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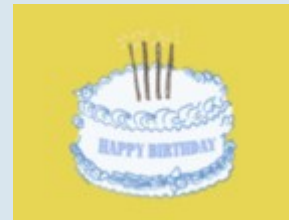
The Volunteer Experience at the Oregon State Capitol



Upcoming: Cherry Blossom Day, Move-in Updates

Wow, this is it -- we are getting our Visitor Services family all back together inside the Capitol slowly but surely and we are so excited. The day I am writing this little note, our

Happy Birthday



Let's celebrate our only February birthday:

- Gail - February 20

Capitol Store Update

new information desk was just delivered to the Capitol (and it is so nice, I can't wait to sit in it.)

A couple of things I wanted to remind you of. Our website oregoncapitol.com is a huge resource. It is no longer buried among all the pages of the legislative website. It is its own site. Many of you know the site features the ability to shop fully online. This means a customer can check out and have items mailed without even needing to talk to anyone. They can shop at night or on weekends too, so it is not dependent on staffing. If a guest ever comes up to the Information desk and is bummed because the store just closed, please relay this information.

Our exhibit program continues to share revolving exhibits online. The next exhibit to be showcased is "The Journey of Jackie Winters" by the Vanport Mosaic in March. There is a handy list of past exhibits to share on the bottom of the [exhibit page](#) as well. Our physical exhibit program will return to the Capitol's West Galleria area later this year – so stay tuned!

The **next event will be Cherry Blossom Day** on March 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will take place entirely in the Capitol Mall for 2025. **We would love a couple of volunteers for the event. We need two people to alternate being the Oregon Cherry and guiding the Oregon Cherry.** Last year the two switched back and forth during the event. This is a roving interactive element, and no time frame is involved. If someone wanted to walk around for 20 minutes and then take a 20-minute break, then go back out for another 20 minutes that is fine. Gender doesn't matter. You can wear jeans and still be the Oregon Cherry!

The only caveat is ambulatory issues. The Oregon Cherry comes with big shoes to fill (literally), and you should be steady on your feet. Please send Lacey a note if you want to be the Cherry or guide the Cherry for Cherry Blossom Day!

I am excited to touch base with each one of you during your upcoming shifts. There will be a lot of newness for all of us, so don't be afraid to ask questions. Just know each day is unique!

Stacy

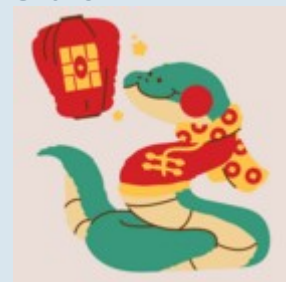
Dine Out! Feb 19th

Two big updates for the Capitol Store!

The popup store is now officially open! It is located immediately to the east of the State St center doors. This session's pop up is even more robust than prior years! We have more space, more product, and snacks.

The Capitol Store was featured in the Statesman journal on January 30th. The piece highlighted the new House and Senate carpet line, the wide variety of merchandise, and the long history of the Capitol Store. Check out the full article [here](#)

Lunar New Year - The Year of the Snake



On January 29, we moved into a new Lunar year. Often referred to as "Chinese New Year", millions of people around the world celebrate the change of year on the second new moon after the winter solstice. We are now in the Year of the Snake.



Join us on Wednesday, February 19 for a Dine Out at the North Salem Paddington's Pizza!

Self-Hosted, please plan to support this local business with a purchase (Collaborate with a buddy and split a pie - pineapple and anchovy lovers need to unite!)

RSVP by 2/12! Email

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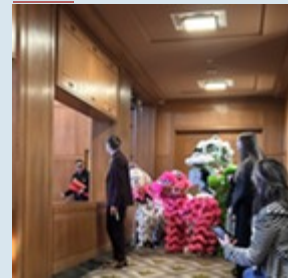
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The snake is known for its wisdom and transformative nature, making Snake Years a time for personal growth.

On January 28th, the House hosted the White Lotus Foundation Lion Dancers for the opening ceremony. Stream the convocation and see the performance [here](#)

If you'd like to know more, or celebrate throughout the 16-day spring festival, check out the [Portland City Guide](#) for events!



White Lotus Lion Dancers queue up in the Side Aisle before taking the floor in the House of Representatives



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