

# Events & Announcements

## Community Calendar 2016

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#### 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. It 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.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 9

**CHILDREN TAKE OVER THE CITY:** Free event for families and early childhood educators. Interactive play areas, documentation pieces, and much more. While this event is geared towards children five years and younger, it is a great opportunity for the whole family to play and learn, regardless of age 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown Portland.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 10

**2016 SPREAD DALOVE ALL STAR-STAR SHOWCASE!** Oregon's elite high school basketball players go head-to head. The Spread DaLove Foundation will bring together some of the most talented and passionate basketball players in Oregon for a statewide celebration of the game. The boys game will tipoff at 4:30 p.m. followed by the girls game at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 for general seating. Concordia University, 2811 NE Holman St.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

**ARBOR DAY:** Vancouver, along with the State of Washington celebrates Arbor Day! Join the festivities, children's activities, ceremonial Arbor Day tree planting and much more. Noon – 1 p.m. at the Water Resource Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way. Vancouver.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

**SPRING ANNUAL PLANT SALE:** Join us for an exciting selection of unique plants from specialty nurseries and the garden's own collection. Hundreds of individual plants and species in the Leach collection. 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Floyd Light Middle School, 10800 SE Washington St.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 17

**A VILLAGE FOR AGING IN PLACE – AN OLD IDEA MADE NEW:** If you are interested in remaining in your home as you age, North Star Village may have the answers to those questions that have been in the back of your mind. The talks are given in a North Portland home. Space is limited RSVP for location at [www.northstarvillagepdx.org](http://www.northstarvillagepdx.org) or call (9503) 978-0540 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**DOCUMENTARY SCREENING: "GUILTY EXCEPT FOR INSANITY"** This is a documentary about the plight of people with mental illness in the criminal justice system, and was filmed at the Oregon State Hospital. Film starts at 1:30 p.m. in room A 108 in the church's Buchan Building, First Unitarian Church, SW 12th between Main and Salmon St.

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## Healing the Health Care Blues

Norman Sylvester and daughter Lenanne-Sylvester-Miller are among the performers slated to play at the Fifth Annual Inner City Blues Festival April 16 at the North Portland Eagles Lodge, 7611 N. Exeter Ave. Doors for the festival open at 5:30 p.m. and music begins at 6. Tickets are \$20 (with a \$1 discount for CBA members) advance purchase or \$25 at the door. They can be purchased at <http://www.tickettomato.com/event/3526/the-5th-annual-healing-the-healthcare-blues-festival/#buy-tickets> or in person at Peninsula Station: 8326 N. Lombard St. Johns; Music Millennium: 3158 E. Burnside Ave; Geneva's Pure Perfection: 5601 MLK Jr. Blvd; Musician's Union Local 99: 325 N.E. 20th Ave. Other scheduled performers include LaRhonda Steele, Shoehorn Saxophone and Bloco Alegria. Former talk radio host Carl Wolfson will also speak at the event, which is a fundraiser for Health Care for All Oregon.

## Portland News Briefs

### Mayoral Debate Will Call for Economic Development for Communities of Color

The National Association of Minority Contractors will host a mayoral debate from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at New Song Community Church, 2511 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Mayoral candidates Ted Wheeler, Jules Bailey, David Schor, Sarah Iannarone and Deborah Harris will participate in the debate. KOIN's Ken Boddie will moderate as a special panel of business and advocacy organizations will ask specific questions of the candidates. The panel will include:

- Andrew Colas – NAMC-Oregon / Colas Construction / New Avenues for Youth
- Alando Simpson – NAMC-Oregon / City of Roses / Oregon Transportation Commission
- Oscar Arana – Hispanic Metropolitan Chambers
- Tony Jones – MCIP / Coalition of Black Men
- Tony DeFalco – Living Cully Coalition / Small Business Owner
- Maxine Fitzpatrick – PCRI, Inc. / Portland Housing Advisory Commission

City policies have a direct impact on the economic and social well-being of Portlanders—and on communities of color in particular. As Portland grapples with population growth, increased construction activity, and challenges in our transportation system, our next mayor must be prepared with strategies to address the disparities in jobs, housing, and transportation that exist for Portland's communities of color. At this town hall-style debate, NAMC-Oregon, along with a panel of minority-owned business representatives and advocates, will ask candidates to speak to how they would address the challenges and others, if elected.

### New Visions For the Justice System Film Series Continues

The fourth in a series of documentary films about criminal justice issues continues at the First Unitarian Church with "Guilty Except for Insanity" April 17 at SW 12th between Main and Salmon Streets. The film will screen at 1:30 p.m. in Room A108 in the church's Buchan Building.

"Guilty Except for Insanity" is about the plight of the mentally ill in the criminal justice system, and was filmed at Oregon State Hospital. The filmmaker, Jan Haaken, will be the speaker after the screening of the film. Haaken is also professor emeritus of psychology at Portland State University, and a clinical psychologist. From refugee camps, shelters, war zones and mental hospitals to drag bars and hip-hop

clubs, Jan Haaken's documentary films focus on people and places on the social margins, drawing out their insights on the world around them

In addition to "Guilty Except for Insanity" her films include "Diamonds, Guns, and Rice" (Co-director, Co-producer), "Queens of Heart: Community Therapists in Drag" (Director), "Moving to the Beat" (Producer), "Mind Zone: Therapists Behind the Front Lines" (Director), and "Milk Men: The Life and Times of Dairy Farmers" (Director). Haaken also co-produces the Old Mole Variety Hour, a public affairs program on KBOO Community Radio.

This event is free and open to the community. Free parking is available until 4 p.m. in the lot across the street from the church on S.W. 12th. This series is sponsored by the Ending the New Jim Crow social justice group at the First Unitarian Church. The series will continue with films in May and June.

### First A.M.E. Zion Church to Celebrate 154th Anniversary

The First A.M.E. Zion Church invites members of the community to the following events in celebration of its 154th anniversary:

#### 154th Church Anniversary Prayer Breakfast

April 16, 9 a.m. to noon at First AME Zion Church. Please call church to reserve your seat(s) and/or purchase tickets.

The cost is \$15. When you call, specify this event and number of seats needed)

#### "An Evening of Soul Stepping and Fellowship"

April 16, 2016 at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Location - FOE Lodge, 107 E. 7th St, Vancouver.

Please call church to reserve your seat(s) and/or purchase tickets.

The cost is \$15. When you call, specify this event and number of seats needed. After-five attire is requested.

#### 154th Church Anniversary Celebration

April 17, 2016 at 3 p.m.

Speaker: Bishop Steven Holt

Kingdom Nation Church-Gresham, Oregon .

If you have any questions, please contact the church at (503) 206-4135 or via email at [FirstAMEZchurchPDX@gmail.com](mailto:FirstAMEZchurchPDX@gmail.com).

### US DOL, Oregon BOLI Sign Agreement to Protect Workers

Officials of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division and the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries today signed a memorandum of understanding to protect the rights of employees by preventing their misclassification as independent contractors.

Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian joined