

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2016

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THURSDAY, JULY 7

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT PLAYLIVE NATION: Grab the family and enjoy a night of gaming at the lounge. PlayLive Nation Dream Big Community Center is providing the community with a family friendly event. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., 8700 NE Vancouver Mall Dr. #278, Vancouver.

NU SHOOZ – RIVERVIEW SIX TO SUNSET CONCERT: Bring a lawn chair or blanket and your dinner or purchase food from local vendors in the park. Kick off the summer concert series with Portland's very own Nu Shooz. Free, fun, family – friendly. 6 p.m., Esther Short Park, W 8th St. & Columbia St., Vancouver.

ADDICTED TO HEROINES COMEDY SHOW: The show features hilarious clever standup, wonderful music,

nerdy monologue jokes and thoughtful, funny interviews. There will be awesome prizes too. Free. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. Bossanova Ballroom, 722 E. Burnside St.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

JOB & COLLEGE FAIR: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Highland Christian Church, 7600 NE Glisan St.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

15TH ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI STREET FAIR: 200+ local vendors & crafts, over 40 bands, open air gallery, dunk tank, shops, beer & wine gardens, food carts and much more. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Free admission, family-friendly. Mississippi Ave between Fremont St. and Skidmore St.

COMMUNITY COOKOUT AT KING SCHOOL PARK: NE Portland will stand together to make the neighborhood a safe and friendly place. The event is free, open to the public and will bring together NE Portland neighbors for family-friendly activities. The day will include face painting, clowns, musical performances, water games and so much more. 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., King School Park, 4906 NE 6th Ave.

MET 2016 SUMMER PICNIC NEIGHBOR APPRECIATION, AND EID PARTY: The Muslim Educational Trust Family would like to invite you to join us for hours of fun at MET's 2016 Summer Picnic. The summer picnic features lunch, a dunk tank, jump house, henna, face painting and more. Lunch and some activities are for a charge. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., MET Community Center, 10330 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Tigard.

SISTERS NETWORK OF OREGON & SW WASHINGTON CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETING: The meeting will be at 10 a.m. at the June Key Delta Center, 5940 N. Albina St.

SATURDAY – SUNDAY, JULY 9 – 10

WILLAMETTE VALLEY LAVENFER FESTIVAL RETURNS TO THE CHEHALEM CULTURAL CENTER: The finest celebration of lavender and art. The festival offers stellar music and other activities for your entertainment. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday. Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E. Sheridan St., Newberg.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

PETTY FEVER – RIVERVIEW SIX TO SUNSET CONCERT SERIES: Named Tribute Band of the Year two years in a row, Petty Fever provides a stunning salute to Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs enjoy food from local vendors or bring your own. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Esther Short Park, W 8th St. & Columbia St., Vancouver.

FRIDAY – SATURDAY, JULY 15 – 16

6TH ANNUAL OREGON BERRY FESTIVAL: The Oregon Berry Festival offers an array of delicious bites and fun! Including two days of an All-Berry Market Place, musical entertainment, cooking demos and so much more. Admission is free! Friday noon – 6 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Ecotrust, NW 10th Ave. & NW Johnson St.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JULY 15 – 17

6TH ANNUAL SALEM ART FAIR & FESTIVAL: Over the course of

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SummerWorks

On July 1, a large group of young people ages 16 to 24 gathered at the Oregon Historical Society in southwest Portland to celebrate the annual SummerWorks kickoff event. One thousand teens and young adults will be employed through the program, which offers work readiness training for all youth participants and pays all the costs associated with screening and matching youth to job sites, job coaching throughout the work experience and employer-of-record services. This Multnomah County's sixth year partnering with Worksystems, the city of Portland and several other organizations to make SummerWorks possible. The program pays for the wages of its young participants, 93 percent of whom are low-income; 76 percent are youth of color.

Portland News Briefs

Portland to Celebrate Refugee Communities July 8

The annual Portland Refugee Celebration Day will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. July 8 at the East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave. Portland's own celebration of World Refugee Day, this event honors the cultures, stories and histories of Portland's diverse refugee communities.

Last year Oregon welcomed 1,357 refugees, most coming from Cuba, Burma, Somalia and Iraq. With the crisis in Syria and Europe, those numbers will certainly go up this year, as more refugees make Oregon their new home.

The event is organized and sponsored with the collaboration of the Oregon Department of Human Services, Portland Parks and Recreation, Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees, Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), Catholic Charities, Oregon Bhutanese Community Organization, Burmese Community Organization, Iraqi Society of Oregon, City of Portland, and many other ethnic associations who are volunteering and contributing their time.

Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention Program

The Portland Police Bureau encourages neighbors to host a National Night Out party in your neighborhood to get acquainted with neighbors and reinforce existing relationships. A party can be as simple as inviting neighbors to bring over a chair and a potluck dish and sit in the front yard. It may be a more elaborate one with a street closure, organized activities or an event in a park.

To make your Portland party official, you will need to register with the City at portlandoregon.gov/oni/nno. The benefits of registration include the ability to request police or fire fighters to attend your event, noise variances, party ideas and more. Although it is beneficial for safety officials to meet neighbors at this event, there are no guarantees that police and fire will be able to attend all registered parties despite their best efforts to do so.

National Night Out Details:

NNO Date: Tuesday, Aug. 2

Registration: www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/nno

Registration Dates: June 7-July 19.

Find a party in your neighborhood: Toward the end of July, find an event near you at www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/nno

The first National Night Out (NNO) event, organized decades ago, had a simple premise. Neighbors would sit on their porches and turn on their porch lights

because crime was less likely to happen on a street where neighbors were out, connected and observant. NNO has become an annual event celebrated across the country on the first Tuesday in August. On this day, neighbors host and attend small block parties or neighborhood events to strengthen their relationships with one another in the spirit of creating safer neighborhoods.

City Seeks Volunteers for Street Tree Inventory Project

Through the Tree Inventory Project, Urban Forestry is helping Portlanders take action to improve their community's street trees, one neighborhood at a time.

The Tree Inventory Project began with a pilot neighborhood street tree inventory in 2010. Since then, the project has grown in leaps and bounds, and many neighborhoods have partnered with Urban Forestry to inventory street trees and create action-oriented neighborhood tree management plans. To date, volunteers have identified, measured, and mapped more than 150,000 street trees.

Active neighborhood groups interested in trees begin by gathering volunteers to help conduct a street tree inventory. Volunteers are guided by Urban Forestry staff, who provide training, tools, and event organization. Together, information is collected on tree species, size, health, site conditions, and available planting spaces. Data are analyzed by Urban Forestry staff, and findings are presented to neighborhood stakeholders at an annual Tree Summit at the end of the season in November. At the summit, neighborhood groups begin developing tree plans: They form a working neighborhood tree group and set achievable strategies to improve existing trees, expand tree canopy, and connect the neighborhood with city and nonprofit resources. The resulting Neighborhood Tree Plan is based on the current status and health of neighborhood street trees and provides recommendations for specific neighborhood actions to improve canopy. In the past, neighborhood groups have organized pruning workshops, secured funding to widen small planting strips, and planted street trees.

To register to volunteer or get more information, visit <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/53181>.

Seattle News Briefs

LANGSTON Launches to Strengthen Black Arts and Culture in Seattle

The Seattle Office of Arts & Culture is pleased to announce the founding of LANGSTON, an independent non-profit arts organization based in the heart of Seattle's Central Area. LANGSTON's mission is to strengthen and advance community through Black

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