

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2015

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TUESDAY – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 – 11

PORTLAND SATURDAY MARKET PRESENTS ARTISAN MARKET AT THE SQUARE: Join Pioneer Courthouse Square and Saturday Market for a special Holiday Market on the square. Forty vendors from Portland Saturday Market will be selling their wares. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

LEAD-SAFE HOME PROJECT WORKSHOP: Before and demo, scraping, sanding or remodeling in pre-1978 housing check out this class. Great for people wanting to do small projects that may involve exposure to lead paint! Register for workshop at www.communityenergyproject.org or call (503) 284-6827, ext. 109. 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Community Energy Project, 2900 SE Stark St. Suite A.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 -13

PORTLAND'S FIRST- EVER GREEN FESTIVAL EXPO: Green festivals will be bringing together more than 250 sustainable food, drink and lifestyle brands to Portland. The event will feature a wide range of speakers from green business entrepreneurs, community leaders and environmental experts. Noon – 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

FREE COMMUNITY FLU SHOT CLINIC: Legacy Health is offering FREE flu shots to people age six and older from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. At Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center, 2211 NE 139th St., Vancouver.

YWCA OF GREATER PORTLAND RESPONDS TO RECENT ISSUES OF GUN VIOLENCE: Please join the YWCA of Greater Portland and Oregon Women's Equity Coalition for a panel discussion titled "Gun Violence through an Equity Lens." Learn about current efforts to reduce gun violence and improve gun safety in Oregon and across the Nation. 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., YWCA Downtown, 1111 SW 10th Ave.

WRITE AROUND PORTLAND 49TH BOOK RELEASE & FREE PUBLIC READING: Write Around Portland invites the public to attend this reading of the powerful work written by participants in our fall 2015 writing workshops. Free. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Collins Hall at the back of the First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

25th ANNUAL TUBA CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Downtown Portland will pulse with the melodic sounds of big brass led by Chuck Bolton as over 250 tubas play in unison at Pioneer Courthouse Square. 1:30 p.m.

EVERGREEN GIFT MARKET: The focus is on products that are locally-sourced, made of reclaimed material or support a sustainable lifestyle in some way. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver.

WE ARE WHAT WE EAT: This program, facilitated by Wendy Willis, poet, essayist and executive director of policy consensus Initiative at Portland State. Please join us for some information about food. 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Kenton Library, 8226 N. Denver Ave. First come, first seated.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

VOODOO CATBOX POSTER SHOW AND SCRATCH & DENT SALE: The Voo Doo Catbox Posters are traditionally made – hand-drawn and hand-cut. Each poster commemorates a show, special event or tour of the different artists. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside St.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

KWANZAA – JOIN KAISER PERMANENTE LEAD: A celebration of family, community and culture. Introduction of the 7 principles of Kwanzaa. Live African gospel music and Kwanzaa Holiday vendors. 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., Kaiser Permanente Town Hall Ball-

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PHOTO BY JONATHAN MAUS / COURTESY OF THE COMMUNITY CYCLING CENTER

Community Cycling Center

On Dec. 6, the Community Cycling Center celebrated 20 years of the Holiday Bike Drive, which has provided over 10,000 bicycles to children from families with low incomes since 1995. This December, more than 300 children rode their first bike at the bike drive, sponsored by Lam Research Foundation. On the day of the event, more than 300 children, their families, and 250 volunteers convened at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center's Atrium. Each child participated in a series of bike safety lessons before choosing their first bike.

Portland News Briefs

Black Santa Comes to Portland

The Portland Willamette Valley Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is presenting “Black Santa Comes to Portland” as a festive holiday opportunity for families who want to visit with Black Santa, enjoy making arts and crafts, and to support a good cause.

Black Santa will be available on Sunday, December 13 from 3 PM to 5 PM at Matt Dishman Community Center, located at 77 NE Knott.

The holiday season is a time of joy for many, but many families with new babies find themselves in need of extra support and resources.

Black Santa Comes to Portland supports the families served by International Center for Traditional Childbearing.

The International Center for Traditional Childbearing, Inc. (ICTC) is a non-profit infant mortality prevention, breastfeeding support, and midwife training organization, comprised of women and men who want to improve birth outcomes and provide training opportunities in their communities. Incorporated in 1991, ICTC was founded by Shafia M. Monroe in concert with the national support of educators and midwives.

For \$20 families will receive a framed photo with Black Santa, enjoy holiday treats, and make holiday arts and crafts to take home. Proceeds will go to families supported through ICTC.

For more information, please contact pwvjackandjill@gmail.com.

Registration Opens for United Way’s MLK, Jr., Day of Service in January

Local residents can now sign up to participate in the United Way Martin Luther King Weekend of Service. The event honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr., through more than 65 volunteer service projects throughout the four-county metro region.

Volunteer projects range from packaging food to cleaning up schools, from prepping books for kids in poverty to beautifying parks.

The event is hosted with a variety of partner organizations and is open to all.

To sign up or learn more, visit www.unitedway-pdx.org/mlk-weekend.

U.S. Postal Service Provides Extended Saturday Hours

The Portland Post Office is offering extended retail hours at select locations to help make customers’ shipping tasks a bit more convenient, just in time for the holidays.

Starting last week and continuing this Saturday and next (Dec. 12 and 19), the following seven Portland

Post Office locations will offer extended Saturday hours, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

- Holladay Park Station, 815 NE Schuyler St.
- Lents Retail (Eastport Plaza) 3850 SE 82nd St.
- Tigard Station, 12210 SW Main St.
- Piedmont Station, 630 NE Killingsworth St.
- Oak Grove Branch, 3860 SE Naef Rd.
- St Johns Station, 8420 N. Ivanhoe
- Midway Station, 400 SE 103rd Ave.

Portland has three other locations that will be open during their regular Saturday hours:

- Portland Main Post Office, 715 NW Hoyt St., 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Airport Retail Station, 7640 NE Airport Way, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Waterfront Station, 101 SW Madison, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oregon Humane Society Holds Holiday Adoption Special

The Oregon Humane Society is seeking homes for approximately 128 shelter animals who are looking for a “home for the holidays” this December.

Some of these pets have been awaiting adoption for just a few days. Others have been waiting for weeks. Every animal at the OHS shelter on Dec. 1 is considered a “home for the holidays” pet and OHS wants to place each of these animals into a new home by Dec. 31.

As always, every animal offered for adoption at OHS remains available for as long as needed—there is never a time limit on an animal’s stay.

During the month of December, the OHS lobby will showcase pictures of the 128 Home for the Holidays pets. The lobby will be decorated in its holiday best and the OHS Animal Giving Tree will be up for those wishing to leave a gift for shelter animals (see our Wish List at www.oregonhumane.org/donate/needed-supplies.asp for needed gifts).

For those animal lovers unable to adopt this holiday season, OHS suggests using the popular “Sponsor a Pet” feature on the OHS website.

Visitors can select any one of the pets featured on the OHS website and make a donation in that pet’s name. The sponsorship draws attention to the pet and helps pay for the care of all animals at the shelter.

Visit the humane society’s adoption pages<<http://www.oregonhumane.org/adopt/overview.asp>> - choose dogs, cats or small animals) and select any pet to see the Sponsor a Pet feature just below the pet’s photo.

The Oregon Humane Society is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Anyone with questions is invited to call (503) 285-7722.