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### Community Calendar

#### Women's Issue

OHSU Center for Women's Health holds its annual conference, focusing on "Strong Women" from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at the Oregon Convention Center. To register, call 503-494-0712 or visit [www.ohsuwomenshealth.com](http://www.ohsuwomenshealth.com).

#### Healthy Chat

OHSU's healthy chats continue with The Healing Power of Exercise from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. May 4 at Elsie Stuhr Center, 5550 S.W. Hall Blvd. in Beaverton. Caregiving for Family and Friends with Serious Memory Problems is from noon to 1 p.m. May 6 at the Metro YMCA, 2831 S.W. Barbur Blvd. The Dark Side of High Fashion Shoes is discussed from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 12 at the PHSU Family Health Center, Richmond, 3930 S.E. Division St.

#### Salvation for Kids

The Salvation Army's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon is all about kids, from noon to 1 p.m. May 14 at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel, 1000 N.E. Multnomah. For more information, call 503-963-1187.

#### Maya Angelou Visit

Maya Angelou joins the Unique Lives and Experiences lecture tour at 7:30 p.m. on May 19 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. For tickets, visit [www.eventsunlimited.org](http://www.eventsunlimited.org).

#### OAME Luncheon

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs is holding its 16<sup>th</sup> annual Entrepreneurship Luncheon and Trade Show with keynote speaker Mayor Vera Katz from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 6 at the Oregon Convention Center. The trade show is free and the luncheon costs \$45.

#### Women Speak

Women have a voice at Women in NAACP, a new women's group, meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at the American Red Cross Building, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. For questions, call 503-249-6263.

#### Thanks, Mom

A Mother's Day brunch at the Oregon Zoo's Cascade Grill is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 9. The buffet is \$15.95 for adults and \$7.95 for kids. For reservations, call 503-525-4299.

#### Old Home Workshop

A workshop called So, You Went Ahead and Bought an Old House? is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13 at Rejuvenation, upstairs at 1100 S.E. Grand Ave. Cost is \$17. To pre-register, call 503-231-7264.

#### Diabetes Walk

America's Walk for Diabetes is at 8 a.m. at the Rose Quarter Amphitheater in Portland and Esther Shore Park in Vancouver. Register online at [www.diabetes.org/walk](http://www.diabetes.org/walk) or call 888-DIABETES.

#### Fundraise for PALS

The Police Activities League, which serves youth in Portland and Gresham, is sponsoring its 8<sup>th</sup> annual PAL Campaign for Cops Helping Kids dinner auction benefiting PAL at 5:30 p.m. May 8 at the Multnomah Athletic Club. For more information, call 503-823-0250.

#### Dinos on Trial

Dinosaurs are back in Portland with T. Rex on Trial, an exhibit at OMSI. Explore the evidence and decide for yourself if T. Rex was a predator or a scavenger. The hands-on exhibit runs through May 9.

# All Aboard Interstate Max

Opens Saturday with events at every stop

Interstate Max, the new public transportation system serving north and northeast Portland, opens to the public Saturday with public celebrations and festivities planned at stations along the line.

TriMet's newest link in a regional light-rail system is designated the "Yellow Line," connecting downtown Portland to the Rose Quarter and Expo Center via North Interstate Avenue.

On Saturday, events emphasizing on community spirit will highlight the cultural richness of area neighborhoods with music, food, and family activities.

The day begins with a grand opening ceremony at 10 a.m. at the Interstate/Rose Quarter Station with a community parade escorting the first train of riders into the station.

Between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., free public events take place at seven Max stations along the Yellow Line featuring 225 performers. Each station's events are unique and are themed according to the public art displayed at each stop.

The rich history of jazz and blues will be featured at the Albina/Mississippi station with Ron Steen, Norman Sylvester and the Original Cats. South American, African American and Indian themes are scheduled at the North Killingsworth station with Obo Addy and Pachamanca.

A turn-of-the-century theme is in store for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kenton neighborhood with The Buckles performing near the Kenton/Denver Station. Japanese culture is honored through art and historical information at the Expo Center stop featuring Portland Taiko.

For more opening information, visit [www.trimet.org](http://www.trimet.org) or call 503-238-RIDE.



A bronze bench at the North Mississippi/Albina Interstate Max Station incorporates images from neighborhood industries and jazz clubs from an earlier era.



TriMet opens its new light rail system on North Interstate Avenue Saturday with the "Yellow Line" providing public transportation services between downtown Portland, the Rose Quarter and Expo Center. Rides are free along the route all weekend with special festivities planned Saturday around each Max station.



Portland Taiko will ring in the Max Yellow Line at the Expo Center on Saturday.

## Buses Near 'Yellow Line' Added for More Frequent Service

Bus service will improve on several routes in north and northeast Portland in conjunction with the Interstate Max opening on Saturday, May 1. Nine bus lines will have more frequent service and connect to the new Max "Yellow Line."

The new light-rail route runs from the Expo Center in north Portland to downtown. It replaces Line 5-Interstate bus service.

Major service improvements include the 1-Greeley, with weekend hours expanded

with buses running from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The 6-Martin Luther King Jr. will provide service to Jantzen Beach/Hayden Island and Vancouver, formerly served by Line 5. In downtown Portland, the route will change, with buses traveling to 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Southwest Jefferson.

The 16-Front Avenue/St. Johns will begin serving a portion of Columbia Boulevard not served by transit before. It will also provide service to the Pier Park area and Rivergate

industrial area.

Other area "frequent service lines," the 4-Fessenden, 6-Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, 8-N.E. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 72-Killingsworth/82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, will see 15-minute service extended until 10:30 p.m. everyday. The 75-39<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Lombard will be upgraded to frequent service, providing 15 minute or better service, everyday.

The 40-Mocks Crest will have Sunday service for the first time.

The 83-OMSI Shuttle will be extended to S.W. Montgomery and Park, adding 10 new stops and replacing some Line 6-Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard stops in downtown on Salmon, 10th, Market and Montgomery.

85-Swan Island will go from rush-hour only service to every 20 minutes on weekdays.

Information on the route and schedule changes are available by calling 503-238-RIDE or visiting [www.trimet.org](http://www.trimet.org).

## Letter Carriers to Help Hunger Fight

Food donations collected on Saturday, May 8

Letter carriers in Portland and Vancouver are participating in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual National Letter Carriers Food Drive by collecting food as they walk and drive along their postal routes on Saturday, May 8.

Stamp Out Hunger, benefiting the Oregon Food Bank, is the largest one-day food drive in Oregon.

"Letter carriers deliver mail to homes in every community, and we know the people along our routes,"

said L.C. Hansen, president of National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 82. "We know first hand that the need for food donations has never been greater."

In the next few days, the postal employees will deliver information cards and specially marked bags to customers along their routes. Area residents are encouraged to fill the bags with nutritious, nonperishable food such as tuna fish, peanut butter, soups, stews and boxed meals and leave the bags by mailboxes on the morning of Saturday, May 8 for mail carriers to pick up.

Last year's drive generated more than 1.4-million pounds of food



Oregon Food Bank donations are collected by a National Association of Letter Carriers volunteer.

throughout the state. More than 2,000 letter carriers collected almost 710,000 pounds of food in Oregon and Washington.

"Oregon remains among the top states in hunger in the nation, and the number of people who are hungry continues to grow," notes Rachel Bristol, executive director of Oregon Food Bank. "The NALC Food Drives provides some of the most nutritious food we receive. This high-quality food is particularly important for the growing bodies and brains of one in five children in our area who rely on emergency food boxes for meals during the year."