

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 17 - 20

SAINT JACK'S PARADE - TRIBE OF THE OUTCAST FREE SHOW: Has-ketron opens this show at 9 p.m. Saint Jack's Parade will play in honor of Celts and this holiday based on a saint. 8 p.m. Kenton Club, 2025 N. Kilpatrick St.

IAAF WORLD INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP FAN FEST: Families will enjoy engaging youth activities centered around track and field. At night live music and performance acts will keep fans entertained. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

BUS RIDERS UNITE UNVEILS LOW-INCOME FARE CAMPAIGN: Low-income people of color, working families, seniors and immigrants will launch Bus Riders Unite's new campaign at a press conference and campaign rally, featuring voices of community members who need fare relief and improvements. 3 p.m. APA-MO/JAMS SPACE, SE 82nd and Division St.

FATHER-DAUGHTER "ALL-BLACK ATTIRE" SPRING DANCE: Price includes admission, one single stem rose for every daughter, one photo per couple, and much more. Prices are \$10 to \$25. This event is for fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and any male role models to accompany young ladies who are special to them. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., Colwood Golf Center, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd. For more information call (503) 254-2567.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 18 - 20

HISTORIC HIGHLAND HONORS SENIOR PASTOR: Celebration scheduled for 20 years of Exemplary Service. The Northeast Portland multicultural church will celebrate and honor Hardy's 20th year as pastor during a weekend of Pastor Appreciation events. Theme of the event is "Watchman on the Wall." All of the activities will take place at the Highland Christian Center Campus, 7600 NE Glisan St. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information and times of activities call (503) 287-9567 or go to www.hcclive.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

21ST BLUES HARMONICA SUMMIT: Featuring Joe Cook (from Seattle), George Discant, Willian Hyland and more. 21 and over only! \$10 at the door. 8 p.m. - midnight, Melody Ballroom, 615 SE Alder St.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

41ST ANNUAL FRUIT PROPAGATION FAIR: The Fruit Propagation Fair offers attendees hundreds of varieties of apple cuttings to choose from in order to create a new tree or add to an existing fruit tree. Admission is \$7 per person or \$12 per family. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Ave., Canby.

A MONTHLY FILM SERIES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON "PRISON KIDS": Documentary films about Criminal Justice issues. After each film guest speakers will make presentations to the audience and answer questions. 1:30 p.m., First Unitarian Church, SW 12th between Main and Salmon Streets. Room A108 in the church's Buchan Building.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

SPLASH BACK 20: In celebration of its 20th anniversary the Water Resource Education Center presents a return of the gala Splash Back 20. The event will commemorate the past 20 years with displays and music. Admission is free. Caterers will offer assorted food and beverages available for purchase. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., Water Resource Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver.

THURSDAY - FRIDAY, MARCH 24 - 25

BLOOMFEST - EASTER SEALS OF OREGON RETURNS TO THE SQUARE WITH THEIR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: Purchase 10 tulips for \$5 and proceeds go toward programs that benefit individuals with disabilities and special needs. 7:30 a.m.- 6 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown Portland.

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'We Are Proud To Present'

Artists Repertory Theatre's *We Are Proud to Present* opened March 12 and continues through April 10. A multiracial cast of six idealistic actors sets out to improvise a story about the first colonial genocide of the 20th Century in Africa, but get lost in the reality of their undertaking. Tickets for the play, which is directed by Kevin Jones, are \$48 regular price, \$25 preview/student/under 25 and \$20 rush. Tickets are available at www.artistsrep.org or by calling (503) 241-1278.

Portland News Briefs

Parks & Recreation Athletic Fields Closed Through March 18

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) has closed all city-owned athletic and ballfields until at least Friday due to safety concerns and saturated conditions related to continued rain. This closure impacts grass fields at Portland Parks & Recreation sites, and events which PP&R had permitted at Portland Public Schools facilities. On Thursday PP&R will re-evaluate the grass fields and make a determination on if the closures need to be extended, with user safety in mind. The citywide closure does NOT impact synthetic turf fields, which are designed for all-weather play.

Sustained rains and wet conditions across the city have left many PP&R athletic fields with standing water, mud, slippery turf, and other poor conditions that may impact athletes' safety. The heavy and seemingly unending rain has also hampered the ability for PP&R maintenance crews to care for the fields. Portland Parks & Recreation turf experts stressed the importance of preserving the grass at this time of the year, noting that damage inflicted now will be much harder to repair later in the year when more users are expected to use the fields.

All people who have been granted permits for events on PP&R athletic and ball fields will have their money refunded. Fields will also be closed for drop-in use. Portland Parks & Recreation makes safety its top priority, though we understand some athletes will be disappointed by the bureau's need to close the fields.

NAACP Portland Branch General Membership to Meet March 26

The NAACP Portland branch invites the community to its monthly general membership meeting (fourth Saturday of every month). This month the organization will meet from noon to 2 p.m. March 26 at the American Red Cross Oregon Chapter, 3131 N. Vancouver Avenue.

The meeting is open to all current and prospective members of the NAACP. President Jo Ann Hardesty and executive leadership will provide updates about current and future initiatives. This is an opportunity to connect with Portland NAACP's work in advancing racial justice in the community.

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. The vision of the NAACP is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

To connect with NAACP online, visit www.portlandnaacp1120.org, www.facebook.com/PDXNAACP or pdxnaacp@gmail.com.

Fifth Annual Inner City Blues Festival Scheduled for April 16

On April 16, the Fifth Annual Inner City Blues Festival "Healing the Health Care Blues" will once again present a stellar showcase of some of the best talent in Portland. Two stages of entertainment will include the Norman Sylvester Band, Terry Robb and Marilyn Keller. The event is a fundraiser for Health Care for All Oregon. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show runs from 6 p.m. until midnight at the North Portland Eagles Lodge, 7611 N. Exeter Ave off Lombard. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Peninsula Station (8326 N. Lombard St.), Music Millennium (3158 E. Burnside Ave), Geneva's Pure Perfection (5601 MLK Jr. Blvd) or Musician's Union Local (99325 N.E. 20th Ave.). They can also be purchased online at <http://www.tickettomato.com/event/3526/the-5th-annual-healing-the-healthcare-blues-festival/#buy-tickets>.

A group of people that have been affected more than most are the musicians in our town. Clubs have closed for various reasons over the years, and pay is even lower than it was thirty years ago. Even with full time jobs the Portland music community is hurting. A tight group that loves to support each other, they hold regular fundraisers for players that are ill. But even a successful fundraiser can't make much of a difference. Costs of medicine and procedures have skyrocketed. People that are self-employed can't afford policies way out of their price range.

Last year the Festival pulled in 750 people and netted \$24,000. This year's goal is to raise \$40,000.

Seattle News Briefs

King County Council Passes Public Airwaves Impact Report 9-0

By unanimous vote, the King County Council passed a motion 9-0 on Monday that may well protect the region's public airwaves and emergency broadcast systems. Following a 3-0 vote by the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee on March 8, the councilmembers greenlighted the development of a report on the potential impacts of the upcoming auction of federally licensed broadcasting frequencies on King County taxpayers, residents and businesses.

Several community leaders spoke on the issue as well including representatives from the Washington State Labor Council, the Northwest Region of the AFL-CIO and other local labor unions.

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