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NEWSLETTER | SUMMER 2026

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER!

As the days grow longer and communities across Oregon gather for celebrations, festivals, and meaningful moments of reflection, we are delighted to share this summer edition with you.

This season invites us to honor the diversity that strengthens our state, recognize cultural and historical milestones that shape our shared story, and reconnect with one another.

I hope the resources, updates, and upcoming events highlighted here help you stay informed, engaged, and inspired throughout the summer months.

Thank you for being part of our ongoing commitment to building communities where everyone feels safe, valued, and included.

With hope and gratitude,

Fay Gtetz-Waters

Oregon DOJ Director of Civil Rights and Social Justice

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Portland Pride

Celebrate Pride in Portland with Pride Northwest who “has programs that work to uplift the visibility of LGBTQIA2S+ people in Oregon and SW Washington, educate allies and workplaces on LGBTQIA2S+ issues, and celebrate the successes of groups and individuals in the LGBTQIA2S+ community.” Come and learn more about our resources, specific to the LGBTQ community and beyond!

Waterfront Festival

Saturday, July 18, 2026, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sunday, July 19, 2026, 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Pride Parade

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Parade begins at 11AM from the North Park Blocks and ends on Naito Pkwy at the Festival



Falls City Pride

“Pride in the Willamette Valley doesn’t end when the calendar flips to July. Just 30 minutes west of Salem, Falls City Pride features a full day of fun, family-friendly events on August 1, 2026, in Falls City. The fun includes live entertainment, vendor booths, fare from local food trucks, and family games.” Come and check out this event and other community-based organizations! Visit their Facebook page for more details: [Falls City Pride | Facebook](#)



Salvation Army Back to School Fair

Saturday, August 8th, 2026, 11am-2pm

“This community-focused celebration is the perfect way to gear up for the new school year. Hosted at the local Salvation Army, it’s an event that brings families, students, and neighbors together to prepare for success in the classroom and beyond.” In addition to the CRU table, there will be nonprofit resources, vaccines and dental screenings, free lunch and ice cream, school supply giveaways, and bill discount signups!



Community members can use the [Federal Oversight and Accountability Reporting Form](#) to report information or concerns about possible violations of individual rights or actions that raise legal or constitutional issues.

STAY IN THE KNOW

- [AG Rayfield Urges Court to Reinstate Limits on Excessive Use of Force by Federal Agents Against Portland Protesters](#)
- [Attorney General Rayfield Wins Lawsuit Protecting Gender-Affirming Care](#)

[Immigration Actions](#)

"The Oregon Department of Justice is working every day to keep Oregon communities safe, uphold Oregon's laws and values, and protect Oregonians from federal overreach – including unlawful immigration enforcement."

Governor Tina Kotek has directed the Oregon DMV to stop issuing undercover plates to ICE, citing repeated violations of state and federal law. Governor Kotek said: "ICE agents have repeatedly engaged in illegitimate activities, causing unwarranted chaos, sowing fear, and damaging the relationship between law enforcement and our communities, Oregon will follow state law and ensure we do not aid these unlawful immigration enforcement efforts." Read more here: [Newsroom - Governor's Office](#)

[Bystander Intervention to Support the Immigrant Community](#)

ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice hosts their Chair Chat episodes, join them as they dive into today's most urgent justice issues including:

- [Rapid Response and Community Advocacy](#) – with the People First Project. Featuring Clarissa Vela and Mario Sullivan.
- [The Winter Chicago Took On ICE](#) – Featuring Beatriz Ponce de León and Richard Pena.

Oregon's Sanctuary Promise



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COMMUNITY & RESOURCES

Oregon continues to experience heat waves, and this 2026 has already started with a whooping high 90's in late May. Extreme heat events can cause loss on internal temperature regulation and condition such as heat cramps, heart exhaustion, and heat stroke. ¹Populations most at risk are adults over the age of 65, folks experiencing houselessness, outdoor workers, folks with chronic medical condition, people from some racial and ethnic groups affected by structural environmental racism with limited access to protective factors and folks with no access to cooling systems at home. ² Follow the Oregon Health Authority and other community preparedness response resources for a safe and cool summer.

- Do you know how to stay cool on extremely hot days? [Oregon Health Authority: Extreme Heat: Get Prepared](#)
Oregon Health Authority [Heat and Your Health](#)
- [Factsheet](#)
- [How to Protect yourself during extreme heat](#)
- [Beat the Heat Graphics \(800x1200\)](#)

Oregon offers cooling shelters statewide; you can locate them by calling **211info** or visiting the Oregon Department of Human Services.

- [Cooling Shelters - Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action](#)
- [Summer & Heat Related Resources - 211info](#)
- [Help for when it's Hot](#) provides information about cool spaces, cooling centers and other resources during hot weather in Multnomah County.

- Portland residents can dial [3-1-1](#) if they need access to a cooling space, and the service line is available every day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Oregon has permanent heat illness prevention rules under OSHA to protect farmworkers and all outdoor employees from extreme heat. OSHA provides heat illness prevention resources here:

- [Requisitos clave: Normas permanentes de Oregon OSHA para la prevención de enfermedades relacionadas con el calor](#)
- [Key requirements: Oregon OSHA's permanent rules for heat illness prevention](#)
- OSHA Heat Stress Cards English/Spanish: [Heat Stress Card](#)



¹ Bell, J. E., S. C. Herring, L. Jantarasami, C. Adrianopoli, K. Benedict, K. Conlon, V. Escobar, J. Hess, J. Luvall, C. P. Garcia-Pando, D. Quattrochi, J. Runkle, and C. J. Schreck III, 2016: Ch. 4: *Impacts of extreme events on human health. The Impacts of Climate Change on Human Health in the United States: A Scientific Assessment*, U.S. Global Change Research Program, Washington, DC, 99-128. doi:10.7930/J0BZ63ZV occri.net/jocar4

² <https://static.multco.us/health/regionaldashboard/heat.html#fn8>, Heat Vulnerability Index Multnomah County Health Department

PODER's recent statewide town Hall hosted Oregon State Fire Marshall Mariana Ruiz-Temple to help families and community know how to best prepare for Oregon's fire season.

