

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

African Leaders



Fifteen high school students from Ivory Coast, Congo, and Niger visited the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization's Africa House, Oct. 17. The students were treated to snacks and career advice from Africa House staff and representatives from the City of Portland's Office of Equity and Human Rights, and Portland Human Rights Commission. The students are in Portland to learn about entrepreneurship and community service. The students visited Grant High School today as part of their trip, organized by the U.S. State Department and World Affairs Council of Oregon. A scheduled visit to Jesuit High School was cancelled by the school out of concern for the Ebola Virus.

African American Alliance for Homeownership Fair

The 16th Annual African American Homeownership Fair is Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Legacy Emanuel Hospital Atrium, 501 N. Graham St. The event is free and open to all.

Free and open to the public, the event offers housing and finance counselors and credit experts to help you plan for your own home.

- Enter to Win \$1,000 Grant
- Enter to Win a \$500 Gift Card and Other Prizes
- Visit Over 40 Housing Professionals
- Attend Free Workshops
- Home Retention Resources (for current homeowners)

- Free Lunch, Free Parking
- Pre-registration is NOT Required

For more information go to www.aaah.org, or call 503-595-3517.

Portland NAACP Elections this Weekend

The next General Membership Meeting of the local NAACP will be held from Noon until 2 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 25, at Concordia University, 2811 NE Holman St. in the University Library, Room 120.

This will be your opportunity to hear from and to speak to the local NAACP nominees for president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, and treasurer.

All Portland NAACP members in good standing are eligible to run for office. You must meet the criteria and ATTEND this meeting in order to run for office. Anyone with questions can contact current NAACP Secretary Doris Muhammad at 503-282-0537.

Voting for NAACP officers is Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Red Cross, 3131 North Vancouver Ave., Conference Room 'C' - First Floor. Voting will begin at 11 a.m. and NAACP members will have until 3 p.m. to cast their votes.

Anyone with questions should immediately contact current NAACP Secretary Doris Muhammad at 503-282-0537, or email dorismuhammad503@gmail.com.

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 learn the dance ahead of time. Practices are at Fremont UMC, 2620 NE Fremont in Portland (practices are optional); dancers can learn at home with videos on youtube). Final practice is Fridays, Oct. 24 from 6-8 p.m.

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

A Community Conversation: Services for Seniors And People With Disabilities

Aging and People with Disabilities would like to invite you to come and share ideas about the future of Oregon's services for seniors and people with disabilities. This is your opportunity to help Oregon decide what should be done to improve future services. There will be a short presentation followed by a group discussion. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome, and we would love to hear what home and community mean to you—Now and as you age.

Meetings will be held: Hillsboro, Tuesday, Oct. 28, - 12:30 – 2 p.m. at the Hillsboro Public Services building, Cafeteria, 155 1st St. Beaverton - 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the Beaverton Community Center, Vose Room, 12350 SW 5th St. Suite 100.

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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 Oct. 24 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.

Monday October 27

ECONOMIC PHOENIX A.B. HAMMOND, THE PANIC OF 1893 AND THE ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD. This presentation will focus on Hammond's railroad and lumber enterprises activity in Oregon at the turn-of-the-century and how he turned one of the nation's worst depressions to his advantage. Free and open to the public. Canned food donations accepted. 7 p.m. McMenamin's Kennedy School.

Thursday October 30

COSTUME – INSPIRED POP CONCERT INCLUDING COSTUME CONTEST. Music, costumes, and prizes

for all ages. Warner Pacific College's Concert Band is hosting a free costume Inspired Concert. 7 p.m. Warner Pacific College, 2219 SE 68th Ave.

Friday October 31

ALBERTA MAIN STREET HOSTS TRICK-OR-TREAT ALBERTA STREET. The third annual Trick-or-treat Alberta Street will take place rain or shine from 3:30 – 6 p.m. Local businesses with Trick-or-Treat Alberta Street posters on display will provide treats to costumed children as they Trick-or-Treat up and down NE Alberta from MLK Blvd. to NE 31st Ave.

ANNUAL HARVEST PARTY. Requesting no scary costumes, but are awarding prizes to the best non-scary costumes. Enjoy games, prizes and tons of candy. 6 – 8 p.m. Minnehaha Grange Hall, 9905 NE St. Johns Rd. Vancouver

Saturday November 1

4TH ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN FAMILY DAY AND MARKETPLACE. The day-long event is free and open to all. Features free swimming, family activities, arts and crafts, fresh Native American food and more. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave.