

## Events & Announcements

### Community Calendar 2016

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#### Portland Metro

##### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**2016 VOLUNTEER EXPO:** The Standard's Volunteer Expo is a free event that brings non-profits together in one place. Learn about unique volunteer opportunities, enjoy live music, attend. It's free. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square.

##### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**CASUALTIES OF ENDLESS WARS:** Lives, Compassion, The Economy, Privacy and The Environment. Rally/March 15 years since 9/11. 5 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Yamhill & Broadway St.

##### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**BELMONT 2016 STREET FAIR:** The 21st Annual Belmont Street Fair is filled with the lively sights that can only be seen on Belmont St. Featuring live music, over 200 vendors with great food, shopping and a kids area with bounce houses. Free for all ages. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., SE Belmont St. between SE 33rd and SE Cesar Chavez.

**MEALS ON WHEELS PEOPLE HOSTS 11TH ANNUAL SUMMER IN SEPTEMBER JAMBALAYA FESTIVAL & BBQ:** Live musical entertainment. The menu includes authentic Creole-style Jambalaya or BBQ ribs along with corn bread, salad & beverage. The event will also feature a children's area, games, and activities and also door prizes. The meal is \$15 per person or \$45 for a group of four people. Proceeds from this event will provide hot meals to seniors in NE Portland. Noon - 6 p.m., Dawson Park between N. Williams and N. Vancouver Ave.

##### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**9/11 COMMEMORATION AND HONORING OF FIRST RESPONDERS AND VETERANS!** TriMet, The City of Milwaukee and the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs will host a solemn recognition of the heroic efforts of first responders and the Armed Forces Veterans on Sept. 11 and every day on the job. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main St., Milwaukie.

**9/11 PATRIOT DAY:** The ceremony will include the combined Vancouver Police and Vancouver Fire Honor Guard, musical performances, a ceremonial Fire Department bell ringing, Vancouver Veterans of Foreign Wars rifle salute and much more. 9 a.m. Vancouver City Hall, 415 W. 6th St., Vancouver.

##### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**CELEBRATE THE REVITALIZATION OF ANKENY SQUARE IN THE NORTH PARK BLOCKS:** Grubbin, a food cart, arts and music endeavor created by Portland's Jamal Gardner. A community gathering celebrating the area's revitalization. Noon - 1 p.m., Free and Open to everyone! Ankeny Square, SW Ankeny & W. Burnside.

##### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**STURGEON FESTIVAL:** 2016Rocks! Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Sturgeon Festival. This free, fun family event offers a variety of opportunities for the entire family to learn about fish and other animals in and around the Columbia River. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Water Resource Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver.

#### Seattle Metro

##### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**AFRICAN ART AUCTION CELEBRATION:** For the first time ever, you have a chance to support the kids at Africatown by purchasing authentic African art. Come celebrate the rebirth and growth of Africatown and the Umoja Peace Center. 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., Black Dot, 1160 23rd Ave.

**OPEN HOUSE APPLE SQUEEZE AND FAMILY HIP-HOP DANCE PARTY:** Celebrate the colors of Fall and its juicy harvest. We're going to make fresh apple juice with an apple press, come meet some of our instructors, observe class demonstrations and enjoy the light refreshments. Free to attend. Please wear comfortable

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### 'Little Shop'

Portland Center Stage's production of Alan Menken and Howard Ashman's "Little Shop of Horrors," directed by Bill Fennelly, opens Sept. 10 and runs through Oct. 16 on the U.S. Bank Main Stage. With a score that is part rock 'n' roll, part doo-wop and part Motown, "Little Shop" is the story of the shy and love-struck florist's assistant Seymour, who finds fame, fortune and a whole lot more when he nurtures a strange little plant with a strong - and scary - thirst. Based on the darkly comic Roger Corman film of the same name, Menken and Ashman created a unique musical that swept the Off-Broadway awards when it premiered, and has continued to be a crowd favorite ever since. Pictured here are Jamison Stern as Orin, David Meyers as Mushnik, Ebony Blake as Ronnette, Nick Cearley as Seymour, Gina Milo as Audrey, Johari Nandi Mackey as Chiffon, Chaz Rose as The Voice of Audrey II, and Alexis Tidwell as Crystal.

