

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

MUSEUM GALLERY OPENING: BRIAN AND JOSIE PARKER: PORTLAND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM GALLERY: Join us at the Portland Children's Museum for a free art gallery opening and celebration of artists-in-residence Brian and Josie Parker, co-owners of Believe in WONDER Publishing. 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Portland Children's Museum, 4015 SW Canyon Rd.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

FIRST FRIDAY OPEN BEADING: Beaders are invited to bring their projects to CCHM during Vancouver's First Friday Art Walk. Everyone is welcome to this free event. This is a social event, not a class. 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., Clark County Historical Museum, 1611 Main St., Vancouver.

THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY INVITES PUBLIC INPUT DURING JANUARY MARIJUANA MEETINGS: The public will have several opportunities in January to provide input on medical and retail marijuana policy in Oregon. Public comment is at 5:45 p.m. Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., First Floor.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

JOIN US FOR A FREE TALK ON AGING-IN-PLACE VILLAGES: An introduction to stay put safely & comfortably in your own home with support from a caring community. Space is limited please RSVP for location www.northstarvillagepdx.org or call (503) 978-0540. Meeting runs from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

REPORT BACK ON DELEGATION TRIP FROM PORTLAND TO GHANA: Two local organizers for the new All African People's Revolutionary Party in Portland went on a delegation to the Ghana Chapter of the All African People's Revolutionary Party for two weeks. They will be hosting a report back event to discuss the objectives and results of their trip. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., In Other Words, 14 NE Killingsworth St. Food will be served and all are invited.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

CHOIR-FEST TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES: The 14th Annual Epiphany Choir Fest a benefit for the Emergency Services Program for homeless families at Human Solutions. Admission is free and open to the public. A farewell offering will take place. 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 11560 SE Market St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

OHA INVITES PUBLIC INPUT DURING JANUARY MARIJUANA MEETINGS: This is the second meeting. This meeting will focus on: serving sizes for medical and retail marijuana. Meeting starts at 9 a.m. Public comments start at 11:45 a.m. Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., First Floor.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

PUBLIC COMMENT - ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PUBLIC RECORDS LAW REFORM TASK FORCE: Members of the Attorney General's Public Records Law Reform Task Force will be accepting public comments on the Oregon Public Records Law, and the work of the task force. Please join us next door to the Oregon State Capital to share your experiences, suggestions or other thoughts with task force members. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Conference Room B, 155 Cottage St. NE., Salem.

THURSDAY - SATURDAY, JAN. 14 - 16

FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE: BOOKAPALOOZA 16: BOOKAPALOOZA 16 will feature surplus library books for kids and adults. Books will be bargain priced at \$1 for all hardbacks and trade paperbacks and 50 cents for mass-market adult fiction paperbacks. Proceeds from this book sale will be used to support Fort Vancouver Regional Library District's programs and services. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., District Headquarters, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

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PHOTO BY CRAIG SCHWARTZ | PORTLAND CENTER STAGE

Forever Opens Feb. 5

Writer and performer Dael Orlandersmith, pictured here, makes her Portland Center Stage debut with her powerful new memoir play, *Forever*, opening in the Ellyn Bye Studio on Feb. 5, with preview performances beginning Jan. 30.

The production runs through March 20 in a limited engagement, with multiple performances already sold out. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at www.pcs.org, 503.445.3700, or in person at the Gerding Theater at the Armory box office (128 NW Eleventh Avenue, Portland). Regular tickets start at \$25 (Tuesday night performances only). Rush tickets are \$20. Tickets for students and patrons who are 30 or younger are \$25 (all performances). Seating is general admission. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. on select Tuesdays through Sundays; 2 p.m. on select Saturdays and Sundays; and noon matinees on select Thursdays.

A full schedule and more information can be found at <http://www.pcs.org/forever/>.

