

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Nigerian Independence Day



Hundreds came out in North Portland for the Nigerian Community of Oregon and SW Washington celebration of the 54th Nigerian Independence Day, featuring dancing and delicious food, Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Matt Dishman Community Center. Get involved in their events at www.ncoswa.org.

Dancing Zombies Take Over the World; Portland Hosts 8th Annual Thrill the World

Thrill the World, where hundreds of locals dress like zombies and dance Michael Jackson's "Thriller" choreography, is coming up Oct. 25, for the eighth year in a row. Each year, all proceeds from Thrill the World Portland benefit the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC), a local organization that provides services and a drop-in center for queer youth.

Dancers will have to learn the dance ahead of time. Practices will be at Fremont UMC, 2620 NE Fremont in Portland (practices are optional; dancers can learn at home with instructional videos on youtube). Practices occur Sundays from 2-4 p.m., and Fridays from 6-8 p.m., through Oct. 25.

For more information go to <http://www.facebook.com/thrilltheworld.portland> or email ttwpx@gmail.com

Hill Harper and Traci Rose on Celebrity and Social Change

Award-winner actor and bestselling author, Hill Harper, will headline Warner Pacific College's 3rd Annual Diversity Lecture Series. The series, on Celebrity and Social Change will run for two Saturdays: Oct. 18 and Oct. 25, with Hill speaking at the first session and Brown university professor and author Dr. Tricia Rose speaking at the second.

Hill Harper: 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18 at Warner Pacific College, 2219 SE 68th Ave, Portland.

Tricia Rose: 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25 at Warner Pacific College, 2219 SE 68th Ave, Portland.

How to Advocate for our Children

As part of the "We are Black. We are...." series, Portland African American Leadership Forum will host a meal and discussion on how to advocate for our children inside and outside the school system in order to ensure equitable access to educational and life opportunities. The discussion will be held from 10 am to 2 pm Saturday Oct. 18 at Highland Christian Center, 7600 NE Glisan St, Portland, Oregon. Enjoy a free warm meal, and free youth programming along with the discussion. We are Black. We are.... also invites community members to a screening and discussion of the movie Dear White People, at 7:30 pm October 24 at the Regal Lloyd Center 10 cinema, 1510 Northeast Multnomah St., Portland.

Know a Family that Needs Clothes?

Families that need clothes are invited to Roosevelt High School community clothes closet. Families can shop for clothes and choose up to two bags. The clothes closet is open from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 28, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9. The clothes closet is located in the brick building at the corner of North Smith and North Ida between the tennis courts and the football field.

Volunteers Needed to Teach BoyStrength, GirlStrength and WomanStrength Classes

Portland Police bureau's family services division is looking for volunteers to teach BoyStrength, GirlStrength and WomanStrength classes. Training will be provided. To find out more Call 503-823-7467, email boystrength@portlandoregon.gov or look on the police bureau website under the community tab.

Harvest Hoopla at Charles Jordan and St Johns Community Centers

St Johns Community Center invites children 9 and under to enjoy carnival games, snacks, crafts and more at Harvest Hoopla. 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17 at 8427 N. Central. \$1 buys 5 game tickets. For more information call 503-823-3192.

Charles Jordan Community Center will hold its Harvest Hoopla event from 6 -8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31 at 9009 N. Foss. Free family fun. For more information call 503-823-3631

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Saturday October 18

FREE BEHIND THE SCENES EVENTS FROM PORTLAND PIANO INTERNATIONAL AND THE PORTLAND BALLET. Portland Piano International presents, "Beyond the Score" 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. 711 SW 14th at Morrison. Then from 3 - 4 p.m. The Portland Ballet presents an open rehearsal. Both events are free and open to the public. 6250 SW Capitol Highway.

NORTH STAR VILLAGE HOSTS OCTOBER TALK. If you

are interested in remaining in your home as you age? North Star Village may have the answers to those questions. Space is limited so reserve your seat today at www.northpdxvillage@comcast.net or call 503-978-0540. Portsmouth neighborhood call for location and time.

KILLER PUMPKIN FEST. The festival features 25+ different pumpkin beers and ciders, farmstead and pumpkin vendors, pumpkin smashing, face painting. Fun for all ages. 11 a.m. - midnight. All funds go to Camp Ukandu, donation of \$5. Green Dragon Bistro Brewpub, 928 SE 9th St.

Sunday October 19

QUALITY EDUCATION FESTIVAL. Join educators, parents, students and community members who wish to create the education Oregon students deserve. Noon - 3 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

STEP OUT: WALK TO STOP DIABETES. Come to Vancouver Landing and Walk to Stop Diabetes, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join us after the walk to celebrate the accomplishments at the Step Out Walk after party. Enjoy great food, live music, fun kids'

activities and much more. Vancouver Landing, 110 Columbia St. Vancouver

Friday - Monday October 24 - 27

THE FRIENDS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY'S FALL USED BOOK SALE. Oregon's largest used book sale. Kicking things off is a members-only night Friday October 24th from 6 - 9 p.m. Admission is free to the public on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Monday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Double Tree Exhibit Hall at Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah St.

Saturday October 25

16TH ANNUAL HOMEOWNERSHIP FAIR. Visit over 40 housing professionals, attend free workshops, home retention resources (for current homeowners), free lunch, enter to win great prizes and much more. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Legacy Emanuel Hospital Atrium, 5011 N. Graham St.

2014 LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK FOR LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA. Night walk starts at 5 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center. Registration is free but participants are encouraged to fundraise. Entertainment, food and beverages will be provided through the 1.75 mile non-competitive walk