

# ...Baseball

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AFL-CIO and its affiliated unions “to ensure that Portland is better with baseball—and that baseball is better with our labor community. This agreement is just the beginning of PDP’s efforts to generate economic opportunities for Portlanders and people across the region.”

In addition to baseball, PDP wants to see concerts and other events held at the venue. All of those would be staffed primarily with the same union workers.

PDP is talking about a \$1.2 billion stadium with a retractable roof and seating for 32,000 to 36,000 spectators. The organization has signed an agreement in principle with the Port of Portland to develop 50 acres on Terminal 2 property along the Willamette River. In addition to the ballpark, the overall project would include housing, retail, office space and more, making it a large-scale endeavor. The harmony agreement does not apply outside the stadium.

But a lot still has to fall into place. For instance, securing a baseball team. This could happen either through expansion of the league or an existing team relocating to Portland. The Tampa Bay Rays and Oakland A’s have been mentioned as struggling franchises. MLB commissioner Rob Manfred last year put Portland at the top of the list of possible expansion sites.

“However it happens, Portland is better organized than any other city in contention,” Chamberlain told the Labor Press.

Cheek said he is working on an aggressive timeline that would have them break ground in late 2020 and be ready for opening day in spring of 2023.

“This agreement is a significant milestone on our path to bringing a Major League Baseball team to Portland,” Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler said at the press conference. “The energy behind this movement continues to grow each day.”

### Unions Signatory to the PDP Harmony Agreement:

Machinists District Lodge W24; UNITE HERE Local 8; Painters & Allied Trades District Council 5; UFCW Local 555; IATSE Locals 28, B-20, and 793; Plumbers & Fitters Local 290; IBEW Local 48; Operating Engineers Local 701; Laborers Local 737; Sheet Metal Workers Local 16; Boilermakers Local 242; AFSCME Council 75; Sprinkler Fitters Local 669; and SAG-AFTRA.

## A DAY FOR PICNICS

Every year on Labor Day, union members come together to celebrate family and community. Here are this year’s events.

**PORTLAND** — The region’s largest Labor Day picnic takes place at Oaks Amusement Park in Southeast Portland, sponsored by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Members and their families from dozens of unions — more than 15,000 people — turn out for barbecue, games, carnival rides, raffle drawings, music, and a chance to hear from local politicians. The picnic runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a kids’ scavenger hunt, and a blood drive challenge. Politicians take the stage at 1 p.m.

**Free shuttle train:** Labor Day is the busiest day of the year at Oaks Park. To help union members avoid traffic jams and parking headaches, the Northwest Oregon Labor Council has made arrangements with the Oregon Pacific Railroad for a free shuttle train into Oaks Park. The train boards at Southeast 4th and Caruthers, near OMSI. There is plenty of street parking near the McLoughlin Overpass and McCoy Millwork, and the Portland Opera will open its parking lot — yellow spaces only. The pin code for the gate will be 1895. The 5-mile shuttle runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last train). For more information, call the Northwest Oregon Labor Council at 503-235-9444.

### FOOD-DRINK-FUN

Deluxe ride bracelets	\$13.17
Food/drink scrip	\$1.00
Burger + chips	3 scrip
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Chili	1 scrip
Ice Cream	1 scrip
Beer	4 scrip
Pop	1 scrip
Water	1 scrip

### FREE SHUTTLE TRAIN!

**ASHLAND** — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Emigrant Lake, Picnic Shelter D, 5505 Highway 66, Ashland. Food and entertainment for the whole family. Lunch will be served at noon. Vehicle fee of \$4. Sponsored by the Southern Oregon Central Labor Chapter.

**BEND** — 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Pioneer Park, NW Wall St., Bend. There will be food, drinks, and live music. Bring your family! Invite your friends! Please bring a dessert, everything else will be provided. Sponsored by the Central Oregon Labor Chapter.

**SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON** — Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Counties Labor Council and SW Washington Labor Council are teaming up for a good old-fashioned union Labor Day picnic. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Haydu Park, 253 Kalama River Road, Kalama, Washington. There will be barbecue lunch, music, kids’ games, local politicians, and more.

**EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD** — Splash Pool Picnic Shelter, 6100 Thurston Road, Springfield. Noon to 3:30 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, live music, door prizes. Please bring a side dish to share. Sponsored by the Lane County Central Labor Chapter.



**SALEM** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Riverfront City Park, 200 Water St., NE, Salem. A barbecue with all the fixings will be provided. Guest speakers from 11-11:30 a.m. Request two non-perishable food items per person, or \$2 per person for the Marion/Polk Food Bank. Sponsored by Marion-Polk-Yamhill Labor Chapter. Contact Will Music at 503-598-6344 or williamafmusic@gmail.com

**NORTH BEND/COOS BAY** — There is no picnic this year.



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