

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY, JULY 22

SUMMER FESTIVAL AT IRCO: Join friends & neighbors for arts & crafts, local resources and social services, vision and lead testing and other direct care, entertainment, free food and fun for everyone. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. IRCO Gym, 10301 NE Glisan St.

THURSDAY –SATURDAY, JUNE 22 – 24

BOOKFEST USED BOOK SALE: Don't miss the Fort Vancouver Regional Library summer used book sale. More than 20,000 books will be for sale. Free Parking. Help staff recycle by bringing your own box or bag to carry your purchases. Hours for all three days are 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Fort Vancouver Regional Library Headquarters, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

NIKKI BROWN CLOWN'S 2ND ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY: Join us for our 2nd Annual Block Party with special guest, Nikki Brown Clown. Activities include: Face painting, music, food & dancing. 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. Northeast Emerson between 10th and 11th.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 23 – 25

25TH ANNUAL GOOD IN THE HOOD MULTICULTURAL MUSIC, ARTS & FOOD FESTIVAL: The GITH music and food festival is the largest multicultural festival in the Pacific Northwest. This three-day festival takes place at at Lillis – Albina Park, N. Flint St. & N. Russell St. The event kicks off at 6 p.m. Friday night and runs from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information and a complete schedule of events and entertainers, visit <http://www.goodinthehood.org/>.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

BROADWAY STREET FESTIVAL: The Broadway Street Festival is an afternoon of street vendors, food, arts and crafts, music and much more. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Broadway Street, SW Broadway St.

2017 GOOD IN THE HOOD PARADE: The annual Good in the Hood parade starts at King Elementary school at 11 a.m. and runs down Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., ending at Lillis – Albina Park at 1 p.m.

THE NAACP PORTLAND BRANCE INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ITS MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: President Jo Ann Hardesty and executive leadership will provide update on current and future initiatives. Noon – 2 p.m. New location: Concordia University: Luther Hall, 2811 NE Holman St.

TASTE OF PARKROSE: Join us in celebrating the food and culture in Historic Parkrose at our 4th Annual Taste of Parkrose. Lots of food and fun. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Rossi Farms, 3839 NE 122nd Ave.

"OUR SONS" – A THREE PART "ART IMPACTING COMMUNITY SERIES": Art exhibit, theatre and community dialogue. Explored impact and solutions to youth and gun violence. This is a free event and no reservations are required. Simply attend and participate if you'd like. 4 p.m. – 8 p.m., Concordia University, Hagen Campus Center, NE 27th & Holman St.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

SUMMER PARTY AT ST. JOHNS: Come celebrate summer and everything St. Johns and s goodbye to our retiring St. Johns Library manager Nancy. There will be light refreshments and live entertainment. 4 p.m. – 5:45 p.m., St. Johns Library, 7510 N. Charleston Ave.

PASTOR APPRECIATION CELEBRATION FOR REVEREND JOYCE M. SMITH: The community African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church family cordially invites, the public to share in the joy and celebration of Rev. Joyce M. Smith's Pastor Appreciation gathering at 4 p.m., 3605 E. 13th St., Vancouver.

2017 ROYAL ROSARIANS MILK CARTON BOAT RACES: At this fun Rose Festival tradition, teams and individuals race against each other on boats they built that float on empty milk cartons and jugs. It is free to enter. Come participate or just come and watch the fun. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Westmoreland Park Casting Pond, SE McLoughlin Blvd. and Bybee Blvd.

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Nikki Brown Clown Returns for Second Annual Block Party

After a nearly yearlong hiatus, Portland's favorite brown clown is back – and she's having a party. Join one of this decade's Rose Festival "Entertainer of the Year" award winner Nikki Brown Clown for her Second Annual Block Party from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 23 between 10th and 11th Ave. on NE Emerson Street. The event will include face painting, a children's showcase, live musical performances, African drumming, chess, cards and music spinning all day from the oft-requested DJ Lamar LeRoy this party is sure to be unlike your typical block affairs. It's also a potluck, so feel free to bring a grill and cook something up. This year, the Sabin CDC has joined in on the fun as official partners to the party, and a film crew from the City of Portland will be on site to document this year's festivities to feature on their website.