[Wildfire Preparedness Guide](#)

COMMUNITY & RESOURCES

[Unite Oregon](#)

"We work to ensure that our community voice is heard at the tables where decisions are made." Unite Oregon focuses on climate justice, housing justice, community safety, education equity, economic justice, and health equity. Through advocating at the legislator, to organizing and volunteer work in communities, Unite Oregon offers many ways to both get involved and offers resources to those that may need assistance.



[Eastern Oregon Community Resource Network](#)

"The Eastern Oregon Community Resource Network (EOCRN) is a community engagement platform that focuses on firming up safety nets and expanding opportunities. The CRN aligns services, connects resources to fill unmet needs for community members, and accelerates impact by utilizing private sector

innovation, leveraging public sector resources and mobilizing social service networks." Use their resource directory to explore and connect with trusted organizations to support your needs!

[Basic Rights Oregon](#)

Basic Rights Oregon ensures that all LGBTQ2SIA+ Oregonians experience equality by: Advancing pro-queer & trans legislation, advocating for progressive statewide & local leaders, providing resource navigation & referrals, community organizing & education. Celebrating their 30th anniversary, find this group at Pride events across Oregon, and book them for educational speaking and tabling!



BLACK SOUTHERN
OREGON ALLIANCE

Community, Education, Advocacy

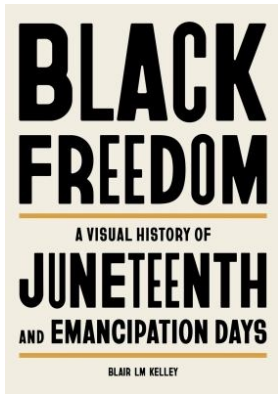
[Black Southern Oregon Alliance](#)

Black Southern Oregon Alliance centers around addressing the need for organization centering the Black community's interests and concerns in Southern Oregon. From serving as advocates for those who want another voice at the table, to striving towards equitable treatment for Black students in classroom settings, to creating an environment for community engagement, BSOA focuses on directly addressing needs of communities of color in Southern Oregon. Explore their website or

reach out to them @BlackSouthernOregonAlliance.org for more information about their resources!

CRU RECOMMENDATIONS

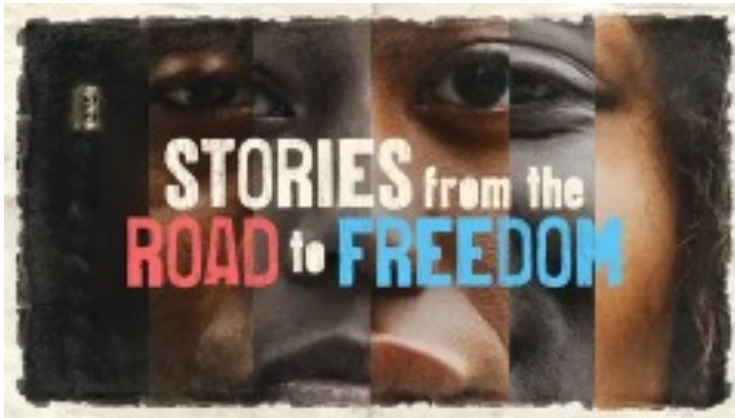
- [What Is Juneteenth? African American History Blog | The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross - PBS](#)



Black Freedom A Visual History of Juneteenth and Emancipation Days

by Kelley, Blair Murphy

"The first fully illustrated history of Juneteenth and other Emancipation Day celebrations, told through photographs, art, and an engrossing narrative from an award-winning historian."



Stories From the Road to Freedom directed by Nicole Rittenmeyer and Seth Skindrick, narrated by Deon Cole. This 2-hour special, narrated by Deon Cole, gives a fresh perspective of the black movement in America, from Emancipation to the Civil Rights era.

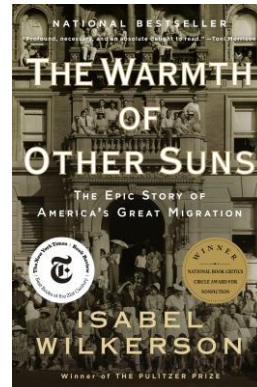


Follow the CRU on social media!



Juneteenth

The Emancipation Proclamation went into effect in 1863, however this was not widely implemented in Confederate controlled counties. On June 19th, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas, and freed the state's enslaved people. Thus, June 19th became known as Juneteenth, marking the country's second Independence Day.



The Warmth of Other Suns

by Isabel Wilkerson chronicles the stories of the decades long migration of Black citizens who fled the South for the Northern and Western cities for a better life.

[What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July? \(1852\) | Constitution Center](#)

WATCH: [Disability Pride Month and the Disability Rights Movement | PBS](#)

[Bystander Intervention to Support the Disability Community in Public Spaces](#) - Register for this 75-minute virtual training hosted by Right to Be July 16th.

[OSAC - The Oregon Self Advocacy Coalition](#) is a network of local self advocacy groups across Oregon.

[Adventures Without Limits](#) This program provides access to outdoor adventure to all people, regardless of their ability level, socioeconomic status, gender, ethnicity or age. Join them for their upcoming [Community Lake Day](#) on August 22, 2026.