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President Teddy Roosevelt to visit the West Hills

PORTLAND, Ore. — The public is invited to a legendary performance of Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president, by Joe Wiegand, the country's leading reenactor, on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 2 p.m. There is no charge for this presentation, but seating is limited. Please call 503-954-1640 to reserve a seat. Touchmark is located at 840 SW Touchmark Way, adjacent to Southwest Barnes and Leahy roads.

Wiegand resembles Roosevelt right down to the wind-burned complexion and cadence of voice. Known for his ability to never break character, his performances have entertained presidents and elected officials alike, and he takes his lively performance on tour to parks and historic events around the country.

“We are so excited to host this reenactment. The show is an excellent opportunity to learn more about President Roosevelt's impact on our nation and his great legacy,” says Touchmark Life Enrichment/Wellness Director Keri Donovan. “Touchmark is thrilled to bring history to life and provide the opportunity for people to meet this great president.”

Wiegand is a political science graduate of Sewanee: The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and a former graduate assistant at the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. A member of the National Association for Interpretation, he enjoyed a 25-year stint in politics and public policy in his native Illinois managing gubernatorial and presidential campaigns and serving as a county commissioner in DeKalb County.

Today, he and his family reside in Colorado. In 2008, he set out with his wife, daughter and golden retriever on a 50-state tour celebrating Teddy Roosevelt's sesquicentennial birthday and the centennial of the President's final year in office. The highlight was a performance at the White House for President and Mrs. George W. Bush on Roosevelt's 150th birthday.

About Touchmark in the West Hills

Located on a wooded hillside in the West Hills near Forest Heights, the new full-service retirement community offers unparalleled services, commanding views and a range of active-adult living and award-winning wellness offerings. More information is available at TouchmarkPortland.com.

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