

Portland and SW Washington

SPOTLIGHTS

Youth Poet Laureate Project



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Partnering with Portland Mayor Charlie Hales' youth initiative, Spit/WRITE will name the city-sanctioned Portland Youth Poet Laureate on Sept. 28. The top title comes with a national book publishing and distribution deal from New York City-based Penmanship Books, and a regional performance tour, which includes Wordstock, the city's premier annual literary festival. The Portland Youth Poet Laureate competition is free and will be livestreamed so anyone can tune in during and after the competition. The winning teen will receive the laureate award from published poet Paulann Peterson, who served as Oregon's sixth Poet Laureate from 2010-14. The competition will take place at 7 p.m. Monday at Artists Repertory Theatre, 1515 SW Morrison. Tickets are free of charge. For more information, visit www.SpitWRITE.com, email info@spitwrite.com or call (503) 278-8280.

Pictured: Meghana Mysore, Tyler White, Emily Diamond, Maia Abbruzzese, Alexis Cannard, Halia Bailie, Adam Nayak, Rona Wang, Sophia Mautz & Sekai Edwards. Not pictured: Isabel Utter & Julianna Mazziotti.

Sunshine Division to Offer Shredding, Accept Donations Saturday

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, the Portland Police Bureau's White Collar Crimes Unit, in cooperation with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and U.S. Bank, is hosting a community shred event, drug turn-in and food drive at Southeast Precinct, located at 4735 East Burnside Street.

A flyer is available for download and can be shared with friends and family: <http://bit.ly/1VY6iMJ>

Community members can bring up to two boxes or bags of documents to be shredded.

Donations of canned food, boxed pasta and clothing will be accepted and given to the Portland Police Bureau's Sunshine Division to help feed and clothe Portland families in need.

Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be provided upon request.

Portland Police Officers and Crime Prevention staff will be on site for the anonymous turn-in of unused or expired prescription medications, to share information about the dangers of prescription drug abuse and to answer community and media questions regarding this issue.

The Portland Police Bureau's Drugs and Vice Division created an educational video titled, "Generation RX: The Pill Problem" that can be viewed here: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/article/426624>

All medications turned in at this event will be incinerated. Sharps and medical waste will not be accepted.

Acceptable items for deposit: Prescription medications and samples, all over the counter medications, vitamins, pet medications, medicated ointments, and liquid medication in leak proof containers.

Items not acceptable for deposit: Thermometers/Sharps/Syringes, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, inhalers, EpiPens.

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Thursday, September 24

ALBINA HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF OPPORTUNITIES: Enjoy an evening filled with music, food, great raffle prizes, fun games, activities and community information tables. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Eagles North Portland, 7611 N. Exeter Ave.

POPE FRANCIS VISITS CONGRESS: St. Andrews Catholic Church invites all interested to join on this historic day to listen to the Pope's address. Breakfast will be served for this event!. 6 a.m., St. Andrews Catholic Church, Community Center, 806 NE Alberta St. Donations for breakfast would be appreciated.

FREE COMEDY SHOW FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AT CHINOOK WINDS CASINO: This show is to say "thank you" to men and women who serve, and have served, to protect our country. Reserve your seats now at www.chinookwindscasino.com or call 1-888-624-6228. The always hilarious Huck Flynn headlines this fantastic and funny show. 8 p.m. This is a 21-and-older event. Show tickets can be purchased for non-military at the box office. Chinook Winds Casino and Resort, 1777 NW 44th St., Lincoln City.

Thursday – Sunday, September 24 – 27

CELEBRATION OF HONOR – PRESENTED BY CHINOOK WINDS CASINO: Field of Honor (1,000 Flags), Cost of Freedom tribute, Oregon Traveling Memorial Wall, American Infantry Soldier Camp, Vets helping Vets HQ Wall. Veterans and Active Duty Personnel

receive a FREE buffet Thursday September 24. Chinook Winds Casino and Resort, 1777 NW 44th St., Lincoln City.

Saturday, September 26

THE NAACP PORTLAND INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ITS MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: This is an opportunity to connect with Portland NAACP's work in advancing racial justice in the community. Noon – 2 p.m. American Red Cross, Oregon Chapter, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

PORTLAND ECOFILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS "UPRIVER" IN OUTDOOR SCREENING AT SELLWOOD RIVERFRONT PARK: The event is free to the general public. The evening begins at 5 p.m. with live music, free Chipotle Mexican Grill burritos for the first 200 attendees and free river paddling courtesy of Willamette River Keeper and Alder Creek Kayak, Canoe, SUP and Raft. Film begins at 7 p.m. SE Oaks Park Way.

Saturday – Saturday, September 26 – October 24

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE'S "WE ARE IN A PLAY": Perfect for first-time theater-goers. Gerald the Elephant and Piggie the Pig tackle friendship's big questions. Show times 10 a.m. & 1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1819 NW Everett St. Most enjoyed by ages 4 & up.

Sunday, September 27

2ND ANNUAL SALMON CELEBRATION AT WESTMORELAND PARK: The Salmon celebration coincides with the final 2015 Portland Sunday Parkways. The celebration will include a Native American blessing, a salmon bake demonstration, games, crafts and much more. Free and open to the public. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Westmoreland Park, SE McLoughlin and Bybee.

Wednesday, September 30

TOWN HALL MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER AMANDA FRITZ: Commissioner Amanda Fritz cordially invites the public to a town hall meeting to share information, ask questions and give feedback

on current policy issues in Portland. 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Margaret Carter Technology Education Building TEB 222, PCC Cascade, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

Wednesday – Thursday, Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

"GAINING GROUND" PORTLAND PREMIERE SCREENING: From farms in Oregon's fertile Willamette Valley to the food desert in Redmond, Calif., "Gaining Ground" reveals the courage of urban and rural farmers committed to empowering their communities. 2 showings followed by a discussion with people featured in the film. Admission \$7 - \$10 sliding scale, 7 p.m., Cinema 21, 616 NW 21st St.

Friday, October 2

TEACHER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION AT FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY IN VANCOUVER: Quan Ren is hosting these performances in honor of our teachers as Teacher Appreciation Celebration. This year we will have a special Peacock Dance. You will not want to miss the celebration. Suggested donation at the door is \$5 for adults & \$2 for children. 6:30 p.m., Franklin Elementary School Gymnasium, 5206 Franklin St., Vancouver.

Saturday, October 3

IF YOUR HEAD IS HUNGRY FOR SOME KNOWLEDGE, LET US FILL IT WITH PORTLAND HISTORY: Take a behind the scenes tour of the city's archives and see history up close and personal. Talk with local area archivists representing 11 different archives. Free and open to the public. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Portland Archives & Records Center, 1800 SW 6th Ave. Suite 550.

TASTE THE FALL BOUNTY AT THE WILD MUSHROOM COOK-OFF: 7th Annual Wild Mushroom Cook-Off. Professional chefs from around the Pacific Northwest will craft dishes highlighting this signature fall ingredient, the wild mushroom, and have them available to sample for free. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Culinary Center, located on the fourth floor of City Hall 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City.