

## WELCOMING WEEK 2022 EVENTS LIST



### SEPTEMBER 9

#### Welcoming Week Kick-off Celebration

**5 - 8 p.m.** *Latino Community Association, 2680 NE Twin Knolls Drive, Ste #110, Bend*  
This in-person event will be held at the Latino Community Association's Bend location. For this year's theme of "Where We Belong" the Association will have immigrant community members speak on how the Bend community made them feel welcome upon arriving in the area. This will also be an opportunity to educate community members who have conflicted feelings towards the immigrant/refugee community and address any misinformation. It will also address the contributions made to the Bend community by the immigrant/refugee community. This event will also aim to connect city leaders with immigrant/refugee community members to begin building relationships.

### SEPTEMBER 10

#### Latino Fest

**4 - 6 p.m.** *Latino Community Association, Sahalee Park, 1-99 SE 7th Street, Madras*  
Enjoy diverse cultures, live music, dancing, delicious food, community resource fair, piñatas, and games for kids! Full detailed information found [here](#).

### SEPTEMBER 12

#### Principles of Community: Living the Work

**10 a.m. – 12 p.m.** *Central Oregon Community College, Wille Hall, 2600 NW College Way, Bend*

This interactive workshop will center on the Central Oregon Community College (COCC) "Principles of Community," which governs how we engage, encourage, and develop a plan for success. Facilitators will share current and future programs and projects that promote inclusive and welcoming spaces at COCC. Participants will work together to brainstorm ideas on how together we can model the Principles of Community in Central Oregon.

## When Belonging “Works” – The Impact of Belonging at Work

**5:30 p.m.** *Embrace Bend*, Zoom and in person, Obsidian Hall, OSU-Cascades, 1500 SW Chandler Avenue, Bend

How can Bend make belonging a regular business practice? This event will include a video of impacted community members talking about moments of belonging at work and moments when they felt unsafe and/or alienated because of their identity. We will follow with a panel discussion of businesses who are starting the process of integrating belonging into their day-to-day work. The event will conclude with the introduction of a Safety and Inclusion Project for the Bend community.

**Register:** [When Belonging "Works" - The Impact of Belonging At Work Tickets, Mon, Sep 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

## SEPTEMBER 13

### Helping the Caregiver

**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** *Partners In Care, Parkinson's Resources of Oregon, Alzheimer's Association, Volunteers in Medicine*, Tower Theater, 835 NW Wall Street, Bend

A health fair for those caring for older loved ones. Find support groups, resources, and support. Food is provided.

### Peace Service

**6:30 p.m.** *The Interfaith Network of Central Oregon*, Zoom and in person, Trinity Episcopal Church, 469 NW Wall Street, Bend

The Interfaith Movement of Central Oregon (INCO) invites you to attend the annual Peace Service for Welcoming Week. There is no cost to attend. INCO is planning to have a live gathering this year and provide a Zoom access option for those wishing to attend virtually. INCO will have live music and speakers from varied faith organizations sharing messages of peace, inclusion, and weaving in the message of Welcoming Week—"Where We Belong."

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83151395340?pwd=UVB2QjhXdEJZb1JnVWJ1YmxKVHk3Zz09>

**Meeting ID:** 831 5139 5340

**Passcode:** Peace

## SEPTEMBER 14

### Upcoming Affordable Housing Opportunities

**12 – 1 p.m.** *Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council*, Drake Park, 777 NW Riverside Boulevard, Bend

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) will host a panel of affordable housing providers and supportive service providers (Hive, Kor Community Land Trust, Bend/Redmond Habit for Humanity, Housing Works, First Story, NeighborImpact, City of Bend Affordable Housing Advisory Committee representative) to discuss affordable housing opportunities coming to Bend, and what is currently available. COIC will host lunch in the park and provide a

brief discussion of the services and products they offer and their pipelines and some Q&A opportunities for the public to learn more.

### **Restorative Community Circles for Bend**

**2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.** *Restorative Justice & Equity Group*, Caldera High School, 60925 SE 15th Street, Bend

The Restorative Justice & Equity Group invites the Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, and People of Color (BILAPOC) community and friends to participate in a restorative healing circle on the topic of, "Where We Belong." We will hold three healing circles for 12 participants and 20 observers in each session using a restorative circle process. Participants will explore what belonging is, how they have experienced and been impacted by belonging or not belonging, a time when they felt they were unfairly treated due to their ethnicity or color, and how to create and nurture a culture of belonging and inclusiveness in Bend.

### **Multicultural Art Exhibition**

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

The Environmental Center is hosting its annual in-person Art Walk in the Learning Garden for Welcoming Week 2022. The last two Art Walks have been a success with continued interest from artists and community members. The vision this year is to grow and invite more artists featuring live poetry, live music, and other art forms. The Center has invited folks who practice any of the various creative arts, such as muralists, novelists, poets, musicians, dancers, etc. This event centers BILAPOC, LGBTQ+, and people experiencing disabilities. This is a unique community event that brings people together, and The Center can't express enough the importance of holding space to elevate the voices of artists in our community.

## **SEPTEMBER 15**

### **inte-GRIT-y Conversations for the Greater Good**

**5 p.m.** *Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church*, 61980 Skyline Ranch Road, Bend

Born out of a time when there was, and still is, such divide in the country, as well as deep isolation, the Greater Good event is intended to inspire and bring community together by sharing across disciplines and talking about greater creative possibilities. This will be a special gathering of inspirational speakers ranging from artists to writers to business owners who are all working towards the greater good in business, personal projects, environment, outreach, service and community. The speakers will be sharing their inspiring stories to promote discussions with participants on their individual passion projects. All for the greater good and working towards a more connected community.

## SEPTEMBER 16

### Introduction to Fair Housing

**11 a.m. – 12 p.m.** *Fair Housing Council of Oregon*, The Haven, 1001 SW Disk Drive, Ste #250, Bend

During this **free** in-person presentation, the audience will learn about what Fair Housing Law is and when and to whom it applies. Through a quick review of some best practices and some red flags in housing market transactions (rent and/or purchase), people seeking housing and housing providers alike will be able to better understand their rights and their responsibilities. There will be ample opportunity for questions, and some time will be reserved to address most commonly inquired-about topics such as assistance animals and disparate impact.

## SEPTEMBER 17

### A Night Out With The Father's Group

**6 - 8 p.m.** *The Father's Group*, Open Space Event Studio, 220 NE Lafayette Avenue, Bend

The Father's Group will host a "Family Conversation" between the community and the institutional leaders within organizations, education, and government agencies for Central Oregon. The Group wants to hear from BILAPOC communities about their concerns and lived experiences and to share those with the decision makers in Central Oregon. The goal is to push for better accountability, understanding, and above all else, action on the part of City and County officials when concerns and injustices held by the prioritized populations are brought to their attention.

## SEPTEMBER 18

### BIPOC Sunday Community Meal and Gathering

**4 - 6 p.m.** *Nativity Lutheran Church*, 60850 Brosterhous Road, Bend

A community meal is an occasion for gathering in order to share food and experiences with each other. Bend is a white city. As such, there are limited community spaces for Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) individuals and families to gather, interact and share. As part of Bend's Welcoming Week and hopefully, every month after, Nativity Lutheran Church would like to host a Sunday community meal for BIPOC families and individuals to gather, break bread and be with each other in a safe and welcoming space.