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**Safe and Free at Matt Dishman** -- The Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott St., has opened its doors to teenagers this summer as part of a plan to provide safe and free activities for youth, age 18 and younger through Portland Parks and Recreation. Registration is required.

**Summer Reading for Kids** -- Kids of all ages can sign up at any neighborhood library of the Multnomah County Library system for a free summer reading program that entices kids to read for pleasure and maintain the skills they learned during the school year, while also encouraging lifelong library use.

**Michael Jackson Tribute** -- Spirit Mountain Casino pays homage to one of the greatest entertainers of all time with a tribute show to Michael Jackson by Legacy, a cast of dynamic performers, featuring Luis Castillo, a.k.a. LC Jackson. The tribute group has been delighting fans of all ages since 2009. Performances are scheduled for Friday, Aug. 7 and Saturday, Aug. 8. The audience will enjoy all the classics, including Beat It, Billy Jean, and Smooth Criminal.

**Science of Ripley's Believe It or Not** -- What's more amazing that Robert Ripley's legendary compendium of oddities, anomalies and fantastic feats? The science that underlies them! OMSI presents "The Science of Ripley's Believe It or Not!" a 6,000 square foot interactive exhibit that explores the real science behind the unbelievable. The collection of intriguing objects and astonishing artifacts is open through Sept. 7.

**Summer Kids in the Park** -- Another schedule of fun and healthy activities for kids during the summer months is now underway in three of Gresham's largest parks. Free and open to all kids under 18, events are scheduled for two hours every weekday at Main City, Vance and Red Sunset parks. A free lunch will be served, and kids can just drop in. No advance registration is required.



**A.J. Java Hosts Concerts** -- A.J. Java, a community cafe across the street from Peninsula Park at 6425 N. Albina Ave., welcomes the public to a series of free summer concerts each Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and featuring Cuban sandwiches and a pot-pourri of Latin sounds.

**Norman Sylvester** -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band perform Friday, Aug. 7 at the Blue Diamond; Saturday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at Bantu Island for the Alberta Street Fair; and Saturday, Aug. 8 at 9

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a.m. at the Spare Room.

**Soulful Showcase** -- Blaque Butterfly presents spoken word, live music and featured artists on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. at E'Njoni Café, African-Mediterranean cuisine at 910 N. Killingsworth St.

**Chicago Steppin' Classes** -- You have seen the R. Kelly video, now it's time to learn the dance. Groovin' High Steppers offer Chicago Steppin' classes at the Rockwood Community Center and the Colwood Golf Center. All levels are welcome. No partner is needed. First two lessons are free; \$20 monthly fee includes both locations. For an event schedule, announcements and more information, visit the website groovinhighsteppers.com

**Portland's Saturday Market** -- Portland Saturday Market in Old Town brings some of Oregon's best handmade products, good eats and live entertainment from street musicians and other artists. Located next to the Willamette River at 2 S.W. Naito Parkway, Saturday Market is also open every Sunday through Christmas Eve.

**Music Millennium Free Shows** -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.

**Fourth Sunday Jam Night** -- A friends and family variety comedy show in a Saturday Night Live format with local recording and performing artists, bands, dance crews, poets, and drama groups, takes place each fourth Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. at Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave. The free event is open to the community.

**Live Jazz** -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the River Place Hotel, 1510 S.W. Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit pdxjazz.com.



**Farmers Market at the Square** -- Local farmers, food producers and hot food vendors from all over the region fill Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland's downtown living room, each Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Sept. 28.

**Oregon Black History** -- The Black Museum of Oregon group meets every Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 420 N.E. Mason St. For more information, call 503-284-0617.

**Discount Tickets** -- Local low-income families and individuals can purchase \$5 tickets to classical musical performances in Portland as part of a unique program called Music for All. Participating organizations include the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater, Chamber Music Northwest, Portland Youth Philharmonic, Portland Baroque Orchestra, Friends of Chamber Music, Portland Chamber Orchestra, Portland Piano International, Portland Symphonic Choir, Cappella Romana and Portland Vocal Consort.

**Discount Admission** -- OMSI visitors pay only \$2 per person for general admission on the first Sunday of each month as well as discounted admission of \$5 to the Planetarium, OMIMAX Theater and USS Blueback submarine.