



# WELCOMING WEEK

**SEPT. 12-20, 2020**

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## SEPTEMBER 11

### Welcoming Week Kick-off

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. *Facebook & YouTube Livestreams*

This virtual rally will center the experiences of traditionally marginalized communities as they share what it means to feel welcome. The rally will be an opportunity for the greater community to better understand the experiences of underserved community members and gain greater perspective on the meaning of allyship.

## SEPTEMBER 12

### How Do We Make Bend Welcoming for Everyone? Session #1

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. *Zoom Online Meeting*

This two-part virtual series explores how policy plays a role in creating a welcoming culture in Bend, and how it can uphold a community as it continues to grow. Session #1 explores questions such as: How do we create patterns, practices and institutions that truly make non-dominant communities a part of Bend? That make them leaders in Bend? What barriers exist?

### “Who, Me? Biased?” Session #1

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. *Zoom Online Meeting*

This three-part virtual series will provide space for dealing with and working through one’s biases. Stace Rierson, PhD, will be our guide. Session #1 explores, “The bad news: How the unfair effects of our subconscious are automatic and can become negative. The good news: Implicit bias ≠ racism.”

## Latino Fest

1 – 3 p.m. *Facebook & YouTube Livestreams*

Latino Fest is back as a virtual event! This year Latino Fest will include interviews from local Latinx business owners, short cultural videos of local Latinx individuals showcasing their countries and a celebration of the resilience of Central Oregon’s incredible Latinx community.

## Peace Service

7 – 8 p.m. *Zoom Online Meeting*

Interfaith Network of Central Oregon’s annual Peace Service will be virtual this year. The service will include prayers for peace from many religions and cultures and a discussion on how the concept of Human Security can promote peace.

## SEPTEMBER 14

## **Keeping Up with the Status Quo - Video & Community Discussion**

**10 – 11:15 a.m.** *Zoom Online Meeting*

Watch and discuss the issues highlighted in America Ferrera's 2019 TedTalk, *My Identity is a Superpower- Not an Obstacle*. Join Evelia Sandoval and Christy Walker from COCC's Office of Diversity and Inclusion as they uncover some of the obstacles marginalized community members face when up against cultural norms, and learn what you can do to help transform the status quo.

## **Bend Advocacy Day**

**6 – 7:30 p.m.** *Facebook & YouTube Livestreams*

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 15**

### **From Closed Consulates to Closed Courtrooms: The Curtailing of Immigration in America**

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** *Zoom Online Meeting*

In this virtual session, attorneys from Bend Immigration Group will discuss a range of changes in Immigration Law including the Public Charge Rule, Asylum Law, Remain in Mexico policy, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and the COVID-19 impact on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, closure of Non-Detained Immigration Courts, and suspension of visa services at U.S. Consulates.

## **SEPTEMBER 16**

### **Info Session: Know if You're Eligible for Free Healthcare at Volunteers in Medicine**

**10 – 11:30 a.m.** *Zoom Online Meeting*

This informational session is for impacted communities hoping to learn about free healthcare availability and eligibility through Volunteers in Medicine.

### **Wild Diversity: Outdoor Accessibility for All**

**5:30 – 7 p.m.** *Zoom Online Meeting*

A panel representing the Latinx, BIPoC and LGBTQ+ communities will share their experiences recreating outdoors, and shed light on some of the economic, accessibility and social barriers they face in these spaces. Engage in conversation around the truth about accessibility of Central Oregon's outdoor spaces.

## **SEPTEMBER 17**

### **"Who, Me? Biased?" Session #2**

**12 – 1 p.m.** *Zoom Online Meeting*

This three-part virtual series will provide space for dealing with and working through one's biases. Stacey Rierson, PhD, will be our guide. Session #2 explores, "The bad news: Trying to cross the racial divide can be awkward. The good news: What actually works is actually easy."

