

The mission of the Humanists of Greater Portland is to create a thriving local community that promotes and acts upon the ideals of humanism. Since HGP's inception in 1998, our meetings have welcomed all. Because of COVID restrictions, HGP began meeting over Zoom.

That connection to our Sunday morning meetings is now available to the general public, and our community is now world-wide. Please use the link below to join the upcoming HGP Sunday morning meeting, regularly scheduled each week at 10am Pacific Standard Time.

We have also resumed meeting in person at Friendly House with a live audience participating with the Zoom audience. Sometimes the speaker will be at Friendly House and sometime they will appear over Zoom. For advice on attending in person, including parking options, see *At Friendly House*

Topic: HGP 1st Sunday Program - Play At Any Age

Time: April 05 09:45 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

From FH (Easter, aka our Hat Day). Remember laughing until your side ached and your face hurt? Take a stroll down memory lane and reawaken that inherent joy. We'll be goofy, play games, and take our silliness seriously for a change. Wear your tie-dye or anything that sparks whimsy, bring your favorite stuffed animals, and give yourself permission to embrace the joy of play! Alesha Weiland has a B.S. in Geography and Environmental Studies from University of Alaska Fairbanks and has worked for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, outdoor education programs across the country, and acted and performed improv in Alaska. (First Sundays start with 1/2 hour of music, offer daycare, and may run until noon.)

The program officially runs from 10 to about noon Pacific time, with socializing before and after. There will be early coffee and a setup for Early Birds, plus snacks after the program, at Friendly House (NW 26th and Thurman, in Portland, OR). Find more information about the Friendly House situation (including parking) at the bottom of this post.

Feel free to share this invite with friends and colleagues, but please don't share this Zoom invite to public web pages or posts. You may direct them to find this Zoom invite on the HGP website at <http://portlandhumanists.org>. Video can often be found some days after the presentation, on the same website or at <http://YouTube.com/@>.

If this is your first time to an HGP meeting, or using Zoom in general, please read the remainder of this message. Our main request for Zoomers is that you leave your microphone muted during the main meeting until/unless you are called on to ask a question.

Click [HERE](#) to join the Sunday Program Zoom meeting.

(If Zoom decides to update your app, you may need to hit this link a second time after the update. Further instructions below if you wish to call in, or use your browser.)

Welcome!

EARLY BIRDS

For those ready for some early morning thoughtful moderated discussion even earlier, consider joining the Early Birds before the main program, either on Zoom or in person at the Friendly House, from 8:30 to 9:30AM.

Click [HERE](#) to join the Early Birds Discussion Zoom.

(Again, if Zoom decides to update your app, you may need to hit this link a second time after the update.)

TO CALL IN OR USE WEB BROWSER FROM ZOOM.US:

Sunday Meeting ID: 858 7056 8582

Passcode: 478141

Early Birds Meeting ID: 854 7616 6860

Passcode: 439720

For closest phone number to dial in, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/>

JOIN US AT FRIENDLY HOUSE?

You do not NEED to come to Friendly House to participate this Sunday: We will continue making the programs available on Zoom, pretty much unchanged. But for those looking to get out and involved again, the remainder of this document is for those contemplating coming to Friendly House.

PARKING (Updated May 2025)

In addition to street parking, we have made arrangements with the Selco Credit Union on 25th and Thurman (one block east of FH) to use their parking lots. Selco has asked us to leave at least 5 places closest to the ATM available for their customers, so “our” spots would be a few places close to the intersection and some more after passing the ATM. In addition, we can park against the South wall of the Cyclepath bicycle shop on 27th and Thurman (one block west of FH), as long as we don't interfere with ingress and egress. At both locations (and street), park at your own risk (don't leave valuables in car).

COVID PRECAUTIONS

Though we take some measures to mitigate spread of germs, it is ultimately your decision whether you feel safe to attend. To help us minimize contagion, please take appropriate precautions.

APPEARING ON CAMERA

For the most part, in the process of getting pictures of audience members asking questions, other audience members may also appear on camera. If you want to be certain you will NOT appear there, ask someone organizing the meeting, and you can be seated to the side outside of camera range.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

People at FH are able to ask questions, regardless of whether speaker is present there or not. Simply raise your hand to get a number at the end of the presentation, and ask your question when the emcee calls your number. You will usually be able to simply ask your question in a clear voice, but in some circumstances we may hand you a microphone.

EARLY BIRDS/OVERFLOW/AFTERTHOUGHTS

There will be a place for in-person attendees of the Early Birds discussion group to join other attendees on Zoom between 8:30 and 9:30AM. Also, in cases where there is an especially large crowd for the main Sunday Program (or families with children who would prefer to sit separately), we can set up a screen to watch the program from the East Room.

THANK YOU!

We'd like to hear how you think things went, and suggestions for improvement.

FOR ZOOM FIRST-TIMERS:

Even if you've never used Zoom before, it's easy to use, and requires no registration or account. There are plenty of resources online if you'd like to get a some advance instruction, or respond to this message with any questions or requests, such as for a quick tutorial or test run.