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BEAVERTON CELEBRATES WELCOMING WEEK SEPTEMBER 14-23

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton invites you to participate in the fourth annual celebration of Beaverton Welcoming Week from Sep. 14-23 with a series of events that showcase the valuable role communities play in fostering greater welcome for everyone, including immigrants and refugees.

“Welcoming Week is a chance to celebrate the values that unite us as neighbors and make our city more welcoming to everyone who calls this city home,” said Mayor Denny Doyle.

Featured events include cultural expositions of food, dance, music and storytelling, and are designed to bring the community together to celebrate the contributions of immigrants and build cross-cultural relationships and understanding.

The largest event of the week is the city’s signature International Celebration event on Sep. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Conestoga Recreation Center located at 9985 SW 125th Ave. More than a dozen other family-friendly events throughout the week will be hosted by community partners that embrace the value of welcoming, including a Somali fashion show, an emerging entrepreneurs fair, community potlucks and more.

Share your experiences and pictures at the events with #BeavertonWelcomes. All of the events are free and open to the public. For more information about Welcoming Week, visit: www.BeavertonOregon.gov/WelcomingWeek or contact equity@BeavertonOregon.gov.

This local celebration coincides with National Welcoming Week, which is composed of hundreds of local events across the country in member cities of the national organization Welcoming America. Beaverton officially became a Welcoming City and member of Welcoming America in April 2015. While Beaverton was one of the first cities to join (and the first in Oregon), the national network now includes more than 80 municipalities and 100-plus nonprofit organizations leading a movement of inclusive communities. Welcoming America members share the belief that being a welcoming community for all, including immigrants and refugees, makes us stronger economically, socially and culturally.

Full Schedule of Welcoming Week Events:

FRI, SEP 14

Celebrating Indian Culture | 6-8:30 p.m. | Conestoga Recreation Center (9985 SW 125th Ave)

Join us as we celebrate Indian culture with dances and entertainment! Bring your friends and family to experience food, music, arts, a photo booth and more.

SAT, SEP 15**Spanish Storytime | 10:15-11 a.m. | Beaverton City Library (12375 SW 5th St.)**

Told solely in Spanish, this storytime features stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays and crafts!
For all kids ages 6 & under with their families.

Beaverton International Celebration | 1-4 p.m. | Conestoga Recreation Center (9985 SW 125th Ave)

Join us for an afternoon of art, dance, music and interactive activities showcasing our many cultures in Beaverton.

SUN, SEP 16**Aztec – Chichimeca Dance Workshop | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Beaverton City Library (12375 SW 5th St.)**

Huehca Omeyocan presents Aztec – Chichimeca dance and music! Come learn about the culture, history, sounds and movements of pre-Hispanic cultures.

MON, SEP 17**Public Safety Center Groundbreaking Ceremony | 3-4 p.m. | Corner of SW Hall and Allen Blvd.**

Join elected officials, public safety personnel and neighbors for a ceremony and activities to usher in the beginnings of Beaverton's new Public Safety Center! Be a part of affirming our commitment to building a safe and welcoming city for all.

Effective Voter Registration | 5:30-7:30 pm | Beaverton City Library (12375 SW 5th St.)

Join the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) for a workshop on importance of voter registration among historically marginalized communities and how you can get involved.

WED, SEP 19**We are a Welcoming Community Rally | 6 p.m. | Sidewalk along SW Hall Blvd at Fifth St., across from the library**

Join Campaign Nonviolence to acknowledge the efforts of community groups that welcome refugees and immigrants. Learn more about services provided to newcomers in Washington County including food, transportation, tutoring and resettlement assistance.

A Night With Somalis | 5-8:30 p.m. | Beaverton City Library Auditorium (12375 SW 5th St.)

Somali Empowerment Circle invites you to a fashion show and evening gathering to raise awareness, build community and increase knowledge of the Somali culture.

THU, SEP 20**We Welcome Entrepreneurs Beaverton | 4-8:30 p.m. | BESThq (12745 SW Beaverdam Rd.)**

Adelante Mujeres and BESThq invite entrepreneurs for a mini fair and fiesta with state and local nonprofits, agencies and resources for starting and growing their business in Beaverton.

Welcoming Week Social: A Multi-Chamber Event | 4-7 p.m. | BG Food Cartel (4250 SW Rose Biggi Ave)

Join the Beaverton Chamber and PABA for networking, games and appetizers from the surrounding food carts and no-host drinks at the Speakeasy Bar.

FRI, SEP 21

**The Immigrant Story is the American Story | 4-5:30 p.m. | The Beaverton Building
(12725 SW Millikan Way)**

Join us for a showcase of stories and photographs that capture the lives of immigrants and refugees in our community.

SAT, SEP 22

Cultural Immersion Concert | Noon-4 p.m. | Eden Presbyterian Church (1200 SW 185th Ave.)

Join PDX Friends of Refugees and Olivenbaum for an afternoon of music and food. Participate in music lessons, an instrument “petting zoo” and cultural games to build relationships with refugee and immigrant families.

Neighbor Fest | 4-6 p.m. | 1st United Methodist Church (12555 SW 4th St.)

Enjoy a multicultural festival and resource fair, featuring music by Chicamarimba. Cultivate connections between neighbors from all backgrounds.

Mission Nonviolence Workshop | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Spirit of Grace Church (7400 SW Scholls Ferry Rd.)

Immigrant community activists will share strategies for change using the nonviolent methods of Dr. King, Gandhi and Cesar Chavez.

SUN, SEP 23

Welcome Beaverton Potluck | 4 p.m. – Dusk | Conestoga Recreation Center (9985 SW 125th Ave)

Build community through a multicultural potluck and interactive games with immigrants and U.S.-born residents.

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