

# Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

## \$15 Wage Campaign



Kshama Sawant, a socialist elected last year to the Seattle City Council, speaks in Portland, Thursday, April 24, 6:30 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hancock St, Portland, on the 15 Now campaign to raise Seattle's minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Above, Sawant joined hundreds of people in Seattle last month to march from Judkins Park to Seattle Central Community College to show their support for a \$15 minimum wage for Seattle workers. Other speakers include Portland City Council candidate Nick Caleb and labor organizer and author, Ahjamu Umi. This event is a fundraiser for Kshama Sawant's campaign. Suggested donation is \$15, but no one will be turned away. For more information on the campaign go to [www.15now.org](http://www.15now.org).

### Flash Mob to Celebrate Portland Trail Blazers

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Fans are invited to join the crowd, 3 p.m. Saturday April 19 at Lloyd Center Mall ice skating rink, and sing join

upcoming artist Yung Jordan in singing his anthem, "Welcome to Rip City."

Cheer, dance and be part of a video celebrating Portland's beloved basketball heroes. And if you need some fan gear, Miller will be offering special discounts on his line of Blazer Gang apparel. Find it in the Lloyd Center or at [www.blazersgang.com](http://www.blazersgang.com).

### STASHA Hosts Substance-Free Party for Middle-, High-Schoolers

Strong Teens Against Substance Hazards and Abuse will

hold a drug- and alcohol-free party late this month for Clark County middle- and high-school students.

STASHA is a peer educator program. Members are 12-19 and work to prevent substance abuse among youth and in the community. Some members have never used drugs or alcohol, others have experimented and still others have completed treatment and are now in recovery.

The group is part of the Clark County Youth House within the Department of Community Services.

The party is scheduled for 8-11 p.m. on Friday, April 25, at the Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd.

Food is free. Bring a bathing suit and 25 cents for a locker if you want to swim. Other activities include basketball, volleyball, dancing with a live DJ and video and table games.

For more information go to [www.clark.wa.gov](http://www.clark.wa.gov).

### Workforce Conferences Target 50-and-Older Crowd

Portland Community College is hosting two conferences on employment and training aimed at the 50-and-older crowd.

The half-day conferences titled, "Finding Work at 50 Plus: Yes You Can!" are set to go from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, in Beaverton at the Willow Creek Center (241 S.W. Edgeway Dr.) and again on Thursday, April 24, at the Portland Metro Workforce Training Center (5600 N.E. 42nd Ave). The free conferences are for members of AARP who are age 50 or older. The purpose is to give information, offer networking opportunities and help create a "next steps plan" for AARP members on employment and training options targeted specifically for their age group. In addition to PCC, AARP and the Small Business Administration are co-sponsoring the events.

The conferences, which are co-sponsored by AARP and the Small Business Administration, will feature workshops on how attendees can run their own business, learn more about solo entrepreneurship, take advantage of the hidden job market, re-careering, and discover specific tools and techniques on finding employment.

To register, call toll free at 877-926-8300.

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#### Thursday April 17

THE HOLLYWOOD THEATRE PRESENTS THE PORTLAND ECOFILM FESTIVAL. The first film of the series is DamNation: Exploring the change from national pride in big dams as engineering wonders – film screenings include post-film panel discussions. 7 p.m. Admission is \$8 general, \$6 students & seniors or a season festival pass is \$30.00. 4122 NE Sandy Blvd. Portland.

#### Thursday – Friday April 17 – 18

BLOOMFEST. The annual tulip festival fundraiser in its 24th year! Money raised during Bloomfest

goes directly to Easter Seals. 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Both days at Pioneer Courthouse Square, Downtown Portland.

#### Saturday April 19

FREE FRUIT TREES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. Annual fruit tree giveaway and shade tree clearance sale. Hundreds of bare root, stock fruit trees will be available for the taking. (\$5 donation is suggested) 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Friends of the Trees (North Parking Lot) 3117 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT. This community Easter Egg Hunt is being put on by New Direction Community Church. 11 a.m. Irving Park, NE Fremont. Portland. For more information please call 503-282-8522.

3rd ANNUAL SPECIAL NEEDS EASTER EGG HUNT AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR. Open to children with Autism, developmental disabilities and special needs. Come and enjoy all the entertainment and fun. Rain or shine. Free however, donations are accepted. McKenzie Stadium, 2205 NE 138th Ave. Vancouver, WA behind Evergreen High School.

#### Monday April 21

It's Gonna Be Ok! Free stand-up comedy show. Come check us out. 8:30 p.m. 1800 E. Burnside St.

#### Tuesday April 22

21ST ANNUAL CAREER CONNECTIONS JOB FAIR. Featuring employers from health care, retail, construction, government and many more places. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Double Tree Hotel by Hilton, 1000 NE Multnomah St. Portland.

#### Saturday April 26

SHARING IDEAS: LOCAL YOUTH CARE WITH ACTION. Discover Grassroots efforts that strengthen the community. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave. Portland. RSVP suggested, 503-546-7499.

A BIENNIAL OF CONTEMPORARY ART CLOSING RECEPTION & PERFORMANCE. The evening brings to close the Portland 2014 Biennial and celebrates Flock's public opening-acknowledging the influence of both the exhibition and the space on Portland's creative landscape. The audience can come and go as they wish throughout the event. 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. FREE Disjecta Contemporary Art Center, 8371 N. Interstate Ave.