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Willamette Update:

On February 1st Willamette celebrated **Willamette Day**, the 179th anniversary of the founding and the annual occasion to reflect on their history, progress and future.

Reminders:

[Willamette Heritage Center Presents: Zooming Back to History, An Online History Speaker Series](#)

“When History Collides with the Present: Tales from the 21st Century Classroom” with Ellen Eisenberg, Willamette University

February 9, 2021 | 7:00 PM | On ZOOM

Registrations required. Donations accepted – \$10/speaker or \$30/series. *The link and password for each speaker will be sent to you via email after registration.*

[Salem Reads 2021: One Community, One Book will focus on Walking with Peety by Eric O'Grey](#)

...a heartwarming book about a man and a rescue dog who walk their way to better health.

Salem readers are invited to join together to celebrate the themes of reading, community, healthy living, and dogs from February 1-28. Many [free community activities and virtual events](#) are planned throughout the month, including:

Author Talk with Eric O'Grey - 7 p.m. Thursday, February 4 on Zoom. [Sign up](#) to get the Zoom access information for this and other Salem Reads events like book discussions, dog trivia night, lectures and workshops, and walking and biking activities.

[Oregon Legislature and OLIS:](#)

The 81st Legislative Assembly convened for Legislative Session Friday, January 22nd, 2021 and will go until the end of June. The following is a satellite view of what's happening and how to find out more information on the sessions, the legislators, the bills, etc.

Legislative Session is the period of time in which the Legislative Assembly is convened for the purpose of lawmaking. Regular sessions convene each January and may last 160 days in odd-numbered years and 35 days in even-numbered years.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Oregon State Capitol is open to authorized personnel only, including employees, members, and

The Spring 2021 Schedule is posted online:

- [Link to ZOOM classes](#). This is the same link each week.
- on the [Google Calendar](#)
- the [full online version](#)
- and the [Schedule Reports](#)
- [Recorded Presentations!](#)

Missing ICL Friends?

Join us for...

- [Virtual Happy Hour](#) on Fridays at 4:30PM.
- [Zoom Help](#) - Find tips, FAQ, and other resources available on the ICL Website.

Oregon Community Rights Network presents: **Dismantling Fake Democracy. Creating Real Democracy**

February 3 | 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Join us as we explore questions/topics like:

- What is democracy?
- Do we want it?
- Is the United States a democracy?
- Has it ever been a democracy?
- Democracy movements in history and current times – in the US and elsewhere

[More info...](#)

Please RSVP to receive the Zoom link: info@orcrn.org

Groundhog Day is an age-old tradition with roots in the Christian festival of Candlemas. It was celebrated

Capitol occupants. There are still plenty of ways to participate in the 2021 Legislative Session. [Learn more.](#)

Leadership in 2021:

Oregon State Senate:

- Senate president: Peter Courtney (D)
- Majority leader: Rob Wagner (D)
- Minority leader: Fred Girod (R)

Oregon House of Representatives:

- Speaker of the House: Tina Kotek (D)
- Majority leader: Barbara Smith Warner (D)
- Minority leader: Christine Drazan (R)

A **Bill** is proposed legislation considered by the legislature. A Bill may create a new law, or amend or repeal an existing law. Legislators vote on Bills as they move through the legislative process.

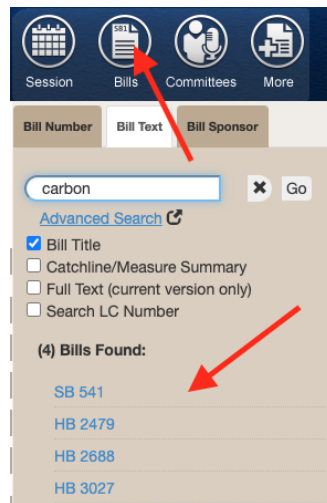
How Do I Find a Bill?

You can look through the [current list of bills](#), but the more efficient method is to use the [Oregon Legislative Information System \(OLIS\)](#).

There are multiple ways to find a bill. Start by going to [OLIS](#) and clicking on the Bill icon (see figure, top red arrow)

A menu comes up with 3 tabs at the top for searching by Bill Number, Bill Text, and Bill Sponsor.

Each of those in turn will drop several search tools to find your bill.



