Juneteenth -- Portland's annual Juneteenth celebration, free family fun open to everyone and commemorating the end of slavery, will be held

Saturday, June 16. A parade will start the festivities at 11 a.m. beginning at the Safeway store on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and proceeding to the Emanuel field at North Russell and Williams where activities with music, food, hip hop cardio, a kids area and raffle will follow from noon to 6 p.m. On Thursday, June 14 the Billy Webb Elks Lodge will host a Miss Juneteenth Scholarship Pageant. Visit juenteenthor.com or call 971-930-5862.

Pride Weekend -- Portland's Pride Festival celebrating the LGBTQ+ community takes place Saturday, June 16, from noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Waterfront Park, downtown. The annual Pride Parade, also downtown, takes place Sunday, June 17 beginning at 11 a.m. Gaylabration, a dance party and fundraiser will take place Friday, June 16 at 9 p.m. at the Crystal Ballroom.

Gorge Shuttle Returns -- The Columbia Gorge Express bus service by the Oregon Department of Transportation has made its seasonal return, now going as far east as Hood River. For this week, the bus departs Friday through Sunday from the Gateway Transit Center to Rooster Rock State Park, Multnomah Falls, Cascade Locks and Hood River. On Monday, June 11, the bus will start service seven days a week, year-round.

Good in the Hood -- Legendary R&B performer Howard Hewitt will headline the multicultural Good in the Hood Celebration, June 22-24 at King School Park. This year will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the naming of Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary school and pay tribute to Portland's civil rights history.



Activities include live bands every day, a kid's area, multicultural food, crafts, marketplace vendors, Portland Farmers Market, free health screens and more.

Norman Sylvester — 'Boogie Cat' Norman Sylvester plays Friday, June 15 at the Vinyl Tap; Friday, June 22 at 5 p.m. at the Tigard Balloon Festival, and at 9 p.m. at Clyde's; Saturday, June 23 at noon at the Mosier Festival and at 4:30 p.m. at the Gorge Blues and Brews in Stevenson, Wash., Sunday, June 24 at 4 p.m. at the

Good in the Hood Festival at King School Park and Friday, June 29 at 7 p.m. for the Phenomenal Concert History of the Blues at Alberta Rose Theater.

Vancouver Book Fest -- Fort Vancouver Regional Library is hosting a three-day used book sale with thousands of books for kids and adults on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 21-23 at Library Hall, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. all days.

Robot Revolution — A new exhibit at OMSI brings some of the most innovative robots from all over the world. Learn about the skills robots possess that mimic and often surpass human capabilities in "Robot Revolution," now showing through Sept. 7.

Zoo for All -- The Oregon Zoo has launched "Zoo for All," a new discount program that provides \$5 admission for low income individuals and families. Visitors may purchase up to six of the \$5 tickets by brining a photo ID and documentation showing they participate in low income service, like the Oregon Trial Card, Medicaid, Section 8, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Head Start.

Carstop Soaps it Up! — Event at Bob Thomas CARSTAR, 8752 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR 97220 on July 28th at 10am til 4pm. Minimum \$5 donation.

Discount Tickets — 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.

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