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Labor Day PICNICS

Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 1

Every year, labor unions throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington hold Labor Day picnics. Here is a list of picnics taking place:

ASTORIA — Cullaby Lake — in the North Shelter off U.S. Highway 101 between Astoria and Seaside. Noon to 5 p.m. Parking is \$3 per vehicle. Sponsored by the Clatsop-Tillamook Central Labor Council.

COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNTIES — Toutle River RV Resort, 150 Happy Trails, Castle Rock, Wash., Exit 52 off I-5. Grilling hamburgers and hot dogs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your favorite picnic dish to share. There will be swimming, kids' games and a great chance to socialize with union members.

BEND — Pioneer Park, NW Wall St. Picnic hours are noon to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Central Oregon Central Labor Council, there will be music, games and fun for the whole family.

EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD — John Lively Picnic Shelters, behind SPLASH at 6100 Thurston Road in Springfield. Noon – 4 p.m. Please bring a side dish. Sponsored by the Lane County Central Labor Council.

MEDFORD — TouVelle State Park, 8425 Table Rock Road, Central Point. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Music, games and fun for the whole family. There is a \$5 charge for parking. Sponsored by the Southern Oregon Central Labor Council.

NORTH BEND/COOS BAY — Ferry Road Park in North Bend. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Music, games and fun for the whole family. Sponsored by the Southwestern Oregon Central Labor Council. The council is asking for a donation of non-perishable food items.

PORTLAND — Oaks Amusement Park in Southeast Portland. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., with a brief program at 1 p.m. Scrip sells for 50 cents. Deluxe ride bracelets are \$9. The Oregon Pacific Railroad Shuttle Train will transport people (\$2 per person round trip) to and from Oaks Park from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Parking will be available at the Portland Opera, 211 SE Caruthers St., and in the vicinity of SE Ivon and 4th Street. Sponsored by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council. Call 503-235-9444 for more information.

SALEM — Waterfront Park. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food, music, and guest speakers. There will be a bouncy house for the kids! Sponsored by Marion-Polk-Yamhill Central Labor Council. Cost: two non-perishable food items per person.



Union pension funds spur growth, create jobs in Portland



TOP PHOTO: Ben Nelson (left) of the Laborers Union and Willy Myers (second from left), executive secretary of the Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council, were among nearly a dozen union officials attending a groundbreaking ceremony for the new union pension fund-financed Pearl West office building in NW Portland.

PHOTO LEFT: Matt Eleazer, president of Bricklayers Local 1, and Brett Hinsley, business manager of Cement Masons Local 555, look at renderings of Pearl West. They liked what they saw — three floors of underground parking, and a 9-story brick facade. The project broke ground July 18.

A groundbreaking ceremony with Portland Mayor Charlie Hales was held July 18 for a new nine-story office building in the Pearl District that will be built 100 percent with union labor.

Financing for the \$55.3 million Pearl West, located at Northwest 14th and Irving, is coming primarily from union pension funds. The project has a \$41.74 million construction loan led by Washington Capital Management (just over \$21 million), with participation from ULLICO (The Union Labor Life Insurance Company).

The investment will create about 610,000 work hours among all the union crafts.

Pearl West will be a nine-story, 230,000-square-foot LEED Silver building that will accommodate 700

people. The first floor will include 10,000 square feet of retail space. Three under-ground parking levels will provide 150 stalls, with parking made available for both tenants and the general public. There also will be secured space for 70 bicycles.

Other amenities include an executive conference room, restaurant, a living room-style lobby, shower and locker facilities, and an outside courtyard alongside Irving Street between Northwest 14th and 15th avenues. The building's upper floors will have views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Saint Helens.

"This is a great project to be involved with," said Randy Goodwin, vice president of Washington Capital Management.

"I've worked with the building

trades for over 30 years in a number of different capacities, and I can tell you that the pride that they have when they're building projects like this is beyond compare. And when they're building a project with their pension fund dollars the pride is doubled or tripled. They really like what they're doing; they like seeing the projects that their investment dollars are going to build. This is just a win for everybody."

Willy Myers, executive secretary-treasurer of the Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council, said "It's good to see our pension dollars at work, investing in our city and getting our members back to work."

Ron Robbins, contract administra-

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Editors note: The Northwest Labor Press strives to inform readers when local labor figures retire after long service to the labor movement. We view it as a chance to note their contributions to the labor movement, and to share stories and insights from their past. In the last several months, the local labor movement has experienced a pile-up of departures, so we're presenting them together in this package, Passing the Torch.

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