- Enter as much as you know. E.g. “SB #####”, “HB #####” and/or just the number. Hit search.
- If there is only one result, it will take you to that bill. Otherwise a list will be displayed of possible bills (bottom red arrow in figure). *Note: you can hover over the bill number and the catchline of the bill will display.*
- Select the bill you are looking for and it will take you to the Bill Overview page.
- You can search by a keyword. Click on the Bill Text tab.
- You can enter part or all of a phrase you wish to search. The longer the phrase, the fewer the results. The shorter the search text, the more hits you’ll get.

Note: this is not a full measure text search and will not search the full measure for the keywords you have entered.

- You can search by who has sponsored a bill. Click on the Bill Sponsor tab.
- You can enter a member’s name or select from the list of members.
- From the list you can select bills based on whether they were Chief Sponsor or Sponsor.

at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney for the first time in 1887, when a newspaper editor named Clymer Freas anointed Phil as the country's only official weather-prognosticating groundhog. While his devotees insist that he has never been wrong, Punxsatawney Phil's accuracy rate is only 39%. (Stormfax Almanac)

[Washington Post: The 10 best books of 2020](#)

Of all the excellent books this year, these stood out.

[Astronauts capture an image of rare blue jet lightning.](#)

[WORLD HIPPO DAY](#)

Each year, World Hippo Day on **February 15th** provides a special day to celebrate the world's third-largest mammal. It's also a day to learn more about the hippopotamus.

[More...](#)

[How 5 of History's Worst Pandemics Finally Ended](#)

While some of the earliest pandemics faded by wiping out parts of the population, medical and public health initiatives were able to halt the spread of other diseases. By Dave Roos

[Virtual Science Pub: Can You Smell Me Now?](#)

How COVID-19 Affects Our Sense of Smell and Taste
February 16th at 6:30 PM.

What the house of the future [looked like in the 1950s](#). (via YouTube)

[Quick Access to your State Capitol, the Legislature and the current session.](#)

[How Ideas Become Law](#)

If you've read this far and are interested in hearing more about the bills going through the current session, you can tune into [KMUZ Radio](#) (88.5 FM or 100.7 FM) on Mondays after 8:00 AM. Right after the news at 8, Cindy Condon and Jan Margosian will talk about what bills have their attention on the **Willamette Wakeup** program.

Tech Tip: Terminology - URL

A URL is a website address. It stands for Universal Resource Locator. Most URLs begin with the letters www (World Wide Web) and end with a dot followed by the type of website.

- .com = a business or commercial enterprise (the most common)
- .org = a non-profit organization
- .edu = an educational institution (like WillametteUniversity.edu)
- .gov = a government agency
- .mil = a military agency
- .net = another common ending for a commercial site

Humor: Now That I'm Older... (part 1)

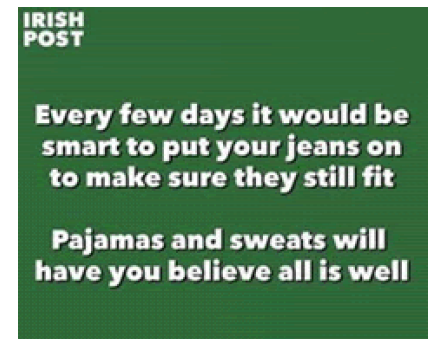
- Don't be worried about your smartphone or TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years.
- If you can't think of a word say "I forgot the English word for it." That way people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.
- I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out.
- I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.
- My goal for 2020 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go.
- Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce, and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza.... OK, I ate a pizza! Are you happy now?
- I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
- I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food supply in 3 hours and 20 minutes.
- A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
- Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.
- Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below freezing outside they closed school? Yeah, Me neither.
- I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.
- I love approaching 90, I learn something new every day and forget 5 other things.

There is just one life for each of us: our own. - Euripides

A Word to Know: taradiddle or tarradiddle (tar·a·did·dle) n.
1. A petty falsehood; a fib.
2. Silly pretentious speech or writing; twaddle.

Said Eunice Porter after hearing of Anne Bowden's death:

"I did not know her well, but she and I both have small feet and wear a hard-to-find 5 1/2 shoe. Guess you could say we were 'sole-mates'."



Escaping The Nazis For A Life In Portland

- [OPB Think Out Loud interview with Amelie Diamant Holmstrom](#)
- She is also mentioned in the Ken Burns documentary, [Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War](#) (2016) with Tom Hanks

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