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Portland News Briefs

TriMet, Hollywood Boosters to Renew Memorial Site

From 3 to 4:30 p.m. June 23, Hollywood Boosters and community volunteers are planning to renew the memorial site at the Hollywood Transit Center. TriMet staff will be on hand to help coordinate. Spent flowers and other items that have been weather-damaged will be removed. Appropriately sensitive messages and non-perishable mementos in good condition will remain. Fresh flowers will be added. Staff and volunteers also intend to consolidate all memorials into one larger display of unity and support.

TriMet and the City of Portland are coordinating the effort to form an advisory committee and commission an artist to create a permanent memorial at the Hollywood Transit Center to honor the individuals killed, wounded and targeted on a MAX train pulling into the transit center May 26.

St. Johns Center for Opportunity to Host Job Fair June 27

The St. Johns Center for Opportunity, in conjunction with Portland Metro WorkSource and SE Works, will hold a job fair from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. June 27 at 8250 N. Lombard St. Employers present will include Mary's Harvest, Del Monte and Pavement Maintenance Inc.

New Self-Defense Organization Offers Training to Youth in Multnomah County

EMERJ-SafeNow, a new violence prevention organization, provides developmentally appropriate skills for children and youth to address the topic of street smarts, intimate partner/dating violence as well as safety planning around social events that may include interactions with older youth/adults and alcohol as well as other substances.

EMERJ-SafeNow is partnering with Beaumont SUN Community School, 4043 NE Fremont Street, Portland. to launch its first week-long summer camps for children ages 8-10 and youth ages 15-19 from July 3-28, 2017. In response to recent events and after working as a violence prevention specialist for nearly 10 years with the Portland Police Bureau, former GirlStrength Director Carolyn Haycraft cofounded EMERJSafeNow, and equity based self-defense program which focuses on equity and takes into account trauma-informed care

for all genders.

EMERJ-SafeNow offers Care-Defense, self-defense that focuses on self-care and the impact of trauma before teaching physical or non-physical self-defense skills.

These camps run July 3-7 and July 10-14. Personal Safety 101 is designed to meet the needs of teens and covers similar topics while also addressing healthy relationships and break-ups, violence and substance abuse prevention and includes cyberbullying and sexting. These camps run July 17-21 & 24-28. All camps offer financial assistance and awards to participants. Register at: www.emerjsafenow.org.

Avakian Announces Major \$1.25 Million Settlement in Stars Cabaret Case

Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian this week announced a major civil rights settlement with Stars Cabaret that will direct \$1.25 million to a then 13-year old minor who suffered unlawful discrimination, harassment and abuse at the Beaverton club.

The agreement represents the largest settlement amount ever secured by the agency for an individual worker. The case regarding a second underage minor employed by Stars remains pending. The agency anticipates issuing a Final Order in that case before Labor Day.

The agency initiated an investigation after Commissioner Avakian filed a Commissioner's Complaint in 2015 alleging civil rights violations against two underage employees working as adult entertainers. Following a thorough investigation of Stars' operations, the agency brought formal charges of unlawful discrimination and harassment of minors ages 13 and 15 working at the club.

Oregon law empowers the labor commissioner to file a complaint on behalf of the people of Oregon when the commissioner has reason to believe that an unlawful practice, such as employment discrimination based on sex or national origin, has occurred. The Commissioner's Complaint filed against Stars is the seventh filed by Avakian. A 2014 settlement with Daimler Trucks North America directed \$2.4 million to six employees alleging harassment and unlawful discrimination.

The Civil Rights Division conducted an extensive investigation across Stars' operations, interviewing current and former staff, owners, managers and other third parties. The agency's investigation also included a look at Stars' ownership structure across the multiple corporate entities that were eventually added to the complaint.

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