## Portland News Briefs

### N/NE Housing Strategy Hosts Two Upcoming Meetings

The Community Oversight Committee, a community-based body formed to oversee the Portland Housing Bureau's ongoing work to address displacement in North and Northeast Portland, will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 8 at 220 NE Russell St. The committee meets every other month for progress updates and discussion on the N/NE Neighborhood Housing Strategy. These meetings are open to the public. Meeting agendas and materials are posted online in advance of each meeting at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/69693>.

Community members are also invited to participate in a community forum from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 10 at St. Johns Community Center, 8427 North Central Street. The Portland Housing Bureau will update participants on the work done in N/NE Portland since 2015 with the \$20 million dedicated to affordable housing initiatives. Participants are invited to share their priorities for \$32 million in additional funds approved by City Council for the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area this past fall. Community members will also learn about programs available through the Portland Housing Bureau and propose ideas for other types of programming not currently offered. Continental breakfast will be provided.

Anyone needing child care or translation services at this event will need to register by Sept. 7 by clicking <https://t.e2ma.net/click/nz0rr/r2xy2h/z0p1kl> or by calling (503)823-2375.

### Portland Area Interfaith Community Plans Three Events Tied to Sept. 11

Members of the Portland area interfaith community will mark the fifteenth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States with three events that will commemorate the tragic events, honor the beloved community that they inspired, and move all people forward in the quest for justice and respect.

The first event, a remembrance of lives lost and the sacrifice of rescue workers, will be Sunday, Sept. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ in downtown Portland, 1126 SW Park Ave. Other events are scheduled for Oct. 30 and Nov. 20.

The Sept. 11 service will include sacred music and brief readings from Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, Native American, New Thought and Unitarian religious traditions. The public is invited to attend the program, which will include a ritual of commitment and dedication to the pursuit

of remembrance, reconciliation and action. A potluck supper will follow in the church fellowship hall. Participants are invited to bring a non-pork dish to share. There is no charge for the event and childcare for children aged 3 to 9 will be provided.

The second event will focus on the growth and development of the beloved community in the greater Portland area. It is scheduled for 4 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 30 at the Muslim Educational Trust Cultural Center, 10330 SW Scholls Ferry in Tigard. The third event, on Nov. 20, will inspire the beloved community to unite in the pursuit of love, justice and peace. Details will be announced soon.

For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Hector Lopez of the United Church of Christ, [hecklopez@msn.com](mailto:hecklopez@msn.com), or Rania Ayoub of the Muslim Educational Trust, [rania@metpdx.org](mailto:rania@metpdx.org).

### PCC Secures \$577,500 to Develop Advanced Manufacturing Talent

PCC received a \$577,500, one-year grant from the Oregon Talent Council for the Realizing Advanced Manufacturing Potential in Portland (RAMP PDX) Project. RAMP PDX will train, place, advance and retain participants in a variety of advanced manufacturing jobs. The project will increase the skilled worker pipeline for the many advanced manufacturing companies in the region and pave the way for workers to attain certificates and degrees. Plus, the college will contribute \$1.5 million to the RAMP PDX's efforts.

PCC will partner with four companies, which include Festo Didactic Inc., Leupold + Stevens, Inc., RapidMade and Rose Technical Graphics, to serve about 300 participants in the RAMP PDX Project. Coordinators will organize outreach events at PCC's MakerSpace Lab to introduce advanced manufacturing training, career and educational options in the industry to new audiences.

A Computer Aided Design and Drafting (CADD) short-term certificate and non-credit Mechatronics Technology Program will be created. These will assist incumbent workers with "skilling-up" and connect them to more advanced mechatronics training and other education opportunities, respectively. These activities will help RAMP PDX target the technologically skilled mechanics, maintenance technicians, industrial machinists, millwrights, operators, machinery maintenance technicians, industrial machinery mechanics and machinists occupations.

This investment in PCC is one of five recent grant awards by the Oregon Talent Council to support statewide projects that provide students and existing workers with skills to increase their employability in Oregon's high demand occupations.

For more information, visit [www.oregontalent-council.org](http://www.oregontalent-council.org).

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