



WELCOMING WEEK 2021 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 10

Welcoming Week Kick-off Celebration

6 – 7 p.m. *Latino Community Association, Zoom Online Gathering*

The Welcoming Week Kick-off Celebration will be centered around the experiences of Latinos and non-Latinos sharing how they felt welcome as a new student, new Bend resident, new on the job, as an individual with a physical disability and more.

SEPTEMBER 11

CANCELED Latino Fest

Due to the rising surge of COVID-19 cases in Central Oregon and for the health of our community, Latino Community Association has cancelled the 2021 Latino Fest.

Back-to-School Backpack Distribution

1 – 2 p.m. *The Father's Group, City Hall, 710 NW Wall St, Bend*

Visit this drive-through backpack distribution where The Father's Group will be giving out backpacks and school supplies for students attending school this fall. Attendees will not have to leave their vehicles and packages will be delivered by masked volunteers. While supplies last.

SEPTEMBER 12

Sacred Community Organizing

2 – 3 p.m. *Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, Zoom Online Gathering*

Join this community gathering organized to create meaningful connection within the immigrant,

asylum seeking and Latinx community with the goal of using our collective voice for civic engagement and advocacy.

Advocacy Day in Bend

3 – 5 p.m. *Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, Zoom Online Gathering*

Come and virtually meet our representatives in the City of Bend, learn about initiatives in progress, and advocate for your community during our virtual forum. Spanish interpreters will help residents whose voices are not usually heard to communicate with City staff and elected officials.

SEPTEMBER 13

Investing in Belonging: Aligning Businesses for Bend's Growth

5 – 7:30 p.m. *Embrace Bend, Zoom Online Gathering*

The most ideal state of inclusion happens when people feel like they are an insider, that they experience a feeling of belonging within their environment. They are very much themselves and their uniqueness is highly valued. Communities that strive for both diversity and inclusion are achieving intended business results because diversity and inclusion provide a competitive advantage. Embrace Bend is partnering up with Visit Bend, Out Central Oregon, Father's Group, Central Oregon Disability Support Network, The Helpers, and the Council on Aging for our local businesses to become active leaders in providing safe, equitable, and welcoming environment for all human variances. This is a community working session open to everyone to provide feedback on what it looks like for you to feel safe at a place of business.

Why We Need Full Immigrant Inclusion NOW

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Latino Community Association, Zoom Online Gathering*

Eleven million people live and work in the U.S. on shaky legal ground, only one traffic stop away from possible deportation. Some members of Congress have introduced bills that would legalize their status, yet political gridlock continues to impede any change. The Latino Community Association (LCA) believes immigrants and their families are essential to our economy and enrich our communities. LCA invites you a conversation about why we must grant full legal status and citizenship to our undocumented neighbors, to honor their contributions and keep families together.

SEPTEMBER 14

Mesoamerican Peoples in Oregon and Their Languages

6 – 8 p.m. *Deschutes Public Library, Zoom Online Gathering*

Hear about Mesoamerican linguistic diversity and history of Mesoamerican communities in Oregon with Gabriela Pérez Báez, Associate Professor, University of Oregon Linguistics and Lynn Stephen, Professor, University of Oregon Anthropology.

SEPTEMBER 15

Grand Re-Opening of CET's Hawthorne Station

3 – 6 p.m. *Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, Hawthorne Station, 334 NE Hawthorne Ave, Bend*

Cascade East Transit (CET) renovated Hawthorne Station to create a more welcoming space for transit riders. Join CET for a tour of the facility and learn about CET's plans for future services. CET staff will provide step-by-step trip planning outside the station to encourage community members to try transit to reach their destinations within Bend and across our region. Participants will have an opportunity to provide recommendations for current and future transit services. Tote bags, LED safety lights, sunglasses, hand sanitizer, and route maps will be given to attendees. A CET bus will be on display for attendees to learn how to safely board and exit the bus, signal for stop locations, and load a bike on the front of the bus. Face coverings are required during the event and refreshments will be provided.

SEPTEMBER 16

Community Connect: Our Patients Help Us Build Our Cultural Intelligence

1 – 2 p.m. *St. Charles IDEA Council, Zoom Online Gathering*

St. Charles is committed to advancing inclusion, diversity, equity and acceptance throughout its health system and the communities served. Earlier this year, we partnered with some of our patients to learn from them. Hear how our caregivers gained firsthand knowledge about providing health services to various patient populations, how they increase their understanding of the various needs of patients, and strategies identified for engaging patients from diverse backgrounds into their care.

Multicultural Art Exhibition

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. *The Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas Ave, Bend*

Join us at The Environmental Center in downtown Bend for a Multicultural Art Exhibit. Experience live poetry, music, and creative arts by local BILAPOC, LGBTQ+ artists. Attendees can also tour The Environmental Center's Learning & Demonstration Garden, and participate in educational activities offered in both Spanish and English. You will also get the opportunity to practice your creative skills during our live art demonstration. This year's theme is Coming Together. We invite community members who practice any of the various creative arts to participate.

How to Welcome All Kinds of Neighbors: A Webinar on Fair Housing Rights

5 – 7 p.m. *Fair Housing Council of Oregon, Zoom Online Gathering*

A part of making everyone feel at home in Bend is ensuring fair access to housing. This webinar will help attendees better understand fair housing rights and feel empowered as a housing consumer as well as an advocate for welcoming new neighbors. In addition to exploring fair housing laws and discussing some common discrimination scenarios, the presenters will take questions on fair housing from those in attendance.

SEPTEMBER 17

Take-home Loteria Family Game Night

5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Bend Police Station, 555 NE 15th St, Bend

The Bend Police Department (BPD) will host a “rolling drive-thru” for families to pick-up, take-home game night packages at the police station. Each package includes BPD resources and information, a Loteria game, snacks, and some police swag. A few packages will include surprise prizes from BILAPOC-owned businesses. Attendees will not have to leave their vehicles and packages will be delivered by masked staff.

SEPTEMBER 18

Peace Service: Peace Begins With Us

6 – 7 p.m. Interfaith Network of Central Oregon, Zoom Online Gathering

The Interfaith Network of Central Oregon will be hosting a free Peace Service on Saturday, September 18 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Representatives of diverse religious, spiritual and cultural backgrounds and communities will offer prayers, statements and/or songs of Peace. This event is appropriate for all ages.

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