### **Welcoming Beyond This Week: Personal Commitments for Year-long Action**

**3 – 4 p.m.** *Webex Online Meeting*

Bend-La Pine School's Bilingual Dual Immersion students will hold a virtual "booth" where community members can reflect on Welcoming Week and write themselves a personal goal for year-long or ongoing action as a welcoming community member. Goals will be sent back to participants later in the year, for a check-in/personal reminder long after Welcoming Week's activities have passed.

## **No Option But North: The Migrant World and the Perilous Path Across the Border**

**6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** *Zoom Online Meeting*

Author Kelsey Freeman will discuss her recently released book *No Option but North: The Migrant Path and the Perilous Path Across the Border*. In it she combines migrant stories, research, and her personal reflections on the year she spent in Mexico interviewing residents at a shelter on the migration path. She describes the moral blind spots in contemporary migration—from the expanding gang violence that drives migrants out of their home countries, to their dearth of options for Central American and Mexican migrants.

## **SEPTEMBER 18**

### **Welcoming Walk: Art & Garden**

**4 – 7 p.m.** *The Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas Ave, Bend, OR*

Join us for a stroll around downtown Bend where The Environmental Center's facility is located. We will tour The Environmental Center's Learning & Demonstration Garden with chalkboard education in both Spanish and English. Our Garden team will be on site to have conversations with folks about what food means to them, what kinds of food hold cultural and personal meaning, and what kinds of foods and stewardship methods they'd want to see cultivated in a community garden. Attendees can view the artwork of Jefferson Greene, artist and storyteller of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and paintings inspired by gardening from community member and artist, Rebekah Ratcliff and other BIPoC artists.

### **Loteria Game Night with the Bend Police Department**

**5 – 8 p.m.** *Vince Genna Stadium, 401 SE Roosevelt Ave, Bend, OR*

This live event will offer an opportunity for impacted communities to join Bend Police Department (PD) in a game of Loteria, using cards designed by Bend PD. There will be presentations from specialists in the Bend PD to help community members learn about the various resources available within the department. Spanish-speaking community members are invited to stop by the traffic safety booth to better understand Oregon laws and DMV requirements. Pan dulce, coffee and hot chocolate will be provided.

### **Movie Night! John Lewis: Good Trouble**

**6:30 – 9:30 p.m.** *Deschutes Brewery Distribution Lot (across from Riverbend Park), 399 SW Shevlin Hixon Dr, Bend, OR*

Movie night at the BendFilm drive-in featuring *John Lewis: Good Trouble*, an intimate account of legendary U.S. Representative John Lewis' life, legacy and more than 60 years of extraordinary activism — from the bold teenager on the front lines of the Civil Rights movement to the legislative powerhouse he was throughout his career. There will be activities for the entire family to engage in, a drawing and more! Pack a picnic or enjoy the food trucks on-site. Want to support kids going back to school? Bring your donations of backpacks and school supplies to drop off at the event. This event is a fundraiser, registration required.

## **SEPTEMBER 19**

### **How Do We Make Bend Welcoming for Everyone? Session #2**

**10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** *Zoom Online Meeting*

This two-part virtual series explores how policy plays a role in creating a welcoming culture in Bend, and how it can uphold a community as it continues to grow. Session #2 explores how Bend can get to

welcoming all with processes and procedure to actualize this vision.

### “Who, Me? Biased?” Session #3

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Zoom Online Meeting

This interactive virtual session will provide space for dealing with and working through one’s biases. Stace Rierson, PhD, will be our guide. Session #3 explores, “The bad news: Your subconscious often makes decisions you don’t agree with. The good news: Over-riding your subconscious can be ‘tasty.’”

### Welcoming Beyond This Week: Personal Commitments for Year-long Action

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Webex Online Meeting

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### Giveaways for Kids

Time TBD Location TBD

Visit the pop-up giveaway booth where Commute Options and The Father’s Group will be giving out FREE backpacks, school supplies, and bike helmets for students attending school this fall. While supplies last.

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