

Growing Strong Together



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IRCO Africa House presented "Growing Strong Together," a cultural celebration of Portland's African immigrant and refugee community last Friday at the Ambridge Event Center in Portland. The event included Ghanaian drumming, several dance performances, a libations ceremony, a buffet of African Cuisine and a live auction. In 2014, Africa House served more than 1,500 Africans from more than 20 ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

PP & R Outdoor Pools Open June 15

Portland Parks & Recreation's seven outdoor pools open for another fun summer of swimming on Monday. The City has seven outdoor and six indoor (open year-round) pools.

Parents who want to enroll their children in swimming lessons should act now. Lessons are available for all age groups and ability levels. Most sessions include 10 lessons for \$52.50. PP&R will also offer a FREE Learn to Swim session from June 15-19. Free lesson registration is in-person only, from 8:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Saturday at your neighborhood pool.

Portland Parks & Recreation pools also offer open play swims, water exercise classes, junior lifeguard training, junior swim training, summer swim teams, and special events.

For more information on how to register for swimming lessons or participate in other summer activities, contact the pool in your area or the PP&R Aquatics Office at 503-823-5130.

Please note that Buckman Pool is closed all summer due to Portland Public Schools' (PPS) construction work at the school, to install a new seismically strengthened roof. The

project is part of the PPS School Building Improvement Bond. For more information visit the PPS Bond page at www.pps.net/bond

Third Annual Portland Police Bureau Summer Camp

If you like basketball, bowling, dance, fishing, photography, science, volleyball, plus so much more, then the Third Annual Portland Police Bureau Youth Summer Camp is for you!

June 15-19, 2015 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Portland Police will be working together with high school and college coaches to make these days filled with fun, excitement and new skill building.

The program is for boys and girls, ages 8 to 14, who live in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and Clark Counties, and are ready to build new skills while having fun with their peers and local police officers and coaches.

The program is held at Centennial High School, 3505 SE 182nd Ave., Gresham. Transportation will be determined af-

ter the majority of people are accepted into camp.

Applications may be downloaded at www.portlandoregon.gov/police/summercamp.

You may also contact Deborah Monk, in the Youth Service Division for additional information, at (503) 823-4849 or at Deborah.Monk@portlandoregon.gov.

Oregon Lottery Partners with Gamtalk to Help Oregon's Gamblers

Beginning this month, the Oregon Lottery is teaming up with GamTalk - www.gamtalk.org - to provide a free online support service for Oregonians with gambling issues. GamTalk is an online community that provides an opportunity for people to anonymously discuss their own gambling issues or their concerns about a friend or relative. It also provides an easy way to find out about local services for problem gamblers. A non-profit organization developed by psychologist Richard Wood, GamTalk has been operating successfully in Canada since 2008. Partnering with the Oregon Lottery will be the first time a U.S. lottery has adopted this service. The anonymous nature of GamTalk makes it easier and less intimidating for people to discuss their gambling. Typically visitors to GamTalk start by reading about other peoples' experiences and then talk about their own situation when they feel they are ready. It is an effective resource for people who can't access support locally. It is also a helpful resource to use together with locally-provided services where available. For more information go to www.gamtalk.org.

Charles Drew Blood Drive celebrates a decade of support

American Red Cross announces the 10th annual Charles Drew Blood Drive will be held on June 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Portland Blood Donation Center, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. This year's Charles Drew Blood Drive will feature a sickle cell disease discussion panel and a special blood recipient story. All presenting donors will receive a commemorative T-shirt and a 50 percent off Adidas coupon, while supplies last. Coupons are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash.

In 1941, Dr. Charles Drew, an African American physician and scientist, helped to establish and served as medical director of the first Red Cross blood bank.

This blood drive honors his legacy and helps educate the African American community about the need for a diverse blood supply.

Diversity among blood donors is important because red blood cells carry markers that determine blood type, and certain blood types are unique to specific racial and ethnic groups.

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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

Friday, June 12

WORLD WAR II EVENT: LEGACIES OF WWII ON THE COAST: Presenters in Cannon Beach will address the theme of "Consent and Dissent" by discussing the subject. Discussion will include conscientious objectors who lived and worked on the coast during the war. Free admission. 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Cannon Beach History Center & Museum, 1387 S. Spruce St., Cannon Beach.

Saturday, June 13

2ND ANNUAL TASTE OF PARKROSE EGGFEST: Taste pavilion, arts pavilion, kids play area, live music and entertainment, local vendors and community organizations and much more. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 10534 NE Sandy Blvd. Free event for all ages to have fun and enjoy.

AM I RIGHT, LADIES? A TOTALLY RADICAL FEMINIST COMEDY SHOWCASE: Am I Right, Ladies? Features

live standup sets from a diverse group of comics from all over the gender, race, and sexuality spectrum. \$5.00 suggested donation. All ages welcome. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. Ford Food and Drink, 2505 SE 11th Ave. #101.

POP ULARI TEA: THE SHOWCASE: A COMEDY TEA PARTY: Featuring the comedic stylings of Robbie Parkau, Katie Nguyen, Deirdre Lyons - Keefe. Hosted by Elizabeth Teets and Sabine Rear. 6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.) Admission is free with one item minimum, reservations available in advance at www.teazone.com The Tea Zone and Camellia Lounge, 510 NW 11th Ave.

Sunday, June 14

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT RECEPTION: In partnership with The Portland Photographers Forum, will be catered free, and open to the public. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Concordia University, 2811 NE Holman St.

Monday, June 15

FREE STAGED READING: "HOME" BY SAM ART WILLIAMS: "HOME" will receive a staged reading produced by Passion Art Theater. This performance is free and starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Ellyn Bye Studio, 128 NW 11th Ave.

Tuesday, June 16

HERITAGE TREE BIKE RIDE: Beginning and ending at Esther Short Park, this tour will visit ten of Vancouver's most celebrated Heritage Trees on an enjoyable four-mile guided bike ride. 6 p.m. Esther Short Park, 605 Esther St., Vancouver.

Thursday, June 18

CELEBRATION OF WORLD REFUGEE DAY! Please join the Multnomah County ERG for immigrants and refugees to celebrate World Refugee Day! 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Multnomah Building, Room 201, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, June 20

PORTLAND CELEBRATES JUNETEENTH'S 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY: The day will begin with a community parade down MLK, JR. Blvd. at 11 a.m. From noon - 6 p.m. a public festival will be held at Legacy Field on NE Vancouver at NE Russell St.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION HOSTED BY THE VANCOUVER NAACP: The Vancouver NAACP is hosting a Juneteenth celebration at the Marshall Community Center. This year's event features: Talent show, sweet potato pie contest, fly fishing lessons, Northwest craft vendors and Foody Blues Texas-style BBQ. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Vancouver.