

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Grand Opening of the 'Keep Portland Lost MAiZE'

Portland's original cornfield maze celebrates its fifteenth season at The Pumpkin Patch on beautiful Sauvie Island, and to celebrate they are offering free admission to those celebrating a birthday during the season.

The MAiZE attracts 30,000 eager explorers annually to the giant labyrinth of field corn, located just fifteen minutes from downtown Portland. Portland's premier agri-tainment attraction, The Maize and The Pumpkin Patch, have combined the local food movement with down home fun on the farm.

The MAiZE will open its pathways on Saturday, Aug. 31, in conjunction with the annual Labor Day Harvest Festival at The Pumpkin Patch. This year's harvest festival will celebrate the abundance of the harvest season with all kinds of family fun activities, including free hayrides and hay pyramids, the animal barn, craft making, music and the running of the popular cow train.

Cost of admission is \$5 for ages 6-12 and seniors 60+, \$7 for ages 13 and up, and FREE for ages 5 and under. Discounts are offered for groups of 25 or more with advanced reservations. Special Admission is free on your birthday with valid identification, excludes Haunted MAiZE.

For hours, times and special events go to www.portlandmaze.com and www.thepumpkinpatch.com or call 503-621-7110

Celebrate Sustainable African Food Practices at the Portland Roots Festival

The first annual Portland Roots Festival will be kicking off on Sept. 1 at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives Inc.'s first culturally specific event will highlight food practices of African people. It's an all ages event and admission is free for everyone.

The festival will feature food vendors, art and performances from African-American, Afro-Caribbean, Afro-Cuban and other African Diaspora populations in Portland.

Will Allen of Growing Power Inc., a national nonprofit will deliver the keynote address. Allen is a nationally recognized figure in the agriculture movement, who has been featured in publications such as the New York Times, Newsweek and Oprah. A former professional basketball player, he trains community members to become community farmers. He believes everyone, regardless of economic status, should have access to fresh, safe, affordable and nutritious food.

Portland Roots Festival runs from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sep. 1 at Pioneer Courthouse Square. For more information, go to www.pcrihome.org.

Travel Portland Outreach

Following a search that attracted applicants from throughout the country, Travel Portland has hired Tamara Kennedy-Hill as director of Community Relations. Kennedy-Hill is returning to Travel Portland after five years as the executive director of the Green Meetings Industry Council, where she led efforts to create a more sustainable meetings industry. Before that, she worked as a Convention Sales Manager at Travel Portland. In her new position, Kennedy-Hill will represent the tourism industry in policy meetings and will serve as leader of both the Community Action Committee and the Multicultural Advisory Council. Kennedy-Hill started at Travel Portland in July. For more information go to www.travelportland.com.



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Thursday August 29

MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE – LAST THURSDAY ON ALBERTA STREET AT ST. ANDREW. Ken and Claire Willet have provided contemporary praise and worship music for parishes, retreats and other events over the past eight years. They will be performing a selection of acoustic folk, gospel, contemporary and praise music. 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Also performing will be Bajo Salario from 7 – 8 p.m. Catherine and Eddie Murphy and Company from 8 – 9 p.m. and Benjamin Zuelsdor from 9 – 10 p.m. St. Andrew Catholic Church, 806 Alberta St.

Saturday August 31

IT'S PROPER TIME! Community gathering with live cultural arts, entertainment, paint show and

much more. Noon – 4 p.m. Free food, inspirational resource booths. Kenton Park, 8417 N. Brandon.

Sunday September 1

9TH ANNUAL SALSA EN LA CALLE. Dancing in the streets: This year's event will feature lots of Salsa dancing and one of Salsa's most respected performers and singers headliner Oscar D' Leon. 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. East Bank Festival Plaza, SE Main at Esplanade (next to Hawthorne Bridge)

PORTLAND ROOTS FESTIVAL. The event will highlight the food practices of African – American, Afro – Caribbean, Afro – Latin and Afro – Diaspora. Dozens of food vendors, artists, performers, youth activities and more. Noon – 8 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square. Free Admission.

Tuesday September 3

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT GATHERING. 5 – 7 p.m. and we will be hosted by and gathering at the North Portland Police Precinct located at 449 NE Emerson. Please stop by and join us.

Thursday September 5

PLEASE JOIN CASCADE CAMPUS FOR CONGRATULATIONS AND A FOND FAREWELL IN HONOR OF DR. ALGIE GATEWOOD. The public is welcome to attend this fond farewell and congratulations event. 3 – 5 p.m. PCC Cascade Campus Dining Room, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

2ND ANNUAL ART WITH HEART WALK IN OLD TOWN CHINATOWN. Hosted by PDX Development Roundtable. The Art with heart Walk strives to give those on the margins of society an opportunity to share their talents and truly unique perspectives. 6 – 9 p.m. The public is invited to take part. Begin the walk at Sisters of the Road NW 6th & Davis.

Friday September 6

SUMMER FREE FOR ALL MOVIE IN THE PARK: SABRINA (1954) DIRECTOR PARK. Grab some popcorn and snuggle up for an outdoor showing. Enjoy a free showing of Sabrina on the big screen. 8 – 10 p.m. SW Park Ave. Downtown Portland.

Saturday September 7

GET READY PORTLAND. This disaster readiness event is held in September in honor of National Preparedness month. The first 100 people will receive free emergency kits, plus there will be other preparedness giveaways. Fun for the whole family. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Portland Fire & Rescue, 55 SW Ash St.

Sunday September 8

A SEASON OF STARS: SYMPHONY IN THE PARK SUNDAY. Join the Vancouver Symphony for the return of our annual free concert. 3 p.m. Esther Short Park, W Columbia Ave. and W. 8th St. Vancouver, WA