

Labor Day PICNICS

Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 6

Every year, labor unions throughout Oregon hold Labor Day picnics. Here is a list of picnics.

PORTLAND – Oaks Amusement Park in Southeast Portland. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., with a brief program at 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council. Call 503-235-9444 for more information.

BEND – Pioneer Park (NW Wall St.). 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Music, games, fun for the whole family. Sponsored by the Central Oregon Central Labor Council. Contact Linda Bradetich at 541-350-0965 for more information.

EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD – Jasper Park Shelter 4 (12 miles southeast of Eugene in Springfield/Pleasant Hill) starting at noon. Parking is \$5 and the park is along the McKenzie River. Please bring a side dish. Sponsored by the Lane County Central Labor Council. Contact Cj Mann at 541-913-0056 for more information.

MEDFORD – Tou Velle State Park, 8425 Table Rock Road, Central Point. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donations accepted and there is a \$3 charge for parking. Music, games, and fun for the whole family. Sponsored by the Southern Oregon Central Labor Council. Call Kathy McUne at 541-664-0804 for more information.

NORTH BEND – Ferry Road Park. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. This is a celebration of the 31st picnic sponsored by the Southwestern Oregon Central Labor Council. Call Shawn Jennings at 541-396-3244 or e-mail at shawnj@msn.com, Robert Westerman at 541-756-3907 or e-mail at ibew932@verizon.net, or Jan Long at 541-347-9120 for more information.

SALEM – Riverfront Park. 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Music, games, and fun for the whole family. Sponsored by Marion-Polk-Yamhill Central Labor Council and AFSCME Local 2067. Cost: Two food items per person for the food bank or purchase script. Call Keith at 503-400-115 for more information.

THE DALLES – Sorosis Park Shelter. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, soft drinks, paper plates and plastic utensils will be provided. Bring chips, salad or other potluck items, and lawn chairs. This picnic is put on in conjunction with the Mid-Columbia Labor Council.

OREGON STATE FAIR - The Oregon AFL-CIO labor booth in the central canopy area continues to be staffed with union volunteers during the entire two weeks of the fair, including Labor Day.

Union-installed charging station unveiled

The first rapid-charge electric vehicle station was unveiled Aug. 5 at the World Trade Center parking garage in downtown Portland.

PGE, with the help of Hughes Electrical Contractors, installed the charging station, which was manufactured by Takasago Ltd. It is the first public-use electric vehicle charger of its kind in the nation. Hughes Electrical Contractors is a member of the National Electrical Contractors Association and employs electricians who are members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48.

The rapid charging station has the ability to fully charge an electric vehicle in 30 minutes or less. The old technology allowed a full charge after 8 to 12 hours.

“This leap in technology is a positive sign for the future of electric vehicle use,” said Local 48 Business Manager Clif Davis.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski was on hand to unveil the new station and to test drive an all-electric, zero-emission Nissan LEAF vehicle, which also was un-

veiled. Nissan, the State of Oregon, and PGE have partnered in promoting and developing electric vehicles and charging stations.



The first public-use electric vehicle charger in the country was installed by union electricians working at Hughes Electrical Contractors. The charging station is located at the World Trade Center parking garage in downtown Portland. Getting amped up for a test drive by Gov. Ted Kulongoski is a Nissan LEAF, an all-electric vehicle coming soon to the Portland market.

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Laborers back.

“Union members, like all working families, have been hard hit by a brutal economy and decades of policies that have undermined the middle class,” Trumka said. “More than ever, now is the moment for a unified labor movement.”

“LIUNA brings a proud history and

dedication to the union movement,” Trumka said, “and we are delighted to welcome them back to the AFL-CIO.”

With the Laborer’s departure, four unions remain in Change to Win: Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Teamsters, United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), and United Farm Workers. Former Change to Win affiliate UNITE HERE rejoined the AFL-CIO last year (except for 100,000 members who split off to join SEIU) and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters disaffiliated from Change to Win two years ago. Change to Win named UFCW President Joe Hansen as its new chair, replacing Anna Burger, who resigned Aug. 11.

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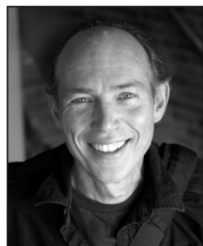
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