.org>.

Beaverton celebrates
“Welcoming Week”

The city of Beaverton is celebrating “Welcoming Week” with a variety of events and activities to recognize immigrant contributions to the community.

Beaverton joined the Welcoming Cities & Counties Initiative in April 2015, an effort that emphasizes the importance of engaging both foreign-born and long-time residents to strengthen relationships, cross-cultural understanding, and collective economic vitality. In Beaverton, where approximately one in five residents is born outside of the United States and 27 percent of residents speak a language other than English at home, the city has made it a priority to support integration of immigrants and refugees.

Beaverton offered again this year immigrant integration mini-grants for small, community-driven projects designed to bring together immigrant and non-immigrant communities. The grants were awarded to Tualatin Riverkeepers/Washington County faith partners, Prisma Comm, Adelante Mujeres/BESThq, and the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors.

The celebration kicks off with pre-welcoming week bonus events held Thursday, September 14 at the Beaverton City Library, located at 12375 S.W. Fifth Street in Beaverton. The first, which runs from 5:30 to 6:30pm in the Cathy Stanton Conference Room, is an opening reception for “Beyond BOLD,” a photography display from the Beaverton Organizing and Leadership Development (BOLD) program — which develops leadership capacity in the city's immigrant and refugee communities and communities of color. The second event, StorySLAM, is an open-mic storytelling competition, which takes place from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the library's auditorium.

On Friday, September 15 at 6:30pm, “Celebrating Indian Culture” is featured at the Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center, located at 9985 S.W. 125th Avenue in Beaverton. The celebration features Indian food, rangoli, dancing, henna tattoos, and a photo booth highlighting Indian culture.

“Latin America in the Market: A Celebration of Mexico and Central American Independence Day” occurs Saturday, September 16 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Beaverton Farmers Market at City Park, which is found at S.W. Hall Blvd. near S.W. Fifth Street in Beaverton. The market includes food demonstrations and tastings, music, heritage crafts, a curated mini-marketplace of Latin-American merchandise and piñatas, and a bilingual children's book reading.

From 9:30am to 1:00pm on Saturday, an “Interfaith Riverwalk” hosted by Tualatin Riverkeepers and Washington County faith partners is being held at Cook Park, located at 16659 S.W. 90th Place in Tigard. The event features a guided nature walk along the Tualatin River with stops for music, dance, and story sharing from faith and community groups living in and around Washington County; a water blessing; a performance by Ollin Yoliztli; a potluck lunch; and a closing ceremony.

Also on Saturday, the Beaverton International Celebration takes place from 1:00 to 6:00pm at the Tualatin Hills Athletic Center, located at 50 N.W. 158th Avenue in Beaverton. Participants enjoy an afternoon of art, dance, music, and interactive activities showcasing the many cultures in Beaverton.

Two events take place on Sunday, September 17. “Symphony of Cultures,” a free multicultural concert presented by the Beaverton Symphony Orchestra, begins at 3:00pm at the Village Baptist Church, located at 330 S.W. Murray Boulevard, and the “Welcome Beaverton Potluck” takes place at 4:00pm at Evelyn M. Schiffler Memorial Park, located at 5495 S.W. Erickson Avenue. To reserve a spot at the potluck, in which immigrants and U.S.-born residents of Beaverton share a meal and build relationships, e-mail Lorie Jacob at <lorie.ros@gmail.com> with your name and the food you plan to bring.

An African Film Screening is scheduled for 6:00pm on Monday, September 18 in the auditorium of the Beaverton City Library. The family-friendly film is presented by the Cascade Festival of African Films.

Cultural Fusion Poetry takes place on Tuesday, September 19, also at the library, in the World Languages room from 6:00 to 8:30pm. The featured speaker is Prisma Comm, a bilingual (Spanish/English) community poet, who guides participants through the creative process of writing poetry to express feelings about others, the city, and personal life experiences. To reserve a spot, contact the library at (503) 644-2197 or visit <www.beaverton



WELCOMING WEEK. “Learning about Taiwan from the Art of Tea,” an event hosted by the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors and held as part of “Welcoming Week” in Beaverton, takes place Saturday, September 23 at 1:00pm at the Beaverton City Library. The gathering features Taiwanese tea history, a tea ceremony, mashed Hakka tea preparation, and samples of bubble tea. (Photo/Katharine Kimball Photography, courtesy of the City of Beaverton)

library.org/Register>.

Also taking place at the library in the auditorium on Tuesday is “Behind the Scenes with the Beaverton Civic Theatre,” held at 7:00pm. The gathering features *You Can't Take it With You*, a comedy about meeting another family for the first time, followed by *You Do Speak English, Don't You?*, a play based on the challenges experienced by a Czech-American couple.

On Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00pm, the “We are a Welcoming Community Rally” will be held on the sidewalk at S.W. Hall Boulevard and Fifth Street. The rally, hosted by Campaign Nonviolence, acknowledges the efforts of community groups that welcome refugees and immigrants, and provides information about services provided to newcomers in Washington County, including food, transportation, tutoring, and resettlement assistance.

“We Welcome Entrepreneurs Beaverton” is held Thursday, September 21 from 4:00 to 8:00pm at BESThq, located at 12745 S.W. Beaverdam Road in Beaverton. Hosts Adelante Mujeres and BESThq invite entrepreneurs to network with state and local nonprofits and agencies. Resources for starting and growing businesses in Beaverton are provided, along with food, music, and mingling.

“Welcoming Week” draws to a close with “Learning about Taiwan from the Art of Tea,” held Saturday, September 23 from 1:00 to 3:30pm at the Beaverton City Library's meeting room A. Hosted by the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors, the final event features Taiwanese tea history, a tea ceremony, mashed Hakka tea preparation, and samples of bubble tea.

All events held during “Welcoming Week” are free and open to the public. To learn more, call Megan at (503) 526-2584, e-mail <equity@beavertonoregon.gov>, or visit <www.beavertonoregon.gov/WelcomingWeek>.

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