

# Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

## Portland Parks & Rec Arbor Day



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The Portland Arbor Day Festival kicks off at the Southwest Park Blocks between Southwest Harrison and Montgomery (the Portland Farmers Market at Portland State University), Friday, April 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Saturday, April 11, from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy family-friendly crafts, tree games, environmental education, nature stations and more opportunities to learn about trees and their amazing benefits, what they do for the environment and more! Share your stories and questions about trees.

### Sybrina Fulton at Community Event

The African American Alliance in collaboration with sponsoring organization, the YWCA of Greater Portland, is coordinating a community unity event featuring special guest, Sybrina Fulton, mother of 17 year old Trayvon Martin who was attacked and murdered in 2012.

Fulton will share her powerful inspirational message on "Empowering Our Youth," Monday, April 13, from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. at Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Ave. Please plan to arrive by 6:15 pm since seating is limited.

The program will include spoken word, poetry, and music from our youth and other community members. This event is free and open to the public. For additional information please leave a message at 503-288-8429.

### Youthbuild Vancouver GED and Construction Skills Program

Clark County residents, ages 17-24, who do not have a high school diploma and are interested in obtaining a GED and job-related skills are invited to attend a free YouthBuild Vancouver information session.

The session is Tuesday, April 21 from 4-5:30 p.m. at Partners in Careers, 3210 NE 52nd Street, Vancouver. To register, contact Dave Cole at 360-696-8417 or dave@swwpic.org.

To participate in YouthBuild, an individual must be:

- A Clark County resident
- 17 to 24 years old
- A high school dropout in need of a high school diploma or GED
- Interested in gaining job skills and experience

Those enrolled in YouthBuild will have the opportunity, at no cost, to:

- Obtain their GED or high school diploma
- Gain two nationally-recognized construction certifications
- Participate in building a house for a family in need
- Receive services, including job, college and career preparation

Led by the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC), the YouthBuild team is a collaboration of nonprofit organizations that includes Partners in Careers, Evergreen Habitat for Humanity, Vancouver Housing Authority and WorkSource.

### Help with Health Insurance Sign Ups

Thousands of Oregonians are eligible for free or low-cost health insurance. Adults earning up to \$47,000 per year could qualify for financial assistance. Learn more about your health insurance options and get help signing up at one of the following CCHC enrollment events:

April 13, Woodstock Elementary School, 5601 SE 50th Ave., Portland, 5:30 -7 p.m.; April 27, Coalition of Community Health Clinics; 619 SW 11th Ave., Portland, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; April 25, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 8101 N. Fiske Ave., Portland, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Make sure to bring:

- Pay stubs for the last 30 days OR most recent tax return
- Social Security Numbers for each person you are applying for OR a certificate of naturalization or U.S. citizenship

To schedule an appointment, call 503-546-4991.

### Bring the Black Baccalaureate Back in 2015

In a commitment to honor the Bridge Builders historic celebration of Black scholarship among high school seniors from 1997 through 2009, members of the Portland African American Leadership Forum (PAALF) are organizing to bring the Black Baccalaureate back in June of 2015. The Black Baccalaureate exemplifies the importance of recognizing people of the rich, diverse cultures that make up the African diasporas for attaining a high school diploma. This recognition will offer an opportunity, for some, to graduate in preferred surroundings. We commit to honoring their experiences and unyielding perseverance which we believe would otherwise go unnoticed in the other commencement ceremonies.

If you are interested in planning, able to provide support or resources, contact: Ebony Oldham at 503-302-2322 ebonyoldham@gmail.com and Sah'rah Kisha Kelsey Bey sahrastylz@gmail.com 503-286-2064.

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at [info@theskanner.com](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

**Friday – Saturday April 10 – 11**

**SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS & ADULTS FISHING DERBY.** There will be lots of fun! Free things to do in the park before and after fishing. Please register online at [www.klinekf.org](http://www.klinekf.org) there is a \$5 registration fee. There are multiple 45 minute long fishing slots open between 8 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Arrive 30 minutes early. Salmon Creek Park/Klinekf Pond, 1112 NE 117th St. Vancouver.

**Saturday April 11**

**SYRIAN THEATER TODAY: "A CHANCE ENCOUNTER."**

Syrian playwright Mohammad Al-Attar chronicles changes in his homeland. With guest speakers. 3 p.m. Lincoln Hall Theatre, PSU, 1620 SW Park Ave.

**HOOD RIVER HARD PRESSED CIDER FEST.** Artisan ciders from around the Northwest. More than 20 ciders on tap, making this one of Oregon's biggest cider events of the year. Entry tickets \$5 (ages 14 and under free) Noon – 6 p.m. 3315 Stadleman Dr. Hood River.

**Sunday April 12**

**A DOLL'S LIFE: THE STORY OF SHE.** Dolls have traditionally been used as talismans for the living and guardians for the dead. They offer us a mirror of who we are and who we dream of becoming. A photographic essay by visual storyteller, Carolyn Campbell, open reception at 2 - 5 p.m. Cup of Coffee, 7540 N. Interstate Ave.

**Thursday April 16**

**OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES: U.S. MILITARY RECOGNITION CEREMONY.** Please join our Community Salutes for a special recognition

ceremony honoring local men and women who have enlisted in the U.S. Military. Please R.S.V.P. to [community.relations@evergreenps.org](mailto:community.relations@evergreenps.org) 7 p.m. Heritage High School Auditorium, 7825 NE 130th Ave. Vancouver.

**Saturday April 18**

**ALBERTA STREET EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP.** Join us on Earth Day to help clean up Alberta Street Corridor of graffiti, litter and other blemishes! We will provide refreshments in the a.m. as well as a celebration with prizes from Alberta businesses and food at the end of the clean-up. 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Check in at Alberta Central Courtyard at Umpqua Bank, 1742 NE Alberta St.

**Sunday April 19**

**SINGIN IN THE SQUARE PRESENTED BY SHEDRAIN!** Celebrate Spring with a community sin-a-long led by Thomas Lauderdale of Pink Martini. Complimentary songbooks including 40 songs and music will be handed out. 3 – 5 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.