Portland News Briefs

All African People's Revolutionary Party to Discuss Ghana Meeting

From Dec. 1, 2015 through Dec. 14, 2015, Adrienne Cabouet and Ahjamu Umi, two local organizers for the new All African People's Revolutionary Party in Portland, Oregon, went on a delegation to the Ghana Chapter of the All African People's Revolutionary Party. For two weeks, they participated in local events and meetings in three Ghanaian cities. They worked in a local school, and we were interviewed on prime time Ghanaian television.

From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 9, Cabouet and Umi will be hosting a report back event to discuss the objectives and results of our trip. The report back will take place at "In Other Words" bookstore at 14 N.E. Killingsworth in Portland, Oregon. Food will be served and all are invited.

PSUSU Hosts Student Power Event

From 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Jan. 14, in Portland State University's Smith Memorial Student Union in Room 327, the Portland State University Student Union (PSUSU) will be hosting an event entitled STUDENT POWER: Capitalism, Militarism and the International Student Movement. This dynamic event will highlight the history and evolution of the international student movement and discussion of the rise of student power in our community at Portland State. Featured will be a presentation from students who are engaged in the anti-racist and anti-corporatization of education struggle locally and across the country.

Free 10-Week Construction Training Available

Individuals interested in learning about training and employment opportunities in the construction trades are encouraged to attend a free information session at WorkSource on Jan. 21 or 28 or Feb. 4 or 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Representatives from Constructing Hope will be onsite to talk about their free construction pre-apprenticeship program. In addition, attendees will learn about the Pacific Northwest Carpenters Institute's (PNCI) new pre-apprenticeship for women as well as other options for gaining entry into a building trades apprenticeship program.

Applicants should be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED.

The information session will be held at WorkSource, 204 SE Stonemill Drive, Suite 215, Vancouver 98684. To RSVP and for more information, contact Constructing Hope at 503-281-1234 or visit www.constructinghope.org.

Donations, Volunteers Needed for Toiletries for Teens Drive

In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Vancouver, Kaiser Permanente and Bridge Chiropractic are hosting a "Toiletries for Teens Drive" to give local teens a fresh start in 2016.

Donations of new, unopened toiletries will be accepted through Jan. 14 at 16 locations throughout the city. The donations will go to the Pantry Project, a program which provides non-perishable food and essential toiletries to nearly 12,000 high school students in the Evergreen Public School District.

Donation sites include nine City of Vancouver buildings, three Kaiser Permanente clinics and five Bridge Chiropractic offices. Visit www.cityofvancouver.us/Toiletries4Teens for donation locations and a list of the types of toiletry items being collected.

The City is seeking volunteers throughout the day on Jan. 15, to transport donations from the collection sites to the Firstenberg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Ave.

Volunteers are also needed to sort, weigh and package donated toiletries from noon to 4 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18 at the Firstenberg Community Center.

To get more information, or to volunteer for this event, please contact Carrie Vogelzang with the City of Vancouver at carrie.vogelzang@cityofvancouver.us or 360-487-8325.

There are several other Martin Luther King Jr. Day volunteer opportunities happening across the city on Jan. 18. To learn more visit www.cityofvancouver.us/volunteercalendar.

Oregon College Savings Plan rings in New Year with Baby Grad Program

The Oregon College Savings Plan is ringing in the new year with the return of its successful Baby Grad Program, in which any Oregon College Savings Plan account opened on behalf of a new Oregon baby during the months of January, February and March 2016 will automatically receive one \$25 matching contribution from the Oregon College Savings Plan.

"We want every child in Oregon to be college ready, and the best way to do that is to start saving early," explained Michael Parker, executive director of the Oregon College Savings Plan. "Regularly scheduled contributions add up over time, so the earlier a family starts saving, the more time their investment has to grow. Our Baby Grad Promotion gives families an excellent incentive to start."

Any adult who opens and funds an Oregon College Savings Plan account on behalf of a new Oregon baby is eligible for the \$25 match; a new Oregon baby is defined as any person living in Oregon who was born in the 12 months prior to the account being opened. The minimum funding requirement is \$25 and there is a limit of one match per baby.