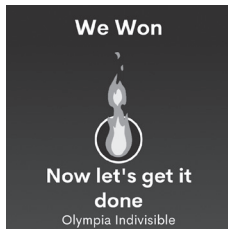


# Community Spotlight

## Olympia Indivisible

**Saturday, March 6, from 6–7:15 PM**

You are invited to a virtual meeting hosted by Olympia Indivisible. Find out how together we can make progress to fix our democracy. Join with other progressives as we support federal and state legislation to protect healthcare, voting rights, the environment, racial justice, and fairness in government. Together we will take steps to protect these same democratic values in Thurston County and at the Port of Olympia. Register for this event <http://bit.ly/3jNcbyA>



About Olympia Indivisible <https://www.olympiaindivisible.org>

## Give your old (or new but not beloved) books a new life

**Every Wed & Sat 12-2 pm downtown library**

Clearing your shelves of books you've all but forgotten has three benefits: more room at your place; a few thousand dollars for the library from book sales; new eyes on words and pictures that (let's face it) never really get worn out. Hooray for print and paper!



## Strengthening Sanctuary Alliance

Olympia/Thurston based Strengthening Sanctuary Alliance is aligned with the regional immigrant rights movement. Formed in early 2017 after the Trump election, SSA has been involved in several ongoing efforts to bring public attention to conditions that immigrant communities face on a daily basis. We have organized ourselves around several projects—including legislative policy, education, agricultural workers solidarity and law enforcement/ICE.

Visit [www.strengtheningsanctuaryalliance.org/2021-annual-report](http://www.strengtheningsanctuaryalliance.org/2021-annual-report) to learn more and to connect with ongoing work.

## West Central Park 2021 in the Rear View Mirror

Despite covid and uncertainty, the summer of 2021 brought lots of music, visitors, garden-lovers, and fun to West Central Park at the corner of Harrison & Division in SW Oly. New people discovered the park, walking the path through the varied colorful plantings, fruit trees, vegetable gardens, and more. The concert season was long, filled with wonderful energy from the dedicated musicians who donated their time and talents to bring everyone safely out of their Covid isolation. The park leadership made a little video of the highlights [here](#). But see for yourself, even in winter this little neighborhood park created and maintained by volunteers is a treasure.



## Thurston Conservation District

**March 5, 2022**

The 2022 Native Plant Festival and Sale will be March 5, 2022 at the Thurston County Fairgrounds. Low Maintenance: Compared with lawns and mulched tree, shrub, and perennial plantings, landscapes planted with appropriate native plants require much less maintenance. Look forward to using less water, little to no fertilizer, little to no pesticides, less pruning, and less of your time!



## Intercity Transit's Bike Commuter Winter Challenge

It's almost time to celebrate winter bicycling, with the Winter Bicycle Commuter Challenge! The Winter BCC runs for the whole month of February, with awesome prize drawings each week, and a bonus drawing at the end of the month for everyone who logs rides on 10 days or more in February. Rides can be for practical purposes or for health and well-being. Look for a fun scavenger hunt for young riders—and the young at heart. Let's Bike on Through to the Other Side, together! <https://bcc.intercitytransit.com/> to sign up.

## Sam Miller's Olympia Comedy Show

**Wednesdays at 9 PM, The Wayside, 500 Capital Way**

Tickets online at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

Covid protocols, proof of vaxx

## Heart of the Deernicorn

**207- 4th Ave E, Olympia**

Deernicorn is a studio and workshop where people design, manufacture, publish and ship award-winning games all over the world. Art drives the gameplay and players all have equal share in the story. Many game components are handmade in the workshop. Deernicorn's website says "we believe in the power of games to inspire creativity and empower you and your friends to form deep connections through shared storytelling. During the pandemic, check their website for activities. They offer support for people to participate who otherwise might not be able to. [Heartofthedeernicorn.com](http://Heartofthedeernicorn.com)



## Free Radio Olympia, at 91.9 FM

**Free Radio Oly** is a collective committed to broadcasting unlicensed, uncensored content in the spirit of free expression and direct action. Currently available at <http://frolympia.airtime.pro>, you can find The Thunderbolt for events around Oly as well as music by local artists and bands.

## Wild Food Traditions: Wild Spring Greens

**Tuesday, March 1, 10:00-5:00 PM—pay what you can: \$100 or \$125**

**GRuB- 2016 Elliott Way NW Olympia — Registration closes March 11, 2022.**

Tasty edible greens including nettles, dandelion, chickweed, wild lettuces, salmonberry sprouts, violets, and big leaf maple blossoms. After a plant walk around the GRuB farm, you will prepare and sample a feast of wild foods. Bring outdoor gear, a notebook and a basket or bag for harvesting. Participants will receive a curriculum with plant identification tips, sustainable harvesting techniques, nutritional values, medicinal uses and recipes. Taught by members of the *Tend, Gather and Grow* team.



There is a sliding fee scale for this workshop. Proceeds cover supply costs and support GRuB programs. Classes subject to change based on COVID safety protocols.

## Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

**Every third Thursday (Feb 17) at 5 pm via zoom**

Join us for an informative, productive and enjoyable discussion. Contact Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 [glenanderson@integra.net](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net) in advance for the Zoom link and the agenda.

## Parallax Perspectives

**"Whistle-blowers Serve the Public"**

The February episode of Parallax Perspectives takes on the issue of how to confront the fraud, abuse, corruption, negligence and dysfunction at all levels of government and in the private sector. Louis Clark is the Executive Director of the Government Accountability Project (GAP), a nonprofit that assists whistleblowers like Dr. Scott Allen who will also speak. Along with his regular medical practice, Dr. Allen was responsible for monitoring activities at Department of Homeland Security detention facilities. Dr. Allen and a colleague found and reported serious problems at those facilities. When the problems weren't corrected, they contacted GAP for help. (In this interview, Scott Allen is speaking on his own behalf, and NOT for the Department of Homeland Security.)

The program airs on cable on Channel 22 Mondays at 1:30, Wednesdays at 5 pm and Thursdays at 9 pm. It's also on Glen Anderson's blog [www.parallaxperspectives.org](http://www.parallaxperspectives.org), along with a transcript from the TV program. Reach host/producer Glen at (360) 491-9093 [glenanderson@integra.net](mailto:glenanderson@integra.net)



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