

# Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

## Bloomin' Good Time



PHOTO CREDIT PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL

It's a Bloomin' Good Time is the theme as the Rose Festival's waterfront activities kick off on May 22 at 5 p.m. for Memorial Day weekend and three consecutive weekends at Governor Tom McCall Waterfront Park. Opening Night Fireworks on Friday night, May 22, features a dance party and concert by Hit Machine in the RoZone and a huge fireworks display synchronized to great music. The second weekend of CityFair is jam-packed with music on the Rose City Stage and the Bridgetown stage, along with A Walk on the Wild Side exotic animals, arts and crafts in the Kids Zone, and cool artifacts in the Rose Festival Museum – all FREE with CityFair admission. The final weekend of CityFair starts on Wednesday, June 3, with an afternoon of free food and beverage samples for CityFair Sampler (FREE with admission). Fleet Week is a highlight this weekend with ships from the US Navy, US Coast Guard, and Canadian Maritime Forces along the waterfront sea wall, and the amazing all-floral float creations from the Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade will line Naito Parkway on Saturday afternoon and Sunday for up-close viewing, punctuating a rosy end to Rose Festival Waterfront activities. For more information go to [www.rosefestival.org](http://www.rosefestival.org).

## Youthbuild Vancouver GED/Construction Skills Info Sessions

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 to learn about the program.

The sessions will be held Thursday, May 14 and Tuesday, May 26 from 4-5:30 p.m. at Partners in Careers, 3210 NE 52nd Street, Vancouver 98663. To register, contact Dave Cole at 360-696-8417 or [dave@swwpic.org](mailto: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

## Gentrification Discussion with the Oregon State Bar

Squeezed Out: The Experience of Diversity, Gentrification, and Growth in Portland is a special event May 27, at 7 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School Gym, 5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland.

The Civil Rights Committee of the Oregon State Bar will host this free public forum showing two poignant short films about the paradox of development in N/NE Portland. New and old residents of N/NE Portland will learn about the history of their neighborhood and the different meanings of the term "gentrification."

The films are "Future: Portland," and "What Happened."

A panel discussion will feature Llyndyn Elliott, one of the student film makers; Karl Dinkelspiel; a representative from the City of Portland Housing Bureau; and Rukaiyah Adams from "Future: Portland."

ASL interpreter will be provided.

For more information on the Oregon State Bar Association, go to [www.osbar.org](http://www.osbar.org).

## Military Personnel Receive FREE Adventure Pass this Memorial Day Weekend

This Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25, the Mt. Hood Adventure Park at Skibowl is offering FREE All-Day Adventure Passes to all active and inactive members of the Military. Their family members ages 18 and under may receive 25 percent off. No strings attached – just bring ID that identifies you as a member of the armed services.

The all-day Adventure Pass provides unlimited use of over 20 attractions including the Northwest's only ½ mile dual Alpine Slide, Bungee Trampolines and the 32' Rock Climbing wall; and provides discounts on premium activities such as the Bungee Tower and Malibu Raceway. With over 20 attractions where you are in control, the Mt. Hood Mt. Hood Skibowl is less than an hour east of Portland on Highway 26 in Government Camp. For more information, please go to [www.skibowl.com](http://www.skibowl.com) or call the info phone at 503-222-BOWL (2695).

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#### Thursday May 21

DR. BILL THOMAS, RENOWNED AGING EXPERT, MEETS WITH SENIOR CENTER BOOK CLUB. He will be talking with seniors about how to instill new energy and vitality into late adulthood and beyond. 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th Ave.

#### Friday May 22

FAMILY GAME NIGHT. Bring your favorite games to Family Game Night. Refreshments will be served and prizes too! 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. June Key Delta Community Center, 5940 N. Albina St.

MULTICULTURAL MAY CELEBRATION "STORIES OF JOY AND JUSTICE." This storytelling event will feature a series of guest speakers taking the stage to tell stories of hope and resilience, compassion, learning from mistakes, and finding a way. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Trillium Charter School, 5420 N. Interstate Ave.

#### Sunday May 23

GARDEN WORK PARTY AND BBQ. Please join us for garden work party and then have a BBQ. 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. June Key Delta Community Center, 5940 N. Albina St.

#### Monday May 25

VANCOUVER MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY. The event feature keynote speaker Brigadier General Kurt J. Ryan. There will also be other speakers for this annual event. 11 a.m. Bandstand at Fort Vancouver Historic Site Parade Grounds.

#### Wednesday May 27

SQUEEZED OUT: THE EXPERIENCE OF DIVERSITY, GENTRIFICATION, AND GROWTH IN PORTLAND. Black and white Portlanders' different experiences of economic development in NE Portland. 7 p.m. McMenamins Kennedy School Gym, 5736 NE 33rd Ave.

#### Friday – Saturday May 29 – 30

ROCK THE BLOCK RETURNS TO GRESHAM ROCKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD. The best family block party in East County is back. Rock the

Block, Rockwood's family fun celebration opens for the third year. Come to the Feast of Nations, meet the Rose Festival Court and much more. Friday 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Plaza del Sol, 18535 SE Stark St., Gresham.

#### Saturday May 30

STARLIGHT PARADE: This glittering illuminated night-time parade lights up downtown. Come see for yourself the twinkling floats, drill teams, and marching bands. Don't forget to get there early and get your seats to watch the Starlight Runners go by. 8:30 p.m. in downtown Portland.

IT'S NOT A PLACE, IT'S A PLAN FOR AGING-IN-PLACE. Planning for how you can remain at home as you age is just as important as making financial plans for the future. Join us for a talk on the local Village movement and how North Star Village is planning affordable services. 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Space is limited. To receive location, please register at [www.northstarvillagepdx.org](http://www.northstarvillagepdx.org) or call (503) 978-0540.

MARSHALL FAMILY FUN DAY. To celebrate an amazing 50 years, we will be hosting a free family fun day filled with swimming, fitness, demos, pottery, activities in the gym and more. Come and join us for all these fun free activities. Noon – 5 p.m. Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver.