

# Events & Announcements

## Community Calendar 2016

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### Portland Metro

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 31

**VANCOUVER WASHINGTON 2016 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS:** Please join Vancouver Mayor Timothy Leavitt for this year's State of the City address. After the address, enjoy a social hour with the mayor and the city council at City Hall. Please RSVP to [cityrsvp@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:cityrsvp@cityofvancouver.us). 5 p.m., City Hall, 415 W. 6th St., Vancouver.

**FINDERS KEEPERS OPENING WEEKEND:** Finders Keepers on the beach begins: Every day, our float fairies place colorful hand-blown glass floats on the beach for lucky treasure hunters to find and keep. Opening weekend includes a special drop of 50 extra floats on the beach in Lincoln City. 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

**THE READING: RHYME SCHEME POWER EDITION VOLUME 1:** Join us for a short theatrical presentation of some of the written work by Portland native ShaRonda Lynne McCauley and stick around for a Q&A session to follow. 6 p.m., In Other Words, 14 NE Killingsworth St.

**FRIENDS OF TREES PLANTING & POTLUCK:** Come join us and plant trees with neighbors and then join us for a delicious potluck lunch. Beaumont-Wilshire, Cully and Roseway neighborhoods (Northeast Portland). 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 4927 NE 55th Ave.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 5

**THE URBAN LEAGUE OF PORTLAND 23RD ANNUAL CAREER FAIR:** Job seekers will have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with recruiters from over 70 of the area's most desirable employers at the Urban League of Portland's Career Connections Job Fair. The event is free and open to the public. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., The Double Tree, 1000 Multnomah St.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST SUSTAINS PORTLAND ARE EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM:** There's no cost to attend the breakfast a collection will be taken will all contributions sustain the Northeast Emergency Food Program. For reservations please email [lwestarp@emoregon.org](mailto:lwestarp@emoregon.org) or call (503) 221-1054, ext. 208, no later than March 30. 8:20 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., Mosaic Church, 1832 NE Cesar Chavez Blvd.

**FREE COMEDY AT BOSSONOVA BALLROOM:** Barbara Holm Believes in You is a quirky, smart, unique comedy show. The show features some of the funniest comedians nationwide and hosted by local comic Barbara Holm. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. Bossanova Ballroom, 722 E. Burnside St.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 7

**FOSTER CARE FORUM:** The Multnomah County Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Citizen Review Panel is hosting a public forum. Since July 2015, the panel has been reviewing local child welfare related to supporting foster parents and relative caregivers, and developing recommendations for system-wide improvements. The Panel invites the public to hear and comment on those findings and recommendations. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Multnomah County Library - Belmont, 1038 SE Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 8

**BLACK CINEMA 1: IMAGE AND MIRAGE, MEANING AND IDENTITY:** Experimental short films from Black filmmakers of past and present exploring the theme of identity. 7:30 p.m., \$8 suggested donation. PCC Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St. Terrell Hall Auditorium, Room 122.

**BLACK MALE CHALLENGE 2016:** This is a free event for students and the general public. The event will consist of a keynote address, leadership, breakout sessions, prizes and giveaways, and a special student-led Mayoral Debate. 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., David Douglas Performing Arts Center, 1400 SE 130TH Ave. Register online at [WWW.REAPUSA.ORG](http://WWW.REAPUSA.ORG) or call (503)688-2784.

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## Constructing Hope

The winter 2016 graduating class of the Constructing Hope pre-apprenticeship program of the Pacific Northwest Carpenter's Institute received their diplomas March 24. Pictured here are Denis Das (back row, left), Michael Richmond, Ashanti Ligon, Kyle Anderson, David Hartogh, Brandon Warren, Ari Smith-Korn, David Medina, Ryan Mesa (front row, left), Rico Roberson, Linda Gibson, Howard Washington, Depree Johnson, Adolfo Bella and Berny Lavadores. Constructing Hope offers a 9 week pre-apprenticeship training program with 180 hours of classes and hands-on training. Upon graduations, participants have assistance with permanent job placement and will have gained the following certifications: Flagging, Fork-lift and OSHA 10.

## Portland News Briefs

### NAACP to Protest 'Meet the Heat' Event Friday Morning

The NAACP Portland branch invites the community join in a demonstration to protest the "Meet the Heat" event at the Portland Police Training Facility.

According to the event listing on the Portland Business Alliance's website, "Meet the Heat" is a "VIP-only" fundraiser cosponsored by the Portland Police Commission and the Portland Business Alliance costing participants \$1,000 each to participate in emergency vehicle maneuvers, use firearms and Tasers, and participate in what it describes as "realistic scenarios" and use "defensive tactics."

The demonstration begins at 8 a.m. and a media conference is scheduled at 9 a.m. at the Portland Police Training Facility, 14902 NE Airport Way. For more information about the demonstration, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1587703178213725/>.

### City Club of Portland Continues Mayoral Forums

City Club of Portland will host four events in April for candidates seeking to become the city's next mayor.

This marks an increased involvement in the mayoral election process: in 2012, City Club hosted one mayoral forum.

The primary election is set for May 17. Incumbent Mayor Charlie Hales has announced he is not seeking re-election, making this an open seat.

Themes and dates for City Club events include:

- East Portland: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Friday in the Great Hall, Portland Community College's Southeast Campus, 2305 S.E. 82nd Ave.
- Civic Drinks with the Candidates: 5 to 7:30 p.m., April 12, The Secret Society, 116 N.E. Russell St., Portland.
- Health and Public Safety: 7 to 8:30 p.m., April 18, Portland Community College's Cascade Campus, Moriarty Arts and Humanities Building, Room 104, at Northeast Albina and Killingsworth.
- City Club of Portland Friday Forum: 11:30 a.m., April 22, at the Sentinel Hotel, 614 S.W. 11th Ave., Portland.

Three member-led City Club committees were tasked with organizing the April 1 and 18 events, as well as the Friday Forum. Each committee decided on the criteria for candidate invitations. The criteria differ for each event, based on the will of a majority of the members on each committee. All candidates are invited to at least one of the events.

For the East Portland event on April 1, invited candidates are Multnomah County Commissioner Jules

Bailey; restaurateur Sarah Iannarone; and State Treasurer Ted Wheeler. The moderator for the event will be Jo Ann Hardesty.

For the Civic Drinks event on April 12, all candidates are invited to mix with City Club members and the public. Co-sponsored by Portland State University's College of Urban and Public Affairs.

For the April 18 Health and Public Safety debate, the invitees are Bailey, Iannarone, Wheeler and David Schor, assistant attorney general at the Oregon Department of Justice. The moderator will be Pastor T. Allen Bethel of Maranatha Church. Co-sponsors are Partners for Safety and Justice; Albina Ministerial Alliance; Coalition for Justice and Police Reform; The Latino Network; and Luis Palau Association.

For the April 22 Friday Forum, the candidates will be Bailey, Iannarone, Wheeler and Sean Davis, author and writing teacher. The moderator is Ben Cannon, executive director of the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission. Sponsors are EcoNorthwest, Chevron, Morel Ink, Northwest Natural, Uber and Airbnb. As of press time, the list of partners for that Friday Forum had not been finalized.

City Club of Portland also hosted a debate in January with mayoral candidates, co-sponsored by the Regional Arts and Culture Council and Portland Center Stage.

The stepped-up schedule for public events comes as City Club celebrates its centennial year. "The club has been Portland's premiere organization for civic involvement for generations, but we want to be more impactful than ever before," Marshall said. "Not all Portlanders are motivated by the same topics. Spitting the events up into themes - Arts, East Portland, health and public safety, economy and business - and partnering with other community organizations should empower and inform more voters than ever before."

City Club also will host events this year focusing on such races as Oregon Secretary of State, Oregon House District 43, and Republican gubernatorial candidates. For more information about City Club of Portland, visit [www.pdxcityclub.org](http://www.pdxcityclub.org) or call (503) 228-7231.

### April is Poetry Month at Lan Su Chinese Garden

This April, learn about the poetry in Lan Su Chinese Garden as well as the historical and aesthetic traditions of poetry in Suzhou-style Chinese gardens with workshops, tours, and multiple poetry series.

According to Chinese tradition, a garden landscape without poetry is not complete. Luckily, Lan Su is graced with a wealth of poetic inscriptions! Classical Chinese gardens - including Lan Su - are filled with poetic inscriptions as text, calligraphic ensembles, engravings and plaques.

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